

MINUTES

AILG Plenary Meeting

Thursday, November 16, 2023 | in-person and zoom | Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Akil Middleton

In Attendance

Board: Akil Middleton (ZP), Cecilia Stuopis (AXO), Herman L. Marshall (BTP), Alex Pina (DTD), Beverly Borden (WILG)

Administration, Staff, Vendors: Pam Gannon (AP/DSL), Liz Jason (FSILG Office), Scott Klemm (FCI), Jessica Morris (FSILG Office), Anthony Dominguez (FSILG Office), Nellie King (FCI)

FSILGs attending: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Fenway House, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Sigma Kappa, pika, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Student House, Tau Epsilon Phi/Xi, Theta Chi, Theta Tau, Theta Xi, WILG, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

FSILGs not attending: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi Epsilon, Delta Psi/Number Six, Epsilon Theta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Nu Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi

Recognizing members

Akil asked for a moment of silence to remember two long-time AILG members who recently died: Herb Mower and Stan Wulf.

Treasurer's report

Bev said that she filed the annual report with Massachusetts. The IRDF has agreed to continue funding about half of the SLI Program, with a corresponding invoice on the balance sheet.

FSILG Office / DSL, and Council updates

Lila reported on PanHel activities. Anish reported that there were only 6 transports during the Halloween weekend. There will be a Greek weekend involving math and cooking competitions, among other activities. Jessica reported that there is progress in developing a multicultural council. The social events policy is under revision, ensuring that existing policies are codified. There will be a winter house manager meeting soon. The FSILG office will hold its leadership conference will be held in February. Akil provided some some background about the update to the social events policy; the policy can be found online.

AILG Bylaws Revision

Akil described a process for updating the AILG by-laws.

Sustainability Initiative

A few activities are being proposed for early 2024, including a tour of New Vassar. A recruitment panel or roundtable would be a good place to discuss the current challenges. Another possibility is to set up a meeting with MIT community partners as a social event.

AILG Committees

There were brief reminders as to the functions of each of the AILG committees, including Facilities, Finance and Insurance, Information Technology, Member Support, Nominations, and the Peer Visit Program. Facilities is starting to look at upgrading fire alarm and sprinkler systems. Nominating is looking for another member to help nominate folks for the AILG Board and other positions. Roy reported that PVP is scheduling visits and would like to have more reviewers; ML added that every AILG member organization should expect to encourage alumni to be reviewers. PVP has also posted documents about best practices on the AILG web site.

Announcements

The Weedon award is being restarted.

The next AILG Board meeting will be Dec. 14 and will be followed by a holiday party at Cambridge Brewery.

The FCI had its annual meeting; the first meeting of the board is next week, at which the Board Chair will be elected. Cecelia asked that the members of the board be posted on the AILG web site.

The next Plenary Meeting will be on Feb. 15, 2024 at 6PM, location TBD, with the following plenary meeting on April 18.

Helen introduced herself to the group.

Adjournment – 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Herman L. 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 Information Systems & Technology

LGC Living Group Council MCG Multi-Cultural Greeks MITAA MIT Alumni Association

NIC North American Interfraternity Conference

NPC National Panhellenic Conference

Panhel Panhellenic Association

RFM Release Figure Methodology (algorithm for optimizing Panhel recruitment)

SLI Safety, Licensing, and Inspections

VPF Vice President for Finance VPR Vice President Recruitment