

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 4th, 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, John Covert, Steve Summit, Bob Ferrara, Tom Holtey, Bryan Owens, Arti Virkud and Alex Denhert.

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

- 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 1/7/2010 Board Meeting minutes as amended. Bob noted that we had not yet informed the Dean about our position on ATO's house.
- II. Review of AILG financials Year-to-Date (YTD):** Sara Pierce presented a YTD Profit and Loss Statement and discussed the monthly transactions. We spent ~\$3,500 in January. \$2,000 was paid as a speaker honorarium, \$1,700 in food, and \$500 in office supplies for the Educational Program, although some receipts are still outstanding. The Education Program is currently under budget. The BSF has not yet been paid as no invoice has been sent to Sara.
- III. Recap of 2/1 AILG/IFC retreat at Endicott House – Kaya Miller.** Student leaders and AILG leaders were invited by the FSILG office to attend the retreat to determine how to address the Dean's vision for the FSILG organizations. Notes and other information will be forthcoming. Ernie suggested that the lessons learned and best practices from the AILG accreditation reviews be sent out to all FSILG organization leaders.
- IV. Fall versus Spring Rush – Benchmark Results and Meeting with Housemasters – Kaya Miller.** Kaya identified institutions similar to MIT based on academic rigors and the size of Greek organizations and determined the types of recruitment, size of the Greek community, and the number of staff at each institution. Not many organizations have Early Fall recruitment, so MIT is in the minority in this category. Early Fall recruitment does not correlate with an increase or decrease in alcohol abuse. Dean Colombo would like to engage the AILG board to meet with the housemasters, who feel that Early Fall recruitment is detrimental to a sense of MIT and dormitory community. Any changes being contemplated would not affect Fall Rush 2010. John Covert pointed out that Dorm culture is likely different at other universities (Freshmen dorms, etc.). The Dean also wants to discuss how the MIT dining plan meshes with the FSILG dining plans. Steve asked for data regarding how many second term freshmen are living in FSILGs. Kaya also has data on how many freshmen leave their dorm sophomore year from each dorm, stating that some dorms lose a significant number of freshmen to FSILGs (e.g. Baker house). Ernie suggested that this issue of dormitory relations will require significant discussion and require a committee. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee on Dormitory Relations be chaired by Rich Possemato and participants will include Steve Baker, Sara Pierce and Tom Holtey. We will need feedback and participants from the adjoining dormitories as well. Rich will solicit for participants at the Plenary.

V. Fire Safety Policies and Reporting Requirements – Steve Summit. Tom Stohlman and Steve Summit discussed new reporting requirements for fire incidents at FSILGs, and it seems that we have now satisfied these reporting requirements. The AILG might support EHS's efforts to see a fire safety policy widely applied. This fire safety policy might be something that could be treated like the risk management policy (with requirements that it be advertized to new members and existing members and maintained). This proposal was met favorably. Steve is looking for model policies and will bring this to the accreditation committee's attention.

VI. Discussion of roles/responsibilities/procedures for emergency repairs – Ernie Sabine. Delta Upsilon had an incident of a pipe freezing and bursting (they are already back in their house as a result of a responsible House Corporation). However, this raised the issue of who to call in an emergency. Kaya expects that the Chapter Officers call their Alumni and that the BSF responds subsequently with clear communication to the House Corporation or students. Scott also said that the Dean on Call was instructed to call the BSF. Steve Summit said that the BSF should not be expected to respond to a crisis immediately, but would be expected to respond in the 1-3 day time frame. However, there may be a grey area as to who has the authority to call in the BSF for additional services, but that it should be clear that in a crisis the extra hours are authorized in advance. Scott feels that the BSF must interface with ISD and City Officials. Steve Summit suggested that we recalibrate our expectations with the BSF. Discussion about temperature sensors/monitors.

