AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022 | Meeting called to order via zoom at 6:05 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP/Chair), Cecilia Stuopis (AXO/Vice Chair), Beverly Borden (WILG/Treasurer)
Herman Marshall (BTP/Secretary), Alex Pina (DTD)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Jessica Morris, Anthony Dominguez, (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI)

Other Alumni/ae: Bob Ferrara (TC), Patrick McCabe (TT), Mark Thompson (ADP), Stan Wulf (PDT), Tom Holtey (CP)

Review of Minutes

There are a few comments on the text that will be reviewed at the next meeting. Most are not critical.

Treasurer’s Update and Financial Report

Bev reported that payments are all current. There’s a process in place to make requests for reimbursements by IRDF for the SLI activity.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Jessica welcomed Anthony to the FSILG office. The FSILG has held some host training for various groups. STAR program is on-going, concentrating on mental health at this point. One interesting topic arose about how an ILG might use information from the housing lottery. The FSILG office collaborates with the housing office to ensure that students are satisfied, so sophomores that desire to move from campus housing to an FSILG are generally accommodated.

Kickstarting Annual Initiatives

There were two initiatives discussed previously. The first is “community sustainability,” which involves helping member groups understand the changing demographics of the undergraduate population and how to improve facilities. Pam is working on arranging a tour of New Vassar; the next Board meeting could be held there. Pam will contact members from a predecessor committee and Akil will send out an AILG-wide call for interest.

The second is an AILG Member Support Program to develop a system to help our member groups that may have difficulties. Akil will add a call for volunteers for this program as well.

Planning the 3rd Annual Bob Ferrara Retreat

The Retreat will be held 12-5 on Jan., 28 at the MIT Endicott House in Dedham. There was a suggestion to have a student speaker. There will be a poll for topics of particular interest.
Committee Updates

The Facilities committee would like comments on the latest SLI specification. There was consensus that there should be more discussion about the spec at the next plenary meeting. A synopsis of the spec should be distributed before the meeting to ensure that the AILG members know the basics of the program.

Other Business

Chancellor Melissa Nobles and Akil visited WILG, which went well. Next is PBE and KAT on Oct. 24.

Campus access was discussed. Currently, the campus is closed to those who are not students, faculty, or staff. Alumni would have to be issued TIM tickets to enter campus. The student center and a few other sites are open to all. Alumni can obtain parking permits via the FSILG office.

Theta Chi just celebrated 100 yr in their current house.

Announcements

Judy Robinson, a DLS Dean, will be retiring at the end of the year, so it would be nice to do something for her.

Scott mentions that there will be an FCI meeting on the 26th at 7PM. Zoom and in-person options will be available. The FCI has a new office: W20-023.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Herman Marshall, AILG Secretary

Abbreviations

AILG  	 Association of Independent Living Groups
BSF	 Building Safety Facilitator
CPW	 Campus Preview Weekend
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
IS&T 	 MIT Information Systems & Technology
LGC 	 Living Group Council
MITAA 	 MIT Alumni Association
NIC  	 North American Interfraternity Conference
NPC  	 National Panhellenic Conference
Panhel  	 Panhellenic Association
SLI 	 Safety, Licensing, and Inspections
VPF 	 Office of the Vice President for Finance at MIT