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**The Colorado Chautauqua Association Board of Directors
Approves Modernized Bylaws**

Governance modernization will safeguard the National Historic Landmark for future generations

BOULDER, Colo. (December 19, 2019) – As part of continuing efforts to sustain the century old National Historic Landmark, the Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA) announced today that its board of directors has approved and will present a new governance structure and updated bylaws for approval by the CCA membership.

“For over 120 years, the historic Colorado Chautauqua has supported the Boulder community through its unique cultural, social and recreational experiences,” said Shelly Benford, CCA Executive Director. “The unfortunate reality is that Chautauqua’s bylaws are equally as historic and badly in need of an update.”

The proposed changes include modifications to the organization’s articles of incorporation and bylaws to make them more consistent with Chautauqua’s long-standing lease with the City of Boulder. They will modernize Chautauqua’s outdated governance structure, which has not had a comprehensive overhaul in decades; provide more equitable community representation; and better align with best practices of today’s nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations.

A vote on the amended bylaws and articles of incorporation recommended by Chautauqua’s Board of Directors will be brought to the CCA membership in January 2020.

“We want the Colorado Chautauqua’s second century in Boulder to be as strong as the first,” said Nan Anderson, president of the CCA Board of Directors. “That’s why we’re making changes to ensure that our beloved and historic Colorado Chautauqua continues to thrive in the years to come.”

The newly modernized articles of incorporation and bylaws can be found at <https://www.chautauqua.com/about-us/governance/>.

About the Colorado Chautauqua

Founded on July 4, 1898, the Colorado Chautauqua seeks to preserve, perpetuate and improve the site and spirit of the historic Chautauqua by 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. Learn more at www.chautauqua.com.