

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 4th, 2014 at 6:00PM

Board Members attending: Steve Baker, Alice Leung, Anya Kattf, Eric Cigan, Dick Larsen and Akil Middleton.

Also attending: Bob Ferrara, Henry Humphreys, Jacob Oppenheimer, Ian Miller, Adam McCready, Peter Cooper, Scott Klemm, Stan Wulf, Herman Marshall, Tom Stohman, Tom Holtey, John Covert, Yasmin Inam (Panhellenic Council), Ernie Sabine, Alwina Liu (LGC), Jim Lattimer (SAE).

The board meeting started at 6:10 pm.

I. Review Minutes of last Board Meeting and Annual Meeting – Eric. The Board reviewed and moved, seconded, and passed (MSP) to adopt the minutes of the July 24th board meeting.

II. Review of Financials and FY2015 Budget – Anya Kattf. No report, no unusual expenses.

III. Update on Boston ISD – Henry Humphreys, Steve Baker, Tom Stohman. Henry discussed the meeting on September 3rd with Boston ISD commissioner William Christopher. The commissioner expressed concerns with the impact of large parties held at FSILGs. The commissioner didn't specifically go into the August 31st incident other than using it as an example of the need to limit the number of people at social events for the safety of students. Henry noted that Deputy Commissioner Gary Moccia, with whom Henry and others were working earlier in the year, was not present, and the Commissioner was unaware of the role that his office played in the creation of the new MIT Social Events policy. The commissioner was clear about the 49-person limit that had just been imposed, but expressed interest in working with MIT. During the meeting, Henry and Steve shared the Social Event policy document and the commissioner reacted positively to it.

The next step is a follow-up meeting targeted for next week, which will involve the code consultant reviewing event capacity numbers developed for the Boston FSILGs. Steve Baker and Sarah Gallop will also attend the follow-up meeting.

Henry held a student meeting last night to go over the situation and reported that it went well, and expressed appreciation for positive outlook of the students in attendance.

The Board's discussion continued on the topic of how the Social Event policy would be applied in light of the new limit on social events. It was noted that the policy doesn't apply to FSILG member meetings, dinners and the like. Henry has asked Hal and Yasmin to develop proposals for how the IFC and Panhel could proceed under the new occupancy limits, including lifting the new caps for the Cambridge and Brookline groups. Panhel is ready to proceed; IFC is as well, but will wait until bids are out to proceed.

Tom Holtey wanted to go on the record with his concerns with the Social Events policy:

1. Concern with the definition of an event without alcohol: Tom recommend that people who arrive at the event already intoxicated should not be admitted.
2. House Corporation maximum should be added to the "least of" list for maximum attendance.
3. Numerous guidelines in the document had been relegated to the Best Practices section that he felt should have been in the section on required procedures.

Steve noted that the plan is to evaluate the policy and consider changes in due course.

Regarding the FSILG event capacity numbers, the plan is to have a single document with figures for all FSILGs. Hughes and Associates will come up with event capacity numbers for the one or two remaining FSILGs that haven't been given figures yet.

For going forward, Anya brought up the idea of a PR effort highlighting the positive contributions of Boston FSILGs. Alice brought up the idea of promoting alcohol-free houses.

Tom Stohlman gave a brief update on that status of lofts/bunks and inspections. The BFD inspector was generally pleased with this week's inspections. Next week, building department inspections begin. Numerous fraternities have issues with lofts, but most houses have removed them and replaced with furniture or are attempting to make them safe.

IV. **FSILG Office Update – Bob Ferrara, Jacob Oppenheimer**

- **Staff update:** Bob introduced Ian Miller, whose roles in the FSILG office include working on GRA program and advising sororities. The rest of the staff includes Jacob as well as Ally Singer, with Adam continuing to assist on a part-time basis. Don Camelio continues to lead the FSILG director search. The goal is to find someone by end of this term using a targeted search approach. Review process will be the same as last time. AJ and Alice would like to participate.
- **Wireless network** - Houses to be visited in October and equipment is on order. The RFP for the work is due out by end of September.
- **Change to new member policy:** Jacob met with FSILG new member educators and has informed them that the FSILG Office will no longer grant exceptions to its policy that new members should become full members within 12 weeks of getting bids.

V. **Goal Setting for 2015 – Steve Baker.** Steve led a discussions of potential goals that AILG could pursue for 2015. The list included the following items.

- Participate actively in Greek village discussions and deliberations.
- Establish objective criteria to measure FSILG performance for use in accreditation.
- Mobilize new community outreach and communication program to highlight positive contributions of FSILGs to their host communities.
- Complete relationship document
- Drive completion of FSILG recruitment efforts as identified in AILG Strategic Plan.
- Establish better property management programs.
- Reinvigorate AILG educational program

Alice will set up an online survey to get results in time for the upcoming AILG plenary meeting.

VI. **Plenary Meeting Agenda – Steve Baker.** The board discussed and agreed upon the agenda for the September 17th AILG plenary meeting.

VII. **MITIMCO – Anya Kattf.** Three of the five affected FSILGs have met or are scheduled to meet with MITIMCo representatives and Anya is following up the others. Anya reported that Alpha Phi's first meeting with MITIMCo was positive and headed to a good solution.

VIII. **Review of issues of specific concern to student councils.** Main issue is the social events, sororities are seriously considering expansion, most chapters on board and moving on.

IX. **Committee Reports**

- Accreditation: (John) announced Fall term accreditation schedule, including three planned days and one additional day. He expects a full report by plenary.
- Facilities – No additional reports beyond the discussion of the meeting.
- Finance (Ernie) – meeting this fall to restart, pickup from Rich's work, house bill survey, look at operational expense.
- Insurance (Stan, Scott) – Biannual insurance inspections this fall at a large number of houses. Scott working with DU on insurance – they may move to AILG policy (the Board had no objection if the insurance company approves). A property manager has been retained.
- IT (Bob) – noted that the AILG website is out of date, and he will work with Eric, Scott and John to bring it up to date. Also reported that we will let ailgmit.org domain expire.

X. **Announcements**

- Next AILG plenary meeting on September 17th in the Mezzanine Lounge (W20-307).
- Next AILG Board will be on Oct 2nd (in W59).
- MIT Alumni Leadership Conference – Sept 19-20
- Oct 5th – MIT crew alumni race, with evening event with band.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.