

AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, 1 February 2018 | MIT Room W59-200 | Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm by Pam Gannon

In Attendance

Board Members: Pam Gannon (AP), Eric Cigan (LCA), Steve Baker (TX), Alice Leung (ET), Cecilia Stuopis (ACO; telephonically)

Administration and Staff: Bob Ferrara (DSL/TC), Brad Badgley (FSILG Office), Liz Jason, (FSILG Office), Cody Chamberlain (MITAA/PKS), Scott Klemm (FCI)

Other Alumni/ae: Tom Stohlman, Tom Holtey, Patrick McCabe, Herman Marshall, John Covert

Students: None

Review of Minutes (Steve Baker)

Minutes of the 2 November 2017 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Minutes of the 8 November 2017 AILG Plenary meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Minutes of the 7 December 2017 AILG Board meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Update (Eric Cigan)

Eric Cigan reported on the AILG's current financial position. Income and expenses are tracking expectations. The relatively high Account Receivable was briefly discussed: Eric and Scott Klemm reported it is due to a delay in receipt of payment from IRDF.

Eric reported that there have been no expenses for the education program and suggested that the AILG consider this issue when future budgets are developed. Bob Ferrara noted that some programming should be provided, especially the training session for new alumni volunteers.

It was noted that the AY2019 budget should start development over the next month.

FSILG Office Update (Brad Badgley)

Brad Badgley reported on the FSILG leadership retreat planned for 3 February. All but 3 fraternities and 3 ILGs will be attending, along with members of the three student councils and the AILG board. The focus of the retreat will be on building leadership skills.

The FSILG Office is preparing to send an email to the community concerning MIT's expectations regarding student behavior during and after the Super Bowl. It was noted that this has not been a big problem in the last couple of years, as Patriot victories in the Super Bowl have become routine.

The GRA hiring process is going well; the application period has closed, and FSILG Office pre-screening interviews will start next week. Brad noted that the GRA training program is being strengthened this summer.

The FSILG Office is taking the IFC and Panhel Exec boards to the NGLA conference in Pittsburgh at the end of February.

Brad reported that some groups have not submitted their OMM (membership) rosters; he noted that in many cases, this continues a trend of poor communication with the FSILG Office. It was noted that groups without current OMM rosters in place cannot hold any events.

Student Council Updates

No updates.

MITAA Update (Cody Chamberlain)

Cody Chamberlain reported on the MITAA Annual Fund's preparation for this year's Pi Day 24-hour giving challenge. The focus this year will be on increasing donor numbers (participation), rather than on the gift amount. The 484 Foundation is sponsoring a donor challenge for the IRDF, the exact nature of which is still in development. One idea being discussed is to divide the 484 challenge grant among organizations based on the number of their members participating in the challenge. Two board members expressed mild concern that this could set up unhealthy competition between our member organizations.

Facilities Assessment Update (Bob Ferrara and Tom Stohlman)

Tom Stohlman reported that most houses are now scheduled for assessment, and 12 assessments have already been conducted. The first draft reports are expected in about 2 weeks. Tom will prepare an aggregate summary of common issues that are recurring repeatedly across the system; he noted door hardware and door operation problems as two examples.

Tom noted that some organizations are going to need assistance interpreting and implementing the recommendations in the reports. Bob Ferrara stated that DSL is aware of this issue and has started discussing how DSL can help. One suggestion was to develop a group of high-quality contractors to do the work, so that organizations have a reliable, low-hassle resource to get the work done.

Bob described his own chapter's experience with the assessment, noting that Theta Chi were pleasantly surprised by the process.

Bob also emphasized that DSL really wants to have all organizations participating in order to create a common baseline; he urged all AILG members to take part and noted that the funding issues can be resolved later.

The interaction of the assessment process with the Accreditation program was discussed. There was some concern expressed that these reports could cause a large number of accreditation reservations if member organizations do not act immediately upon urgent recommendations. Herman Marshal noted that the Accreditation Committee has considered this issue and doesn't believe any special procedures are necessary.

West Campus Village Update (Steve Baker)

Steve Baker reported on the recent activities of the WCV Steering Committee. MIT Campus Planning professional are deeply involved in design concept studies. He noted that the most significant issue at this time is likely to be around ownership and management of the property: will FSILGs be able to acquire any equity in the property, and who is responsible for maintenance and improvement decisions. This issue is now being studied intensively.

Steve noted that a community meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Monday, 5 March, where more information will be presented.

February Plenary Agenda (Pam Gannon)

Pam presented a draft of the February Plenary meeting agenda. The major discussion item will be the form and content on the annual Community Benefits report. It was suggested that each table might be given one topic or benefit area to discuss.

Bob Ferrara noted that a meeting sign-up / RSVP list will be required for evening entrance into Maseeh Hall. He offered to prepare and distribute a sign-up sheet.

Progress toward 2017-2018 AILG Goals (Pam Gannon)

Pam Gannon led a discussion of progress toward AILG goals for the current year:

Volunteers: Pam reported that Akil Middleton is planning an event for graduating seniors and recent graduates to try to encourage more engagement with the system among young alumni.

Faculty Outreach: Pam circulated a list of alumni faculty members and staff and asked attendees to note those names whom they know. It was suggested that meeting these people individually may be more successful as a means of engagement than an email blast. The parties discussed what the goal of this outreach should be; what is the ask we wish to make. It was suggested that creation of a Faculty Advisory Committee may be a worthwhile goal.

Community Benefits Report: Pam presented a draft outline for the content of the report. It was suggested that the report should include a section enumerating in which that MIT's FSILGs are not stereotypical.

Relationship Agreement: Pam reported that a group of students, DSL staff, and AILG board members have been working on the language of the agreement; a draft is expected in about one month.

Committee Updates

The Facilities Committee noted that there were a large number of cold weather incidents (freeze-ups) in early January that are still being corrected. It was suggested that houses with major construction in progress should forgo larger social events to avoid problems.

The importance of revitalizing the Education Committee was noted.

FCI Update (Scott Klemm)

Scott Klemm reported on recent efforts to “reimagine” the FCI’s activities; the next visioning session will be on Tuesday 2/20 in the evening. Scott encouraged all board members to attend, or submit written suggestions if unable to attend.

Other Business/ Announcements

The board discussed the schedule for Plenary meetings in Academic Year 2018-19. It was agreed to continue the “hybrid” morning/evening meeting schedule for another year; the following dates/times were agreed:

- 13 September (Thursday) at 7:00 am – 20 Chimneys
- 14 November (Thursday) at 6:00 pm – Maseeh Hall
- 13 February (Wednesday) at 6:00 pm – Maseeh Hall
- 11 April (Thursday) at 7:00 am – 20 Chimneys

Pam reported on the AILG’s developing partnership with the Charlesgate Alliance.

The next AILG Plenary meeting and will be **Wednesday, 7 February** in Maseeh Hall, with dinner starting at 6:30 pm and the meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

The next AILG Board meeting and will be **Thursday, 1 March** in W59-200, with dinner starting at 6:00 pm and the meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

The FSILG Awards Ceremony will be **Wednesday, 2 May** in the Samberg Center, from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.

The 2018 AILG Annual Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 30 May** in the MIT Museum. The Chancellor will be the guest speaker.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Baker, Secretary

Abbreviations

AILG	Association of Independent Living Groups
BDF	Basic Data Form
DSL	Division of Student Life
FCI	FSILG Cooperative, Inc.
FSILGs	Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups
IFC	Interfraternity Council
ILGs	Independent Living Groups
IRDF	Independent Residence Development Fund
LGC	Living Group Council
Panhel	Panhellenic Association

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