

AILG Board meeting

August 12, 2006

1) Opening

Attendance: Tom Holtey, Herman Marshall, Jim Bueche, Bob Ferrara, Susan Woodmansee, Lisa Tatterson, Stanley Wulf, Scott Klemm, Mark Thompson, and Chris Rezek

Minutes: not applicable.

2) Mailing lists

Herman will handle changes to the mailing lists as part of the secretarial task. He will work with Dan Geer and perhaps also be a moderator of the mitailg-announce list and work on the spam issue. Scott would like to be added to ailgboard-plus list.

3) Meeting schedule

Chris proposed moving Board meetings to 2nd Thursdays. The first Thursday is also an option. If Steve Baker has a standing conflict on Thursdays, then we may move it back to Mondays. After the meeting, Herman found a conflict with 2nd Thursdays and Steve responded that Thursdays would be better than Mondays. So, AILG board meetings will be on first Thursdays. Here's the schedule of meetings:

1. Sept. 7
2. Oct. 5
3. Nov. 2
4. Dec. 7
5. Jan. 4
6. Feb. 1
7. Mar. 1
8. Apr. 5
9. May 3
10. June 7

4) Goals

Goals for the upcoming year were proposed and discussed:

Leases: upgrade leases to provide incentives to maintain MIT-owned properties leased by ILGs and raise visibility of opportunities to migrate to

campus or expand ILGs on campus.

RRI: (students) improve retention; develop measures in order to establish a baseline.

VIP: (alumni volunteer) goals are to expand participation by other ILG alumni and training new alumni.

Accreditation: complete reviews of all houses.

SLI: institutionalize the program so that it is operational and stable.

Educational offerings: keep these going even as the Board membership changes.

5) AILG incorporation

Dave Burmaster sent an invoice from a lawyer he met that will be reimbursed by the AILG.

Motivations to incorporate involve contract writing, paying taxes, liability, and employing people. Separate topics are establishing a foundation, revising the bylaws, and employing other staff members. Concerns are 1) that ILGs might not be willing to join or 2) are members willing to be to be involved in another corporation. A motion was made and passed unanimously to “proceed with incorporation as a (c)7, fund the legal effort to determine the expense of forming a related foundation”. Board members should review the poll document that Tom Holtey distributed before the next Board meeting so that the results may be discussed at that meeting.

6) GPA discussion

It was noted that the GPA report was historically more detailed in the Dorow era, but *not* published. Lisa Tatterson reviewed the extensive list of pros and cons that mitailg people sent to her. Mark Thompson questioned the philosophy of publishing the list and noted it appeared inconsistent with MIT’s general custom in this area. One suggestion was to publish chapters’ names which exceeded a certain threshold (not just the top 1/3). There are many aspects to this discussion, so people spent a lot of effort prying apart issues; accuracy vs. publicity vs. uses of the data was one categorization. It was also noted the student groups (IFC, LGC, and Panhel) had yet to express their views on this topic and that there would not be another GPA listing (published or otherwise) until January. The consensus was that the RRI committee was best equipped to follow through on this. It has representation from all stakeholders and GPA has important recruitment and retention aspects.

7) Parent’s Brunch

Jim Bueche announced that the Parent's Brunch is scheduled for the morning of Sunday, August 27. Jim will be recruiting alumni — especially young alumni — to explain the MIT FSILG community to parents of incoming freshmen. Last year's event was a major success. Parents of recent alumni, like Linda & Lance Ozier, could be very helpful also.

8) SLI budget

Tom Holtey pointed out that the SLI "surplus" should stay in the SLI account, as agreed by the Board. He also outlined what he felt were MIT's institutional responsibilities in this area. Tom noted that the DSL, the FSILGs, and the AILG all have a share in supporting this program, which — even with startup issues — has already been much more effective than in prior years.

9) FSILG workshops

All are encouraged to attend the Alumni Leadership Conference FSILG workshops on Friday afternoon, September 15. Susan Woodmansee will be one of the leadoff speakers after lunch and several others AILG members have critical roles. The announcements have been delayed by e-mail fowlups on mitailg-announce, but will go out next week.

10) FSILG Leases

Bob Ferrara discussed the slow but steady progress with MIT's lawyers on the review of the leases of the eight chapters for which MIT owns the building and/or land. All relevant documents have been found. An internal MIT meeting is scheduled for 8/31.

11) Other

In response to a Stan Wulf question, Susan and others noted the President Hockfield has been very supportive of the FSILG community, in word and deed.

12) Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 5PM. The next AILG Board meeting will be Sept. 7. Steve Baker will be unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Marshall and Bob Ferrara