VII. First year FSILG housing proposal – Ernie Sabine. Several alumni attended the most recent IFC meeting to present the proposal pertaining to second semester freshmen being allowed to live in FSILGs. Ernie has sent our response to the proposal to the Tech. It was mentioned that continued discussion of this proposal was hurting our position on the Fall versus Spring rush issue. Tom Holtey mentioned that Fraternities are rushing more people than they should because Freshmen are living on campus all year. Tom also felt that the Board's position statement was too severe. Discussion about Freshmen living on campus.

Kaya suggested a course about the history of the FSILG system and mentioned that the dorms and FSILGs are far apart on the issue of cleanliness.

VIII. Faculty Advisor Program reconstitution – Ernie Sabine. The Faculty does not have a positive opinion of the FSILGs and we need relationship building with the faculty. Bryan Owens mentioned that there was not a clear expectation of what the faculty advisor would be expected to do. There is the feeling that there are several faculty who would consider being advisors for an FSILG. Kaya will send Ernie a list of faculty who are FSILG alumni. One of these individuals might Chair an AILG committee on faculty advising.

IX. Discussion of 2/10 Plenary Meeting Agenda:

- 7:30 Welcome and Introductions**
- 7:35 FSILG Office Update – Kaya Miller**
 - Review of living group activity
 - Other items of interest
- 7:50 MIT Update – Bob Ferrara**
- 7:55 Treasurer's Report – Sara Pierce**
 - Presentation of Financials
- 8:00 IAP Course Recap – Bryan Owens**

8:10 Faculty Advisor Program Reconstitution – Steve Baker**8:20 Committee Reports**

- Accreditation – John Covert
- Facilities - Steve Summit
- Insurance - Jim Bueche
- Finance – Karl Büttner
- IT/Telecom – Ash Dyer
- IRDF Update - Tom Holtey

8:40 Vote on AEPHi Membership**8:45 First Year FSILG Housing Discussion****8:55 Announcements**

- Next CARMA Meeting, 2/11/2010 at 6:30PM, Student Center Room 491
- Next Plenary 4/7/2010
- Board meets on 1st Thursday of month in W59 at 6:30pm
- June 4th Reunion Receptions 3-5PM.
- Next Facilities Meeting: 2/16/2010 at 7PM.

Adjourn at 9:00 am.

Kaya will announce that the RA reimbursement will decrease to \$6,000 next year and that CAP actions attributable to FSLIGs have decreased significantly from previous semesters. Kaya will solicit information on what FSILGs did with CAP action information to try to account for the marked decline in FSILG CAP actions.

The AEPHi membership application needs to go out to the plenary so that they can consider it.

X. Committee Reports and IRDF Report

- a. Accreditation Committee. Reminders have been sent to houses on the 2/20 review date. AEPHi requested a date other than Saturday, which will be accommodated. The accreditation committee won national recognition.
- b. Facilities Committee. Egress plans are finished.
- c. Education Committee. Attendance was poor. Bryan will seek guidance as to the future of the Education program at the Plenary meeting.
- d. Insurance Committee. The information required to renew insurance for individual houses has been sent to our broker. There should not be a change in rates for this year and next.
- e. Finance Committee. The Housebill survey for 2009-2010 may be launched at the coming plenary. The questions will be similar to those asked last year with some additional information gathered about summer renting and occupancy. The committee wants to gather information on long term savings, but is unsure how best to gather this information. Discussion on when the next Finance Committee meeting should be.
- f. Volunteer Committee. No report.
- g. IRDF. No report.
- h. IT Committee & network grant progress. No report
- i. Finance Committee. No report
- j. Membership Committee. No report
- k. Alumni Advisory Committee. No report
- l. Peer Assistance Committee. No report

XI. New Business

Pi Kappa Alpha (national fraternity) is interested in re-colonizing at MIT. Community Service / Outreach event – Ernie will contact Jim Janosky. Discussion on cleanliness / cleaning service. Ernie volunteered to get costs. SLI model on planned safety maintenance discussed.

Upcoming AILG related events:

Next AILG Plenary Meeting Date: Wednesday 2/10

Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday 3/4

The meeting adjourned at 9:08pm