

OHA Programs & Outreach Committee

Minutes, January 29, 2026

7:00pm ET

Members:

Attending: Rayna Carner, Jennifer Granducci, Jared Liu, Amanda Henck Schmidt, Heather Harland Wingate

Unavailable: EB Carlson, Harley Ransom

Events Generally:

- Purpose & Audience
 - Connect (OH)- social with one another
 - Do work (OH)- cabin and trails
 - Fundraise (OH)
 - Celebrate (OH & public)- huts, our work, partnerships
 - Have fun (OH & public)- history and nonsense
 - Educate & Advocate (OH & public)- health, environment, community

- Programs interesting to OHA
 - Huts: women, airlifts, green tech, BFDs, packing, cooking, raiding, ghost stories like Ben Campbell at Lakes, Betsy at Mizpah, Red Mac (Joe Gill could talk about this)
 - Could have a series where we pair OH and YOH sharing stories about (fill in the blank)
 - Land: logging, fire, wildlife
 - Environment/sustainability: geology (Tom Davis), global warming and the Whites, cross promote AMC research and events (Flower Doug)
 - YOH about current huts: the kinds of stuff covered in the Real Huts Update.
 - People working in any field if the huts experience played a role in their trajectory
 - People making an impact in any field
 - Career events by industry: this could be really helpful for YOH and there could be a contact list.

- Facilities
 - Mostly in-person
 - Virtual: some could work such as the OH/YOH pairing noted or career events

Calendar

- 5/16: Spring Cleanup- Heather to lead, potluck
- 7/31-8/1: AMC 150th
- 8/29: YOH Hike followed by pizza at the cabin
- 11/7: Fallfest Challenge- Heather to lead, corresponds with Annual meeting, includes cabin winter closing
- Ask Brian to block these dates in the reservation system.

Fallfest/Annual Meeting

- Location: We have Pinkham booked for 11/7. Members are currently voting for HiC vs. Pinkham, and we'll see if HiC is available if that wins.
- Program: Heather is good on everything other than:
 - Program
 - Main: Limmers (both Heather and Jen were married in their Limmers!)
 - Concurrent: OH and YOH trading stories
 - Ice breaker: Bingo cards (Jen making a list and Amanda has a program)
 - Stickers: Amanda looking into this
 - Awards
 - People will think on this and we'll make recommendations to the Steering Committee.

Spring and Fall events

- In the past, there were cabin-based events that were lobster fundraisers, baseball games, and larger crowds, but that has largely concluded now, and we are revising the spring and fall cabin work into two days of 10-20 hours of work total. See the Calendar note above.

AMC 150th

- Program
 - 7/31: banner hike (3 AMC leads- will need to setup a way for people to register), radio call from 2-0 and meet Nimbus the cat, cheer group that returns with the banner, music jam at JDL and huts ghost stories
 - 8/1: table display during the day (TBD), Program on huts across the decades (crew, managers, adjacent), cabin tours (AMC shuttle at 11, 1, 3 (last pickup at 5) to OHA and Harvard cabins), YOH after party at the cabin
 - Table display during the day (TBD): maybe photo project about crews across the decades, maybe ghost stories. This could turn into a fundraiser.
- Facilities/Login
 - Based on only using 11 bunks for Fallfest, we asked for 20 bunks on 7/31 and 8/1 each, but AMC might set aside more.
- Other
 - Think about how to pull in non-huts AMC alumni like Trails, Storehouse, etc.
 - We'll get out the word in the April Tator, and will need to start sending emails to sign-up for hike, shuttle, etc.

For next meeting

- Regional Gatherings: Jared planning one in Portland, ME where a lot of YOH are. We'll look where we have critical mass in other regions, too.
- Ambassadors & Fill-In
- Awards: Honorary/Special (Nov), Joe Dodge (Dec)

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