

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 6:30PM, W59-237

Board Members in attendance: Steve Baker, David Hutchings, Ernie Sabine, Stan Wulf and Rich Possemato. Also attending: Dave Burmaster, Bob Ferrara, Tom Holtey, Scott Klemm, Marlena Martinez Love, Herman Marshall, John Covert, Bryan Owens Bryson, and Jim Bueche.

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

I. Review Minutes of 2/3 Board and 2/9 Plenary Meeting – Rich Possemato. The Board reviewed and made a motion, seconded, and passed (MSP) to adopt the February 3rd Board and February 9th Plenary Meeting minutes as amended.

II. Review of AILG Financials Year-to-Date (YTD) – Scott Klemm. The Board reviewed the March 2nd Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual statement. Scott reported that income and expenses are tracking the budget as expected.

III. Discussion of Preliminary AILG Budget for 2011 – Ernie Sabine. The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Beginning in FY2012, the IRDF will not be paying to support insurance processing by the FCI (\$7,500 per year), and there was a discussion about how this will be covered. The IRDF requests that the AILG formally request support for the SLI program based upon budgeted expenses from the Facilities Committee. There was a discussion about whether the AILG should budget for a surplus, deficit, or break-even in the future. MSP that Sara come back with a budget that is break-even or runs a small surplus.

IV. AILG Representative for Weedon Award Committee – Bob Ferrara / Ernie. David Hutchings has volunteered to serve on the award committee.

V. Review of AILG Goals – Board.

1) Develop a Strategic Plan. Ernie discussed with Jim Champy the idea of having a new position of Housemaster for the FSILGs. Jim was enthusiastic about this idea. Ernie is planning to set up a meeting with the new Chancellor, Eric Grimson. Ernie would also like to broach the idea for strategic planning together with MIT. There was a discussion about how to include the AILG membership in such a plan. Bob noted that DSL is developing a strategic plan for DSL, so this is a good time to address and include AILG strategic interests.

3) Long Term Financial Planning. Tom Stohlman is going around to some houses to try applying the Capital Planning Model tool and has some recommendations to make. There will be a survey that will go out to all houses very shortly regarding capital money set aside by each group.

There was nothing to report on the other goals.

VI. FSILG Office Report – Marlena Martinez Love. Marlena and the IFC are preparing for the routine upcoming judicial hearings and will have more information at the next plenary. There are 50 men who have volunteered for judicial administration, a historically large number. Tau Epsilon Phi's national fraternity has declared bankruptcy, and MIT is currently continuing to recognize the local chapter as an FSILG, but they cannot operate as a chapter of Tau Epsilon Phi. They are currently going by Alumni Association of Xi Chapter of TEP (AAXC).

VII. AILG Volunteer Planning Seminar – Bryan Owens Bryson. Bryan is contacting presenters to get their slides. New presenters this year include representatives from Panhel, IFC, and LGC. Bryan is continuing to publicize and get people to sign up, including all FSILG presidents.

VIII. MIT150 Planning – Dave Burmaster. There are no new volunteers for the events that Dave has outlined. The AILG will have a booth in the student center for the open house. Ernie and Bob have both indicated that they will be there. The Greek Week planning committee is in contact with the Boston Charles River Conservatory regarding a community service event. Bryan has volunteered to advertise the event to alumni. Dave will coordinate acquiring important documents for the MIT archivist. The Office of Residential Life is sponsoring a time capsule to which the AILG may contribute.

IX. Committee Reports and IRDF Report

a. **Accreditation – David Hutchings.** Pursuant to the motions passed at the last Board meeting, the Accreditation Committee has set the following policies:

1) Requiring houses to respond within 30 days of their assigned accreditation date as to whether they will be present for their review or require an alternative date. Houses which do not respond will receive a finding of “Not Recommended for Accreditation”.

2) Requiring houses to have a complete BDF submitted 8 days before their review or receive a finding of “Recommend Accreditation with Reservations”.

MSP that the Board endorse the Accreditation Committee’s policies with the proviso that, for the second policy, the finding of “Recommend Accreditation with Reservation” be at the discretion of the visiting committee. Stan dissented.

b. **Facilities Committee – Scott Klemm.** All of the Certificates of Inspection for Boston houses have been received. Therefore all houses are now licensed. Scott will report to the IFC House Managers about the upcoming inspection season.

c. **Education – Bryan Owens Bryson.** Bryan is planning for an Alumni Treasurer 101 course in the Fall.

d. **Insurance – Jim Bueche.** Jim had a meeting with Regina Dugan of the MIT Insurance Office about the recommended liability insurance limit increase. She reports that the increase is due to a perception of increased liability surrounding hazing. Jim asked Willis about the cost of an umbrella policy that will bring us up to the amount recommended by MIT. There was a discussion about the timing and mechanism of presenting the cost of any additional liability insurance to the Plenary and when any additional coverage could take effect. Some board members stated that the AILG should take no action on this issue unless officially notified by the DSL that it will require an increase in insurance cover. Jim is continuing to research this issue with MIT. The policy limits will not change on April 1st.

e. **Finance – Rich Possemato.** The Housebill and capital reserve surveys will be launched this weekend.

f. **IT/Telecom – Bob Ferrara.** The Committee is turning its attention to the AILG website. We may have missed our opportunity to get onto iModules, but are continuing to research that possibility.

X. New Business

Potential speakers for the Annual AILG Dinner were discussed. Bob will begin contacting possible speakers to gauge their interest and availability.

Ernie will start a dialogue with the new Chancellor about the AILG mission.

There was a discussion about ways to improve FSILG recruitment. Increased communication between the AILG and IFC should be explored. This might take the shape of asking to attend an IFC Officer's meeting.

It was discussion that the AILG consider involvement in the FSILG building lease renewal process.

XI. Announcements

CARMA Film: Monday March 14, 6:30-8PM

AILG Volunteer Seminar: Wednesday March 30

Next AILG Board Meeting Date: Thursday April 7

CPW: Friday – Sunday April 8-10

Next AILG Plenary Meeting: Wednesday April 13

CARMA meeting on April 26th at 6:30-8PM W20-407

MIT Open House: Saturday April 30

Cambridge Science Festival: April 30 – May 8

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.