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Executive Director Susan Connelly to step down

BOULDER, Colo. (August 28, 2015) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA) announced today that Susan Connelly will step down as executive director of the nonprofit as of November 19 after serving more than 12 years in the post.

"We feel fortunate for Susan's leadership of CCA for so many years," said Susan Osborne, CCA's board president, on behalf of the board of directors. "She has been a visionary leader during a significant chapter in the long history of Chautauqua and has worked tirelessly to create both stability and sustainability for the long-term. Susan's vision, drive and passion have made an indelible impact on the association and the community."

"It has been my honor to advance the Colorado Chautauqua as a National Historic Landmark district and a community-serving destination for year-round lodging, programming and dining," said Connelly, "With a superior board and a strong and talented team in place, I leave CCA in very capable hands and in a condition that few dreamed possible when I started 12 years ago." Connelly plans to take some time off then pursue other community-serving employment opportunities.

The CCA board has identified a search committee and an executive search firm will identify a permanent candidate to take over by December. Information about the opening will be forthcoming and posted on the association's website, www.chautauqua.com.

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The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that preserves, perpetuates and improves the site and spirit of the historic Chautauqua, enhancing its community and values through cultural, educational, social and recreational experiences. The chautauqua experience is based on lifelong learning, love of nature, voluntary simplicity, and music, oration and the arts. Historic significance, traditions, cultural relevance, respite and enrichment are among the community benefits provided by the Colorado Chautauqua. CCA serves as the steward of historic Chautauqua. It leases from the City of Boulder and has full responsibility for preservation and use of 26 acres of Chautauqua Park, home to many public buildings, gardens and 99 cottages, 58 of which are available for rental through the Association. The Colorado Chautauqua was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006. The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) Tier II organization. For more information about the Colorado Chautauqua and the CCA visit www.chautauqua.com or www.facebook.com/coloradochautauqua.

For access to historic or event photos, or to arrange interviews with executive director Susan Connelly, please contact Ann Obenchain at ann.obenchain@chautauqua.com or 303.952.1645.