AILG Board Meeting

Monday, September 7, 2023 | via zoom | Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP/Chair), Herman Marshall (BTP/Secretary), Alex Pina (DTD)
Administration, Staff, Vendors: Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Scott Klemm (FCI) Anish Ravichandran (IFC President)
Other Alumni/ae: Mark Thompson (ADP), Bob Ferrara (TC), Sara Wilmer (SK)

Review of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed but there was no quorum, so they could not be approved.

Treasurer’s Update and Financial Report

Bev was not on the call, so Scott briefly reported.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Liz reported on recruitment. There was an excellent IFC kick-off on Saturday. Finalized IFC numbers should be available next week or perhaps the week later. There were some positive results from some of the smaller groups. Panhellenic started strong but didn’t end as well as hoped. About 230 started off in the recruitment but it many dropped. DPhiE had particular difficulties.

Helen Wang has just started as associate Dean. She will come to the next Board and the Plenary meetings. She is currently splitting some time with Wellesley.

The FSILG office has some AEPhi memorabilia such as composites: what to do with them? Liz had reached out to the MIT Archives but they may not care about composites or scrapbooks.

Liz is looking at the list of required information from each living group. One place that is particularly problematic is house corporation membership: at least five alumni from each group. Some could be on a house corporation or an advisory group.

Areas of Interest for 2023-24

There wasn’t much time to discuss these in detail — it was more of a review of the topics.
A. Sustainability and Member Support
B. Survey on having a housing corporation vis a vis an advisory board
C. Bylaws revision
D. Community outreach

Looking Ahead
These are items to keep on our radar for future discussion.
A. New volunteer social — perhaps in the next few months?
B. Bob Retreat 2024 — likely in January
C. AILB Board Retreat — Akil will send out a notice that we hope to arrange by mid-October.

September Plenary Planning

1- PVP announcements
2- Introductions
3- Facilities Renewal
4- FSILG Office update on MIT resources, East Campus, recruitment, organization name changes
5- Calling for another member in a committee on Member Support
6- Announcements, such as the FCI meeting, IRDF updates, the Weeden Award, Family Weekend (Oct. 27-28)

Any speakers or tours? We could have a guiding topic to start folks. It could be something like “what motivated you to come to this meeting?” The “business” talk could be deferred to the second half of the meeting.

There will be food for it!

Committee Chair Approval

There was no quorum, so there was no vote on approvals.

Other Business and Announcements

Committee chairs will be reviewed next month.

Next board meeting is planned for Oct. 5, predominantly in person.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 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