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AILG Board Meeting

Thursday, March 7, 2024 via zoom | Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP, Chair), Cecelia Stuopis (AXO, Vice Chair), Beverly Borden (WILG, Treasurer), Herman Marshall (BTP, Secretary), ML Peters (KAT)  
Administration, Staff, Vendors: Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Scott Klemm (FCI), Anya Kettlef(AP, DSL)  
Other Alumni/ae: Mark Thompson (ADP), Bob Ferrara (TC), Tom Stohlman (KS), Pat McCabe (TT)

Review of Minutes

Version 1 of the minutes of the Feb. 1 Board meeting were previously sent and will be reviewed before the next meeting, in April.

Treasurer’s Update and Financial Report

The Treasurer’s reports were reviewed without any noted issues. Monthly bills from FCI were expected for Facility Renewals work but that work has stalled.

FSILG Office and Council Update

Liz noted that some spring recruitment is wrapping up now; TDC and Nu Delta did rather well. CPW is coming up in mid-April; IFC and Panhel are running a carnival together. A Cultural event will take place for the first time. TDC is planning to take their house “off-line” for renewal. East Campus is also in the process of renewal and McCormick is next.

Plenary Roundtable Recap

Some topics that arose were about how to get alumni more engaged with undergraduates. There was a lot of discussion about how to connect alumni with parents to support recruitment.

Upcoming Meetings

We’re looking toward holding a “Campus Partners Social” at the April plenary meeting on April 18. Bob will work with Anya to make up a list of those who would be candidates for “partners”. The meeting will likely be held at the Alumni Association.

The annual meeting has been tentatively scheduled for June 11 at the Welcome Center again. One speaker option is Helen Wang, Senior Associate Dean for DSL’s Residential and Community Life. Cecelia will ask her next week.

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 and Herman have met and began contacting alumni of specific living groups.

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 will shepherd the update process.

Other Business and Announcements

As previously announced, there are some changes in the Nominating committee: Kim Hunter will replace Pam Gannon. Kim has received some interest from a few people and another announcement will be sent to the AILG. There may be some “remote” interest that will involve discussion with the board and various committee chairs.

ML reported on activities of the Peer Visit Committee. Reviews of 10 living groups are set to begin in April and more reviewers are needed. The committee is considering whether to add virtual members. Admin support is needed and Scott said that FCI (i.e. Nellie King) could help but the committee should supply a set of needs that could be supported next term.

FCI activity includes receiving paperwork for Boston license renewals, which should be done by the end of March. AILG insurance bills are about to be sent; the cost increase is about 6%. FCI will help MIT’s IST folks with UPS battery upgrades.

Remember Pi Day, when alumni have an opportunity to donate to the IRDF.

The next Board meeting will be held on Apr. 4 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