

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 7th at 7:30AM Student Center Mezzanine Lounge**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00am

**Welcome and Introductions**

Steve Baker introduced himself and initiated round of introductions

**FSILG Office Update – Kaya Miller, Assistant Dean of Residential Life Programs & FSILGs**

Kaya introduced new FSILG Office staff:

Donna Denoncourt, Associate Dean of Residential Life  
Lauren Wojtkun, Assistant Director  
Marlena Martinez, Assistant Director

Fall recruitment results: 161 new women - numbers down to 153; 319 new men, ~ 500 new members for 1,800 total

Judicial Report: A few cases are in process; one cited by Boston police for noise, etc. and now working through mediation; another case under allegation for firearm and marijuana; one accusation of hazing with administrative warning (not enough evidence for judcomm)

Programs: quite a few ILG dinners have been held

IFC Faculty Dinner: Kaya will try to recruit faculty advisors

Emergency Response Planning: chancellor performing study will be soliciting info/plans/reports from houses

Donna: more integration of FSILGs and residential life, some examples:

Training of R/As combined with dorm GRTs

Emergency planning – Dean on Call – combined ILGs and dorms

Kaya: team met with Boston Licensing Board in September – in good standing with DLB

**Incorporation Proposal**

Chris Rezek reviewed packet handout and details and changes for 501(c)(6) incorporation.

Changes – added preamble and other changes requested through feedback from AILG members

Chris moved to adopt these changes which didn't need a second because it was submitted by committee

Emily Marcus submitted two proposed amendments:

Proposed Amendment #1:

In all of the documents, replace all occurrences of "independent living group" and "Independent Living Group" with "Fraternity, Sorority, or Independent Living Group" (pluralizing as appropriate).

Proposed Amendment #2:

In the policies and procedures only under Membership, add a new item J:

J. If a Member wishes to colonize or recolonize at MIT, the plenary must vote in favor before that organization may recruit students. Such Members are eligible to participate in the Accreditation Program and the Accreditation Committee may make a recommendation to the plenary.

Amendment #1: Passed many to 1

Amendment #2 discussion: it would be binding on AILG members and NOT on student groups; Kaya noted that DSL has final decision and AILG will have a voice in process. Amendment #2 was moved to be tabled for further discussion.

Question from Stan Wulf: Are there any other ways for AILG to file for taxes?

Answer from Dan Greer: Filing taxes requires identifying an entity as something meeting IRS criteria. There are limited types of identification. AILG has filed as partnership in the past.

A vote was taken by role call to adopt incorporation with 21 ayes, 5 nays, and 12 not voting. Hence with a 2:1 ratio of members voting, the required threshold was met and the incorporation vote passed 21 to 5.

## Committee Reports

*Accreditation:* Bob Ferrara (for Herman Marshall) - Herman did enormous work to bring results together; recommended hiring accreditation coordinator and already have candidates; final draft of report to be released soon and given to DSL; 34 of 37 group reviews are completed with 3 to be completed in Spring; will spend Fall getting procedures improved; accreditation review is a valuable process unique to MIT.

*Facilities:* Steve Summit - Accomplishments for last year included transitioning SLI program from experimental to operating mode; managed to get all houses licensed; MIT and cities happy; all houses have fire inspections completed this year and many have ISD licenses; MIT offering to fund CO detectors.

Goals for next year – avoid risk of taking it for granted by continued improvements; new tasks include working with DSL on improvements, advisory on leases for groups leasing from MIT, update HM101 manuals, improve SLI notification (automating reminders) and solicit feedback from groups for improvements;

Steve encouraged participation in committee meetings and activities.

*IT/Telecom:* Ash Dyer – Date now set date for IT101 on afternoon of Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm; looking at email list for spam management; working with American Alarm using MIT's fiber line for second phone line; have network survey under way to be completed soon; considering IRDF plan for supporting IT upgrade

*Education:* Bob Ferrara - All IAP courses (4) now scheduled; attempted to consolidate courses to reduce length of time to make more attractive for house members and alums; thanks to AILG for providing food

*Finance:* Jim Bueche - Presented budget vs. year-to-date expenses; adding part time staff will increase expense rate; in good shape financially; dues have been promptly paid; insurance program – working on insurance policy with Kirklin to clarify and also with respect to AILG corporation officer coverage

*IRDF Update:* Tom Holtey presented report as of 7/1/2007. Now getting clear statements from MIT; there is money available for loans; grants for last year similar to prior year; resolved issues for IRDF loans for work on MIT properties; extended program to FCI costs for application and funding insurance program; covering CO program; IRDF will cover fireplace blockage (Dec 15<sup>th</sup> deadline); will address IRDF issue for infrastructure improvements on consolidated basis for all groups; changes – interest rate going up from 3% to market rates – now 4.5%; shortening IRDF grant timeframes from 12 to 6 months; IRDF is partially funded by alum donations which are increasing; assets of IRDF are growing; MIT has just allowed alum annuities to flow to IRDF.

## Other

*Chris Rezek:* motion, seconded to extend deadline for AILG members to join new incorporated AILG from 12/31/2007 to 3/31/2008 because house corporations need to vote on new membership – passed many to 1.

*Straw Poll on Hot vs. Cold Breakfast:* Steve Baker noted concern by some members that meal expense is too high; suggested coffee and donuts at \$600 versus current \$2,500 expense; group suggested hot breakfasts in cold season and cold in hot seasons

*Tom Holtey re: Emergency Notifications;* medical emergencies; education issues and the need for ILGs to be tied into MIT's system. Tom suggested setting up an ad hoc committee to investigate. Dean Benedict is conducting planning which includes ILGs and will have notification system in test for deployment. MIT needs to inform AILG about its plans. Steve suggested putting item on next board meeting agenda.

## Announcements

*FCI:* Scott Klemm reported FCI now into 5<sup>th</sup> year and just had its annual meeting. Rebates were issued this year as credits to FCI accounts and the total disbursed tripled from last year. Dan Geer is now off the FCI board.

*DSL Dean Search Committee:* Steve Baker noted that Larry Benedict is retiring at end of the school year. Steve is on the search committee and is soliciting any ideas on what the next dean should be focusing on and requirements for the position.

*GPA Reporting Committee:* Steve Baker will be convening group of students and staff to get consensus on what should be reported. The committee still needs FSILG student representation. Steve requested student candidates for the group.

*Upcoming Plenary Meeting Dates:* Wednesdays 2/13, 4/16

*Upcoming Board Meetings:* 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month (12/6, 1/10,) at 6:30 pm in W59

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 am