



AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2022 | via zoom | Meeting called to order 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), ML Peters (KAT)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Nellie King (FCI)

Other Alumni/ae: Tom Stohlman (KS), Mark Thompson (ADP), Bob Ferrara (TC), Tyler Kemp-Benedict (pika), Patrick McCabe (TT)

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the plenary meeting on 11/17/22 and the Board meetings on 11/03/22 and 12/01/22 were approved pending mild corrections.

Treasurer's Update and Financial Report

Bev reported that IRDF checks are starting to come in so the account looks good.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Liz reported that the FSILG Leadership retreat is coming up this weekend. Topics such as ethical decision making, party management, and recruitment will be discussed. About 100 students are expected to attend. Some Harvard students representing multicultural organizations will be there.

Recap of the Third Annual Bob Ferrara Leadership Retreat

Session facilitators commented on what the next steps might be. Bob led the retreat with a short presentation on the history of the FSILG system, which is part of a project to develop a more extensive history to be put on-line. Alex reported on membership support, where some of the mechanics of the process were discussed. Akil conducted a working session how alumni and undergraduates can work together better; attendees were encouraged to come up with an event or process to add to their group's activities. Pam ran a session on sustainability with many details of demographic changes across the MIT and FSILG system; her presentation is on-line at the AILG web site. Alex described a session that Akil led on how alumni can support undergraduates with their careers, such as holding career panels and how the Alumni Association could be involved. Liz conducted the session on Risk Management, recapping some of the concerns expressed as a result of events last semester and addressing how alumni may help the students be more successful in reducing misconduct.

Committee Reports

Nominations: Bob pointed us to the charter of the Nominating Committee, which involves finding candidates for the Board as well as committee chairs and obbudspersons. The process worked well last year, so we might not have to change this process yet.

PVP: Visits were conducted! There were 6 groups visited and 9 groups are planned for the upcoming semester. The PVP questionnaire is still being used. Draft reports are back from 2 of the teams with key issues discussed, areas where help might be needed, and new best practices. Volunteers will be needed to populate the visiting peers. Initial impressions are that it went well and that topics were discussed honestly. ML encouraged everyone to encourage other alumni to participate as peer visitors.

February Plenary Planning (2/16/23 at W98)

Stu Schmill will attend, perhaps spending about 30 minutes about MIT admissions. There should be an announcement about the renewal program. The nominating committee would also announce their upcoming work and there will be a summary of the BF Leadership Retreat.

Other Business and Announcements

The annual meeting should be scheduled. We previously discussed having John Dozier (Institute office of DEI) as a keynote speaker. Could try for the MIT Museum. The day of the week is flexible and may well depend on the availability of Dozier. The week of June 5 - 9 was given as a candidate for the meeting, after commencement and group reunions. There are also awards given at the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm after an executive session of the Board with Liz and Pam.

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