

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7th, 2010 at 6:30PM W59-237

In Attendance: Board Members: Steve Baker, Jim Bueche, Sara Pierce, Ernie Sabine, Stan Wulf and Rich Possemato. Also attending: Scott Klemm, Kaya Miller, Ryan Schoen, Herman Marshall, John Covert, Steve Summit, Dave Burmaster, Bryan Owens, Jay Goldman and Bob Ferrara.

The meeting commenced at 6:32pm.

I. Board review of minutes of prior board meeting – Rich Possemato. The board reviewed and made a motion, seconded and passed (MSP) to adopt the 12/3/2009 Board Meeting minutes.

II. Review of AILG financials Year-to-Date (YTD): Sara Pierce presented a YTD Profit and Loss Statement and discussed the monthly transactions. The AILG is currently far under budget as we are waiting for several bills to come in. A \$15,000 check for support from MIT has arrived and a \$35,000 check for support from the IRDF is pending. Other outstanding accounts receivable include Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Gamma Delta. Sara asked how we paid for educational program honorarium (which Scott will figure out) and other related educational expenses. MSP to accept the treasurer's report.

III. Status of AILG 990 filing: Sara Pierce. Sara reported that the 990 which Stan e-mailed to the group has been filed and that there should be a copy posted to the FCI locker shortly.

IV. Future use of ATO building update: Bob Ferrara. Bob reported that MIT has made significant progress in determining the future use of the ATO building. Two ATO brothers are currently occupying the building. Roof repairs are in progress and parapet repairs are slated for the spring. Several entities have expressed interest in purchasing and MIT has the first option. Steve Baker asked how the AILG community will be able to ensure that their interests are understood by those determining what to do with the building. Herman asked what the AILG would want to happen to the building and whether we should present that desire to MIT.

MSP that the AILG position on the ATO residence be: "The AILG encourages MIT to maintain 405 Memorial Drive as FSILG housing and is willing to assist in whatever way is appropriate in the selection of a living group to occupy the building." This resolution will be communicated to Dean Colombo by Ernie and Bob.

V. AILG resolution of AEPi membership: (Board only).

MSP that the Board, acting as the AILG's Membership Committee, recommend that the Plenary accept AEPi as a member of the AILG, Inc.

VI. Review of dinner meeting with Dean Colombo: Ernie Sabine and Steve Baker.

Steve Baker and Ernie had an informal dinner with Dean Colombo at Next House. The discussion revolved around how the AILG could work with the Dormitories as well as FSILG-Dormitory relations. The Dean also mentioned that he does not support deferring recruitment to

the spring, a positing which has been taken by some House Masters. The discussion did not go into details about accreditation, BSF or Educational programs.

Kaya reported that the Dean requested a report on how other campuses handle Greek recruitment.

Discussion about how the AILG can further engage with the Dean.

Steve Baker reported that the Dean would like to improve the Faculty Advisor program.

Steve Baker suggested that as a part of informing the Dean about what the AILG does, we can include in the letter to our Alumni a reminder about the types of programs that the AILG has implemented and the ways in which FSILGs are of value to MIT.

VII. Committee Reports and IRDF Report

- a. Accreditation Committee. The Accreditation Committee is going to move three reviews back one semester to balance the load.
- b. Facilities Committee. Steve Summit reported that there were no major incidents this winter. The Egress Diagrams are moving along and Tom has received feedback from most houses.
- c. Education Committee. Bryan reported that attendance for IAP courses is in line with expectations. Each class now has a mailing list for more effective communication. Bryan will also solicit the AILG for auditors to evaluate the course independently. Bryan would like the Education Committee to reconsider the timing and types of courses that are offered for Academic Year 2010-2011. For example, MIT Facilities offers a course on Facilities maintenance.
- d. Insurance Committee. Nothing to report.
- e. Volunteer Committee. The improved FCI software is ready to go on-line by the end of the month. The Volunteer Committee should have another meeting in the near future.
- f. IRDF. Nine project grant application were received of which seven were funded for the full amount. More information was requested of the other two applicants. Discussion on how the IRDF will increase fundraising and IRDF income and expenditures.
- g. IT Committee & network grant progress. No report
- h. Finance Committee. No report
- i. Membership Committee. No report
- j. Alumni Advisory Committee. No report
- k. Peer Assistance Committee. No report

VIII. New Business

- a. Topics for semi-annual e-mail to 17,000 FSILG alums.
Bob has gotten great feedback from previous mailings and asked for feedback on his next mailing. Steve Baker suggested a series of bullets reminding the alumni of all of the things that the AILG does well.
- b. Response to Brian Neltner regarding freshman-on-campus.
Several Board members expressed concerns about the second semester on campus proposal. Discussion about whether the Board should make a public statement and what that message should be.
MSP that Steve draft a statement of disapproval of this proposal and send it to the Board for comments.
Stan dissented as he felt that no statement should be made.
- c. BSF contract terms review/resolution.
Discussion of insurance coverage for the BSF.

MSP that Ernie is authorized to sign the BSF contract provided that the requirement for professional liability insurance be stricken, that the statement that the BSF is not a representative of MIT be stricken, and the “time is of the essence” statement be reinstated. Other minor edits will be submitted to Steve Summit, who did not have fun preparing this contract.

- d. Possible April course “T101+” aimed at alum leaders
Bryan is going to implement a separate T101+ for alumni on an evening after IAP.
- e. Upcoming meeting with Dean Colombo on promoting/developing the Faculty Advisor Program
Dean Colombo is going to have a meeting on Monday January 11 at 4PM to discuss how to identify faculty advisors for each of the FSILGs.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Shared Vision Retreat—February 1st at Endicott House. Rides from MIT will leave at 10:30AM to arrive at Endicott House at 11:30AM. AILG, IFC, Panhel and LGC leaders are invited. The first year experience, faculty and academic connections, leadership development and meaningful mentoring will be among the topics discussed.

February Board Meeting – Feb 4th at 6:30 in W59

AILG Plenary Meeting – Wednesday, Feb 10th at 7:30 in the Student Center

CARMA Meeting scheduled Thursday February 11th at 6:30PM – Room W20-491. The focus will be on Mental Health issues and resources.

Other Announcements

The FCI has hired Selena Rose (roses@mit.edu).

The meeting adjourned at 9:04pm