MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 15th 2012, 7:30AM in W20, Mezzanine Lounge

The meeting was called to order at 7:30AM

Members Present: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Epsilon Theta, Fenway House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Beta Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Lambda Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Student House, Theta Chi, Theta Delta Chi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau, Zeta Psi

Members Absent: Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Nu Delta, Number Six Club, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Beta Phi, pika, Sigma Nu, Tau Epsilon Phi, WILG

Other Community Members Present: Tommy Anderson (IFC President), Marlena Martinez Love (FSILG Office), Denzil Sikka (Panhel President), Scott Kлемм (FSILG Cooperative), Jennifer Meredith (FSILG Office), Robert Ferrara, Cat Sohor (FSILG Office), Adam McCready (FSILG Office), Dennis Collins (MIT Housing Office), Henry Humphreys (Dean of Student Life), Nicola Leckie (Stewart Howe), Don Camelio (MIT CDSA)

Welcome and Introductions – Ernie Sabine initiated a round of introductions of attendees.

FSILG Office Update – Marlena Martinez Love (marlenam@mit.edu). Adam McCready is interviewing potential RAs. If you need a new RA for next term, please contact Adam by March 1 for a list of candidates. The 6 ILG presidents are meeting at 6 PM tonight. Alpha Sigma Phi has representatives on campus for 5 weeks in an effort to organize an MIT colony; they visited the campus last spring. Beta Theta Pi will reorganize a colony next September; a headquarters staff member will be on campus for two years to help with the reorganization. The FSILG awards ceremony is Tuesday May 15, and a new award entitled the Steve Baker Outstanding Change Agent Award will be presented for the first time. There will be a new web site for the awards. Tommy Anderson reported the IFC is developing a monthly newsletter. Denzil Sikka reported that PanHel is doing well. There are no reports yet from the several MIT faculty committees.

Treasurer’s Report –Sara Wilmer (drebbel@alum.mit.edu). Sara presented the year-to-date financials and answered questions.

AILG Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) – Steve Baker (sbaker@alum.mit.edu). Steve reviewed the process being followed by the SPC and discussed the summary results presented on his handout. The SPC has developed 5 themes from the focus group comments: #1 We will enhance the FSILG member experience, #2 We will strengthen our partnership with the Institute, #3 We will revitalize our facilities, #4 We will enhance the value of FSILG membership, #5 We will strengthen alumni/ae involvement with our community. The MIT administration is behind us, our faculty relationships are weak, parents need to be communicated with, and we need better alumni communications. We are building from a strong base, just need to do many
things a little better. Steve announced 5 team memberships to develop SMART goals for the strategic plan. The FSILG Community plan will mesh with the DSL plan which is currently being developed.

Committee Reports

Volunteer Committee – Stan Wulf (sawulf@alum.mit.edu). We still need alumni volunteers for the AILG10, Education, Finance, and IT-Telecon committees.

Accreditation—David Hutchings (djhutch@alum.mit.edu). Due to the poor response, the off season reviews will be discontinued. Seasoned volunteers are needed for the AEPhi accreditation on Sunday night.

Facilities–Tom Stohlman for Steve Summit (scs@alum.mit.edu). Twenty three chapters need inspections this spring. There is a continuing need to pass on facility knowledge as officers transition.

IT/Telecom – Bob Ferrara (rferrara@alum.mit.edu). The committee is continuing to look at increasing bandwidth to the FSILG facilities. New fiber optic lines to Boston are looking more economically feasible. The bandwidth upgrade to four houses which was supposed to happen last November just happened last week. Three outlier houses, ZBT, ET, and pika, will need a special solution since they are not in range of the new fiber optic pathways.

Finance – Rich Possemato (posse@alum.mit.edu). The 2012 housebill survey is now ready for participation. There is a link to this confidential survey on the AILG Finance committee website (http://ailg.mit.edu/committees/finance/). Rich will be sending out an e-mail today with more detailed information. The reports for past surveys showing aggregate housebill information for past years are in individual group’s FCI lockers. The committee hopes to continue to get strong participation from groups and is looking for feedback on how to improve future surveys and reports.

Insurance – Jim Bueche (jbueche@alum.mit.edu). There appear to be increased claims nationwide, but not at MIT, so we believe our insurance costs will be stable. Preliminary bills will be sent out next week. These bills will have to be paid by April 1 as MIT may not loan us the money as it has in past years. There will be two insurance invoices, a preliminary invoice due April 1 followed by a final invoice due shortly thereafter.

Education – Ryan Andrews (randrews@alum.mit.edu). There will be a volunteer training session on the evening of Thursday April 26.

AILG10 — Akil Middleton (aj.middleton@alum.mit.edu). The AILG10 plans to act as an advisory board to undergraduates and keep new alumni involved. An email will go out to current less-than-10-year alumni next week.

IRDF Update – Tom Holtey (tholtey@alum.mit.edu). The projects photo gallery is up on the MIT Alumni Assn. website. Eleven people will receive a $50 reward for submitting photos. Future project grants will require before and after photographs. About 7 project grants have been reviewed and are almost ready to award. The IRDF has money to give away and loan.
New Business and Announcements

FCI – Scott Klemm (sklemm@fsilg.coop). The FCI is investigating bulk electricity purchasing, and data from the chapters is needed. The FCI will be sending out an email request shortly.

Upcoming Meetings and Events
Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday 3/1
Next AILG Plenary Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2012
CPW: Thursday – Sunday, April 19-22
Cambridge Science Festival: Friday-Sunday, April 20-29
AILG Annual Dinner: Wednesday, June 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50AM.