



AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 2, 2023 | 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 Board meeting 2/01/22 were approved pending potential mild corrections.

Treasurer's Update and Financial Report

Bev brought up the issue of adding or removing names from the account. It was moved, seconded, and approved that Eric Cigan be removed from account authorizations. Adding someone new is tabled. Open action items relate to splitting the cost of the retreat with the FSILG and billing for plenary food will come through FCI. Bev will also be writing to DSL for support of the Peer Visit Program.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Liz reported that the IFC declared a pause in events with alcohol as rules were revised, which was recently lifted. PanHel is in the middle of "continuous open bidding" and ILGs are continuing their recruitment. IFC chapters won two awards at the National Greek Leadership Council (NGLC) in Pittsburgh. Campus Preview Weekend will coincide with the weekend of the Boston Marathon (April 15-16). Admissions will not be conducting significant programs for parents during CPW and the IFC is reiterating that CPW is dry and will be spot-checked.

Plenary Debrief

Stu Schmill talked at the plenary about financial aid and the demographics of the incoming class. For example, the average FSILG charge for room and board is well below the allowance for financial aid, indicating that there's an opportunity to raise house bills to improve FSILG financial stability.

There was some discussion about the next steps in the sustainability initiative. One step might be to hold tours at newly renovated properties.

Ongoing Initiatives

Facilities Renewal: Pam updated the group, saying that the pilot program is finishing. There will be an extensive set of lessons learned, particularly in project management. The next stage could start soon with

perhaps ten living groups. Installation might better be arranged in a shorter period of activity only after materials are available.

Risk Management: Akil talked with Grace (VP of IFC) at the retreat and will settle on a date for a visit to an IFC exec meeting to talk about what actions might be needed next.

Member support: Alex said that we should form an AILG committee to begin activities.

Bylaw revision: Akil will upload the current bylaws for possible editing before presenting a new version at the April Plenary for possible vote at the Annual Meeting.

ML reported on PVP activities, preparing the list of groups to review, publishing best practices, improving the provided food. The list of new groups includes Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Epsilon Theta, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Zeta Beta Tau, Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Phi, and WILG.

Upcoming items

There was a suggestion that we poll the community about who has advisory boards that are separate from housing corporations. Akil will start an e-mail conversation.

We are still considering having John Dozier as a keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting. The MIT Museum is available the week of June 5. The exact date will depend on Dozier's availability with a preference for Tuesday, the 6th. The start time cannot be before 5:30 or 6PM, depending on the Museum.

Other Business and Announcements

The next Plenary is scheduled for April 20. The Board meeting will be moved perhaps to April 13 to avoid Passover; Akil will send out a scheduling poll.

Scott said to expect insurance bills.

Scott told of the changes in the Student Center, as LaVerde's is closing permanently and the post office is temporarily run out of Central Sq.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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	Fraternalities, 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