

# **AILG Plenary Meeting #1**

**20 September 2006**

## **1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW AILG BOARD MEMBERS & OFFICERS - SUSAN WOODMANSEE**

- Chair: Steve Baker
- Vice Chair: Herman Marshall
- Treasurer: Jim Bueche
- Clerk: Susan Woodmansee
- At large: Chris Rezek, Lisa Tatterson

## **2 REPORT ON 2005-06 - SUSAN WOODMANSEE**

- Accreditation of 9 houses, beta tested "short form" process
- Explored options for incorporation
- T101, HM101, Risk Mgt for Alumni
- Participated in RRI
- Launched VIP (Volunteer Improvement Committee)
- SLI Program, hired BSF
- IRDF Operating Grants
- Review of Leases
- FSILG Toolkit
- Fiber Optic Lines

Outgoing AILG Chairperson Susan Woodmansee and Board Members Dan Geer and David Burmaster were recognized for their dedication and contributions.

## **3 AILG GOALS FOR 2006-07 – STEVE BAKER**

- Accreditation: Expand the AILG Accreditation program to include every remaining chapter / ILG this year.
- SLI / BSF Program: Institutionalize the SLI program, so that it is operational and stable with less volunteer effort required in future.
- MIT-Owned Housing Leases: Renegotiate leases where necessary to provide better incentives for our members to maintain and improve MIT-owned leased properties; raise visibility of opportunities to migrate to campus or expand ILGs on campus.
- Recruitment and Retention Initiative (RRI): Improve undergrad retention in our member chapters / ILGs; develop measures in order to establish a baseline.
- Educational Programs: Continue to provide T101, HM101, and others.
- Alumni Volunteers: Expand participation by ILG alumni and provide training for new alumni volunteers.
- Incorporation: Establish a legal personality for the AILG.

## **FSILG DEAN'S OFFICE UPDATE – KAYA MILLER**

- Recruitment results provided for IFC and ILG's (see handout for numbers).
- Introduced Maria Guirguis, LGC Speaker
- Shiny blue booklet was prepared as handout to DSL staff
- RRI funded parent's packet from orientation brunch
- Calendar review: Orientation for new students, ALC sessions included Alumni Advisory Boards, Student Life Panel (Q&A with Dean's office), Risk management, Volunteer Luncheon with update from Student Orgs, Faculty Advisor/Counselor Program, Women's Professional Day (sponsored by Panhellenic Association and WILG)

- No judicial issues to report
- Reunions in June included an FSILG reception that had good attendance (60-70 people)
- AILG invited to have a breakfast for Parent's Weekend (October)

#### **4 MIT LEASE STUDY & CAMPUS RELOCATION OPTIONS - BOB FERRARA**

- Lease review reports for the eight chapters with MIT-owned buildings and/or land have been assembled. Expect discussion over the coming months to result in recommendations for the spring. The study on campus relocation options is also progressing, and Steve Immerman will be looking for interested chapters to comment on preliminary plans within the next few months.

#### **5 TREASURER'S REPORT - DAN GEER & JIM BUECHE**

- Presented report from fiscal year 2006 (green single page handout)
- Adoption of 2006-07 Budget: Presented budget, moved by Jim Bueche
- Discussion: based on timing of fiscal year, we need to have some funds during the summer to cover SLI staff obligations
- Vote: unanimous approval

#### **IRDF UPDATE - TOM HOLTEY**

- More houses are applying for educational operating grants, blue handout report of distributions
- Question re: contributions over time. Answer that they are getting better, Bob has info per house, though numbers are not published.
- IRDF currently has \$20M in assets; \$12M outstanding in loans, \$8M generating income and is available for grants and loans.
- Recognized Joe Maguire for his assistance on the program

#### **LONGITUDINAL FINANCIAL STUDY – BOB FERRARA FOR BRUCE LUNDIE**

- Dark green handout. This effort is building on previous studies, designing a way to measure collective financial health of the community.
- First working meeting 5:30pm on 9/28 at W59 (prior to AILG board meeting at 6:30pm). All chapters are invited to participate.

