

RE: Chautauqua Institution Trustees Meetings May 3-4, 2013

Following are my notes from the recent sessions held in the Colonnade and Bellinger Hall with most of the Trustees and senior staff in attendance.

Corporation Trustees and other CPOA members also attended these sessions and lent their thoughts to these notes, for which I am grateful.

As CPOA President, I enjoy observer status at these meetings. The four Trustees who were selected by the CPOA board and then elected by property owners represent us well and, along with other Trustees who are also property owners, promote a fair hearing of matters which impact quality of life on the grounds.

Items of interest to property owners are the only ones I report here, though I was privileged to hear about program elements and other interesting matters.

“On The Grounds” Provides Property Owners with Valuable Information

You should follow the Institution’s announcements at www.ciweb.org/on-the-grounds which you may find by clicking “About Us” at the top of every page.

My report today would be more extensive were it not for the diligence of the Marketing Department’s Communications Director, Matt Ewalt, and staff. In past years, CPOA trustees and officers have mailed and posted information on our website (www.cpoa.ws) not found so conveniently anywhere else.

My thanks go to the Institution for opening this resource to all Chautauquans. CPOA continues to encourage timely and complete coverage of matters pertaining to life on the grounds for property owners and our guests.

These topics were covered in May during and subsequent to the Trustees meetings:

Shoreline Management Helps the Lake

Watch for “no mow” zones and other shoreline vegetation buffer projects this season and beyond. Golfers may notice an extensive rain garden project as well.

Architecture and Land Use Draft Regulations

The Trustees will read the most recent draft with the aim to bring the entirety to a vote in July. Thanks, again, to CPOA's Bob Jeffrey for leading this effort and for the help of many who contributed.

2013 Capital Improvement Projects

The Institution continues to make improvements to buildings, including the Hotel, as funds allow.

Extensive tree removal in the Ravine previously reported made pathways repair necessary. Anticipated tree removal as part of the Amphitheater project may include 35 trees, all of which will be replaced. Trees are a significant benefit to quality of life on the grounds. The Institution invests considerable planning, effort and funds in order to support our arboreal environment. Groups such as CPOA and the Bird, Tree and Garden Club donate regularly to tree maintenance and planting.

The "On the Grounds" tab (<http://www.ciweb.org/on-the-grounds/>) is updated periodically to display project status and other items of interest to property owners, including a link to the CPOA website at www.cpoa.ws.

CPOA to Nominate Trustee for August Vote

You elect "Class B Trustees" at the General Meeting of the Corporation which follows the Annual Meeting of CPOA on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at the Hall of Philosophy. The CPOA Board of Directors has asked the Nominating Committee to search for qualified candidates whom we may endorse for this purpose.

If you know of someone who should be considered, please contact us via: cpoarepresentative@gmail.com well in advance.

Donna Zellers

Few Chautauquans, in my observation, exhibit the dedication and stamina which Donna brings to each endeavor she pursues. Her wit and wisdom as Chair of the Architectural Review Board are widely recognized and appreciated. As a CPOA board member, Donna was responsible for Transportation and Safety innovations which helped define Chautauqua in the mid-90's. She was first to see the importance of addressing outdoor lighting, leading the first task force to develop concepts which now underlie the work of our Outdoor Lighting Committee. As a Board member, she has faithfully contributed year-round to the work of the CPOA and is currently the interim chair of our Nominating Committee.

Donna's second term as a Trustee ends this summer. Following a cavalcade of thanks from all who have enjoyed working with her and reaped the benefits of her efforts, I and

others will make every effort to persuade her to find a new engagement which will suit her talents and desires which are clearly and regularly turned to making Chautauqua better. Thank you, Donna, from all of us.

Hangtags for Contractors

While not specifically addressed during the May Trustee meeting, I was able to speak with John Shedd at some length about the new policy concerning admission of contractors to the grounds during the season.

Please visit the www.ciweb.org/contractor

CUD Wastewater Treatment Plant Possible Vote in August

Also not specifically addressed during the May Trustees meeting, permission to spend as much as \$408,000 from existing funds may be sought at a vote August 13 for project engineering and due diligence in searching for the optimum solution. Tom Cherry, Chautauqua Utilities District Superintendent and CUD board members will be on hand at summer general meetings July 13 and August 10 to answer questions.