

Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence, Second Edition

“Principles and Practices for Nonprofit Excellence in Colorado, Second Edition”, published by the Colorado Nonprofit Association, is a detailed and helpful tool to assist Colorado’s nonprofit organizations in building their capabilities while enabling them to demonstrate their accountability and transparency. Guidelines are offered in the following areas:

- Governance and Leadership
- Transparency and Accountability
- Financial Management
- Fundraising
- Human Resources
- Planning
- Evaluation
- Advocacy, Public Policy and Civic Engagement
- Communications
- Information Technology
- Strategic Alliances

Early in 2013, the Colorado Chautauqua Association undertook a careful self-assessment of its own “principles and practices” against the Second Edition guidelines. We found that we are in substantial compliance, but we always aim for continuous improvement. Based on our review, we plan to make some specific improvements in our transparency as well as other aspects of our practices and procedures, as recommended in the Second Edition guidelines.

The CCA board of directors on March 11, 2013 adopted the P&P Second Edition as our guidepost for excellence. We invite you to review the guidelines for yourself at <http://www.coloradononprofits.org/help-desk-resources/principles-practices/>