#### **6 ACCREDITATION PLANS - JIM BUECHE & HERMAN MARSHALL**

- White handout. Initial assembly of information goal is <10hrs; visiting committee member commitment of one day
- Outcomes from last year are listed in handout (5 recommend accreditation, one re-visit, one to be continued this year).
- Suggestion to involve former alumni officers; noted that it would be nice to involve them and also more students but these aren't part of the current scope.

#### **7 REPORT OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE - STEVE SUMMIT**

- Handout includes CO detector recommendations
- The facilities committee requested signatures from each house representative to sign up for this year's SLI program.

#### **8 INCORPORATION PROGRESS REPORT - CHRIS REZEK**

- Discussion on authority (accreditation is primary issue, since we already pass dues and require compliance with SLI).
  - Geer: Institute approved housing means we are not the final decision maker, and thus we should retain our advisory role to the Dean, who holds that power (and also thus the liability)

- Covert: Agree and add that if we try to change, it may lead to less authority. Build on our partnership with MIT. Institute must approve for Boston licensing, for example
- Holtey: Agree and add that our current position allows us a seat at the table, which we want to retain.
- Denhard: Caution that taking on responsibility for dis-accreditation may involve interpersonal issues with individual students. Agree we should stay in the advisory role.
- Question of membership/citizenship, how to leave or exit?
  - Summit: Concern is how we translate this into policy for accountability, judicial review, etc. Want to avoid having a “bad apple” secede and then be out of jurisdiction and yet still have a negative influence on the rest of the community.
  - Wedlock: If it comes to a case of a house no longer following the rules, will MIT penalize? Or will it be left to us to say something or do something ourselves?
  - Stuntz: Do we have other than the “nuclear” option of pulling the licensure/MIT approval as institute housing? Discipline is an issue and we have to be proactive in going to MIT, then work with MIT to determine a response.
  - Burmaster: Doesn’t matter if that entity signs a yellow piece of paper or not. We need something that binds us together.
  - Cooper: Note that IFC also has the ability to take action, and they have done so prior to MIT or licensing committee doing so. In essence, IFC is policing itself. MIT is better prepared to handle behavioral issues than alumni. We should enlist the help of these groups.
  - Immer: This is the classic debate of a democratic society, balancing individual liberties with state’s rights. Trick is to craft rules/operating paradigm that allows us to operate on a continuum. Authority lies with the MIT but we generally don’t want them to exercise that authority (unless it’s really ugly). Are we independent or not as houses/chapters? Recommend acknowledging MIT’s authority and define a rule set and decide to be accountable to one another. Maintain balance as well as tension. We have to maintain a standard and values.
- Future discussion: More on these topics, as well as the next step of what kind of entity are we?
- Next meeting of this group is 28 or 29 September (See Ferrara, Rezek, Holtey)

## 9 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Plenary Meeting Dates: Wednesdays 11/15, 2/14, 4/11 at 7am
- Board meets on 9/28, then on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month (starting 11/2) in W59, dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm
- Other announcements:
  - Denhard: Expressed concern over recruitment numbers, believes there needs to be more time to get acquainted with freshmen between orientation activities.
  - Geer: We will file taxes for the AILG as a partnership prior to the fall deadline. Any who have concerns with this speak with him directly.

## ADJOURNMENT

- Geer moved to adjourn, Rezek 2nd.

List of Attendees and all handouts is attached.

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### **Attendance:**

Stan Wulf  
Steve Stuntz  
John Covert  
Bill Denhard  
Tom Holtey  
Chris Rezek  
Dan Geer  
Bruce Wedlock  
Bob Ferrara  
Kaya Miller  
Peter Cooper  
Tom Yu  
Emily Marcus  
Steve Summit  
Ernie Sabine  
Lisa Tatterson  
Scott Klemm  
Mark Thompson  
Jim Bueche  
John Colgiavanni  
Fran Miles  
Peter McChesney  
Heidi Fox  
Jay Flynn  
Karl Buttner  
Herman Marshall  
Bob Sandman  
Jan-Willem Maessen  
Rich Possemaid  
Rick Winterson  
Ladd Horvath  
John Sheffield  
Josh Kramer  
Herb Mower  
Bill Noz  
Gene Glover  
Bob Steininger  
Maria Guirguis  
Mike Hawrylchak  
Davbid Maze  
Dave Berger  
David Burmaster  
Chris McGill  
Steve Immerman  
Mike Johnson