MINUTES
AILG Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 via zoom
Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Cecilia Stuopis

In Attendance

Board: Cecelia Stuopis (AXO, Vice Chair), Beverly Borden (WILG, Treasurer), Herman Marshall (BTP, Secretary), ML Peters (KAT), Alex Pina (DTD)
Administration, Staff, Vendors: Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI), Anya Kattef(AP, DSL). Kim Hunter (AP, MITAA)
Other Alumni/ae: Mark Thompson (ADP), Pam Gannon (AP), Bob McGregor (ATO), Pat McCabe (TT)

Review of Minutes

Version 2 of the minutes of the Feb. 1 Board meeting were approved, along with minutes of the February Plenary meeting and the March Board meeting.

Treasurer’s Update and Financial Report

The Treasurer’s reports are posted on the web site and do not differ much from last month. Bev was recruited to sign the AILG group insurance form. A decision about who should be authorized to sign for the AILG was tabled, pending better information about requirements from the Commonwealth.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Liz reported that 1040 students are registered for CPW, much more than last year. There is still a need for hosts in the sorority and non-binary categories. Over 860 events are planned for CPW, of which about 160 are hosted by FSILGs. Spring recruitment is done, with just over 40 new members. Liz is considering a “ride-along” with the MIT police department to check house security during IAP, such as if doors are locked; the Board endorsed this suggestion.

There is some discussion about a living group going “top optional” or have events that are top optional. There is a detailed process for any group deciding to go this route with associated rules. The IFC is aware of one such request. The AILG may need to take a position on this subject as there may be substantial risk to the system.

Upcoming Meetings

We’re looking toward holding a “Campus Partners Social” at the April plenary meeting on April 18. Anya made up and circulated a list of those who would be invited. The meeting will be held at the Alumni Association from 5 to 6 before the plenary starts at 6. Food will consist of “heavy hors-d’oeuvres”.

Agenda items for the Plenary include a summary of the PVP status, insurance updates, and the ’24-25 AILG budget.
The annual meeting is scheduled for June 11 at the MIT Welcome Center (E38). One speaker option is Helen Wang, Senior Associate Dean for DSL’s Residential and Community Life. Cecelia will ask her. Otherwise, the plan is the same as last year. Anya will work on setting up a list of awards candidates.

Other Spring Semester Areas of Interest

A. Survey on roles and responsibilities: No progress to report; Akil will follow up with a message.
B. Community outreach: Alex reported one update in discussion with Nu Delta.
C. By-laws revision: Aim for changes by the time of the Annual meeting. Mostly small changes are expected. We could spend some time on this at the next Board meeting. Cecelia is still planning to shepherd the update process.

Other Business and Announcements

Anya was approved as lead of the Renewal Committee.
Nominating committee: Kim reported that there is some progress; Bob Ferrara sent out a notice asking for volunteers.
ML reported on activities of the Peer Visit Committee. Reviews of five living groups are set to begin next week. There aren’t enough reviewers yet; one more person is needed each for April 7 and 20.
Scott reported that insurance was renewed with all living group payments done on time.
Anya said there’d be a call for FSILG awards soon. A tour of New Vassar could be arranged for May 2, before the next Board meeting or for June 11 before the Annual Meeting; details will follow by e-mail. The amount raised in the Pi-day IRDF was $42,635.
The next Board meeting will be held on May 2 via zoom. The next plenary will be on Apr. 18.
The meeting adjourned at 7:10 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