

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 15th, 2014 at 7:00PM

Board Members in attendance: Steve Baker, Rich Possemato, Alice Leung, Eric Cigan, Dick Larsen and Anya Kattf. Also attending: Scott Klemm, Bob Ferrara, Adam McCready, Herman Marshall, Tom Stohlman, Tom Holtey, Peter Cooper, John Covert, Stan Wulf, Sam Oppenheim (IFC VP), Yasmin Inam (Panhellenic President), and Haldun Anil (IFC President).

The Board went into executive session (6-7pm) to discuss (1) the closure of Delta Upsilon by its National and the response by the Delta Upsilon Alumni and MIT and (2) Boston ISD issues.

The regular meeting commenced at 7:03 pm.

I. Review Minutes of 4/3 and 4/24 Board and 4/9 Plenary Meeting – Rich. The Board reviewed and made a motion, seconded, and passed (MSP) to adopt the April 3rd and 24th Board and April 9th Plenary meeting minutes, as presented.

II. Review of AILG Financials and FY 2015 Budget – Anya Kattf. Anya presented the year to date financials and is collecting the final outstanding invoices for the year. She projects a loss of \$7,000 with year-end assets of \$30,000. Anya also presented the proposed FY2015 budget and is submitting requests for program funding.

Bob Ferrara discussed the expenditure of BNS program funds. The program will likely not fund an independent contractor, but will enable support from MIT IS&T, and may enable additional wireless upgrades to bring independent FSILG buildings onto par with MIT buildings.

III. Report on meeting with the Chancellor – Dick Larson. Dick met twice with Cindy Barnhart, the new MIT Chancellor, and feels that she is particularly well suited for her role. She is concerned about the perception of MIT parties, FSILG deferred maintenance and finances, and the varying strengths of FSILG chapter communities. She has taken it upon herself to visit many MIT FSILGs and has been enjoying visiting all of the groups.

Dick also discussed his views of the current state of FSILGs, their need for promoting student leadership, and the dangers that the community faces.

IV. Update on Boston ISD

- a. Inspections (Tom). Four Boston houses have passed their inspections and are ready to receive their certificates of inspection. Nine houses were inspected in the Fall and are slated to be reinspected in the Spring—Tom is trying to defer these inspections to the following Fall. Tom is trying to get the City to issue temporary certificates of inspection for the other houses, many of whom have issues with sleeping lofts. These may be for 30 days, but what the City will decide is uncertain. Scott will be trying to identify commercial bunk bed vendors.
- b. Assembly occupancy (Bob). The City rejected the submissions that were made by MIT/AILG and the City will not issue any assembly type numbers at all. Therefore MIT/AILG will be responsible for arriving at safe occupancy numbers for all chapter houses. The City is very concerned about chapters running night club-like events (e.g. 200+). Hal expressed that the students are voicing a lot of frustration about these issues. There will likely be a proposal for 2-3 guests per person at events.

V. Greek Village –Steve Baker and Bob Ferrara. There is significant traction at MIT for building an on-campus Greek community into which off-campus chapters can move if they so choose. Steve will schedule a community wide meeting on June 11th at 5pm (prior to the annual meeting) to gather questions from groups so that they have sufficient information to make informed decisions and requests.

VI. Formation of joint ResLife Committee – All. The goal is to create a body to research and better leverage policy issues. This committee will integrate alumni and student input to focus on residential concerns facing FSILGs, and the committee members will hopefully serve for more than one year to maintain memory. The committee would be made up of 1-3 students from F, S, and ILG groups each as well as 2-3 alumni representatives. MSP that the AILG Board endorses the creation of this committee. Steve suggested that this committee take up the issue of assembly numbers.

VII. Hazing Prevention Committee – Eric Cigan. Eric summarized a presentation of the Hazing Prevention Committee at a recent CARMA meeting, at which about 20 alumni were present. There was a discussion about the definitions of hazing. Eric was concerned that there was both an abstract concept of what hazing is but that there was also a perception that there is a concrete definition of hazing. He was also concerned that there were no alumni on the committee and feels that we should have someone involved. Steve will try to identify a candidate. Alice expressed concern that some alumni present did not accept modern definitions of hazing. Dick expressed that a comprehensive leadership program might be a helpful way to positively engage in such issues.

VIII. Review of issues of specific concern to Student Councils. There is a town hall style meeting tomorrow night run by the students. The goal will be explain to those attending what are the ongoing issues and what are the steps that are being taken to resolve them.

IX. AILG Annual Meeting Planning. Judy Cole, CEO of the Alumni Association has agreed to be our keynote speaker. There was consensus that we have a similar format to last year. Bob and Scott will work on the schedule. There is very good response from guests thus far and we need to work on inviting alumni members. There was discussion of individuals to be recognized, the annual report, and Board vacancies (Dick and Alice, who both intend to stand for re-election). Groups are encouraged to invite an alumnus and an undergraduate member (in addition to any committee or board members who might be from their group).

X. Committee Reports.

Accreditation – Herman. Three reviews came back with reservations. Regarding 990s, the primary goal is to determine that the 990s are present and up to date and that the capital reserve reported in the BDF reflects that in the 990, but not to evaluate other numbers reported in the 990. The committee has started to develop a rubric that will help living groups and accreditation reviewers assess performance in each of many broad categories such as governance and finances.

Facilities – Peter. Peter described the proposed process for obtaining roof deck occupancy approval. There was a discussion about the extent to which the AILG should be responsible for deciding how many people should be on a roof deck. MSP that the Board approves the process set out by the Facilities Committee to approve of roof decks. Additionally the Board approves the roof deck occupancy limits set by Alpha Phi, No.6 and Kappa Sigma. Most houses in Cambridge passed their inspections.

XI. Announcements

Greek Village community meeting – June 11th at 5pm, location TBA.
AILG Annual Meeting: Wednesday June 11th, 6pm.
Next Board meeting TBD.

The Board went into executive session (at 9pm) to discuss the accreditation reviews of Delta Tau Delta, Fenway House, and Sigma Nu, all of which were accepted as written.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.