

AILG FY06 Budget

The Association of Independent Living Groups is governed by a Charter[1] growing out of the shared esteem and dependence of its constituent parts. Every independent living group at MIT is a citizen of the AILG and has both a shared voice in it and a shared duty to it, as with any citizenship worth having.

The program of the AILG for the 2005-2006 school year is detailed elsewhere, but part of it bears repeating here as the purpose and the wherewithal to achieve that purpose are linked. In particular, the goals are these:

- + Operational Safety, Licensing and Inspection (SLI) program
- + Alumni recruitment both for house corporations and the AILG
- + Recruitment/retention of undergraduates into our chapters
- + Accreditation fully implemented in scalable form

Plenary (breakfast) meetings of the AILG are held several times a year and they mirror the most perfect form of government yet constructed, namely the New England town meeting. Per a unanimous vote of the plenary on September 15, 2004, a program for the 2004-2005 year and the funds to support that program were adopted. For the Treasury side of the equation, this took the form of an annual dues assessment of \$450 per organization, i.e., per citizen. The success of the 2004-2005 program is detailed in the Annual Report presented at the Annual Meeting, 14 June 2005, and on file in written form on the AILG's website.

Of the achievements of the last year, accreditation -- the ongoing assumption by the AILG of the determinative authority for what is and what is not approved housing -- stands out. Self government to a fault and specifically embedded in the AILG Charter, for the 2005-2006 program the AILG Board directed the creation of the SLI initiative that is detailed elsewhere. Note that SLI is the mandatory formalization of the records and procedures that in turn serve a double duty -- the AILG's ability to accredit and thus approve housing vis a vis MIT proper *and* the AILG's complete assumption of interface with the three municipalities that license our houses in the public sphere. In both cases, the ILG community as a whole has fundamental joint interests in addition to constituent member's interests as individual houses.

The other portions of this year's AILG program are ongoing enhancements of past successes. Not contained in the AILG budget are the funding processes centered on the IRDF[2], namely the educational operating grants (EOG), the educational project grants (EPG), and the traditional collateralized IRDF loan program. As a reminder, the definitive study of the financial big picture remains the substantial financial appendix[3] to the ILG Task Force report, which is available via the AILG website. If you have never read that report, it is never too early and never too late to do so. Also not on the AILG books is the optional membership of individual houses in the FSILG Cooperative, Inc., and the optional services subscription of individual houses for the building safety facilitation (BSF) program. Finally, the AILG books contain no line entries for the sorts of volunteer labor and in-kind contributions of which every reader of these notes is well aware. The Treasurer would be happy to take advice on whether a set of books that get the big picture would serve a useful purpose.

The budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal/school year, subject to approval at the September 21 plenary meeting, broken out by program components, is thus as follows:

Functional Program			
Plenary Meetings	\$ 2,000		
Annual Meeting	\$ 3,000		
-----		\$ 5,000	Legislation
Treasurer Course	\$ 5,000		
HM Course	\$ 5,000		
-----		\$10,000	Education
Billing via FSILG Coop	\$ 350		
Reserve/Contingency	\$ 3,650		
-----		\$ 4,000	Administration
SLI annual direct cost	\$54,000		
MIT direct subsidy	(\$35,000)		
-----		\$19,000	SLI/Facilities
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Net Program Cost		\$38,000	

For 38 citizens, this is then \$1,000 per citizen and the required ratification is for the package of program costs at \$38,000 and per-ILG assessment at \$1,000, split evenly between existing program activities and the mandatory portion of the SLI program.

Note that unhoused groups would pay \$500; groups with two licences would pay \$1,500.

Also note that the costs of the mandatory SLI program and the optional BSF program are within scope of the educational operating grants (EOG) for those houses availing themselves of that source of funds.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Geer, Treasurer

References:

- [1] <http://www.mitailg.com/charter.pdf>
- [2] <http://web.mit.edu/irdf/>
- [3] http://web.mit.edu/dsl/aurora/pdf/Aurora_Appendix_5.pdf