

MINUTES

AILG Board Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2023 | Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP/Chair), Herman Marshall (BTP/Secretary), Beverly Borden (WILG), ML Peters (KAT)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Scott Klemm (FCI) Other Alumni/ae: Mark Thompson (ADP), Tom Holtey (CP)

Review of Minutes

There was no quorum for most of the meeting, so the previous minutes were not reviewed.

Treasurer's Update and Financial Report

Bev hasn't invoiced for IRDF support but will get to it this week. IRDF is moving to DirectPay for all grants, making the transfer easier. Bev has contacted accountants to do the taxes.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Liz talked about FSILG recruitment. Panhellenic numbers are final and fine. IFC had a weaker year than usual with 263 bids accepted (last year was 318) out of 310 bids (381 last year), and only 195 first year students. IFC event advertising wasn't as strong as usual and there was minimal tracking of those participating in recruitment. Two organizations had no incoming bids. ADP successfully started coed recruitment.

There have been some rallies and vigils relating to the current Middle East Conflict, with support from DSL and the FSILG.

There is now an effort to update to FSILG social events policy. The goal is to implement next term. As a reminder, all events should be free of hard alcohol and there are specific rules around events with alumni.

Parents and Family weekend is the week before Halloween.

Plenary Review

There was some thought that the roundtable approach was good for newer members. However, it would be useful to find out how the attendees viewed the value of the meeting.

Areas of Interest

A. Sustainability and Member Support: Akil asked what this program might look like this year. Pam said we can visit New Vassar during IAP via Rich Hilton. Some ideas are to have recruitment discussions about pre-Rush training or to have IFC- or PanHel-specific discussion groups.

- B. Survey on roles and responsibilities:
- C. Community outreach: What can or should be done? Neighbors don't often come to our events at the living group's houses. An event might be better for folks within MIT with whom FSILG members interact.

Looking Ahead

These are items to keep on our radar for future discussion.

- A. New volunteer social and Holiday party: Here, it would be useful to ask members to invite other alumni. Pam will draft an invitation.
- B. Bob Retreat 2024 Still need a plan here, perhaps to merge it with a visit to New Vassar?

Other Business and Announcements

By-laws revision will be revived. Akil will start an off-line discussion.

The FSILG office has old documents and other random stuff such as a few composites from the IFC exec board and from AEPhi that are ready for disposal. Pam is working on a project on a history of sororities at MIT and is willing to take documents.

Next board meeting is planned for Nov. 9, on Zoom, with the Holiday Party & Board meeting on Dec. 14. The Plenary is planned for Nov. 16. Other plenaries are scheduled for Feb. 15 and April 18.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 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 Fraternities, Sororities and Independent Living Groups

IFC Interfraternity Council
ILGs Independent Living Groups

IRDF Independent Residence Development FundIS&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