

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 6th, 2012 at 6:30PM

Board Members in attendance: Ernie Sabine, Steve Baker, Alice Leung, and David Hutchings. Also attending: Ryan Andrews, Scott Klemm, Tom Holtey, Caroline Fernandes, Herman Marshall, Tom Stohman, Stan Wulf, and Marlana Love.

The meeting commenced at 6:31 pm with a round of introductions.

I. Review Minutes of 8/16 Board Meeting – David Hutchings. The Board reviewed and made a motion, seconded, and passed (MSP) to adopt the August 16th Board meeting minutes.

II. Review of AILG Financials – Scott Klemm. Scott presented Sara's summary of the year to date financials. All but three entities have paid their BSF, SLI, and AILG dues for the year. ATO has paid up for last year and this year. The IRDF check for the BSF/SLI has been received.

III. DSL Update – Marlana Love. Sorority recruitment was shortened by one day this year, and has concluded successfully without major mishap. Inspectional services visited at least four organizations on Sunday night, but issued no notifications of violations (either formal or verbal). Besides a handful of neighbor complaints there have been no major problems with fraternity Rush. Sororities were able to match 173 of 175 women who completed recruitment. Fraternity bids will go out on Friday, September 7th – we expect preliminary numbers at the Plenary. Besides a handful of minor rush violations, there have been no major judicial actions.

Alpha Sigma Phi is participating in fraternity recruitment as a colony. Beta Theta Pi is also participating in fraternity recruitment this year.

IV. FSILG Strategic Plan Update – Steve Baker. The Strategic Plan has been revised based on member comments, which were received from about 10 people. Many of the suggested comments were adopted verbatim, with the substance of virtually all comments being included in some way. A Preamble has been added to the plan to be responsive to the perception from some members that the plan was “coercive” in its earlier wording. The LGC did voice a concern about the term “values” and that has been adjusted to refer to aligning organizational “missions.”

MSP that the revised Strategic Plan is supported by the board and that it will be put before the Plenary for adoption on September 12.

Assuming that the plan is adopted, there will be “Breakfast of Champions” for all initiative champions to kick-off implementation of the plan on September 27 at 8:00AM in Maseeh Hall.

V. Discussion of 9/12 Plenary Meeting Agenda – All. There was some discussion about releasing recruitment information, in particular if chapter-by-chapter data will be available. Undergraduate leadership has this information, and the dissemination will be decided later. There will be no committee reports, but committee chairs will introduce themselves to briefly discuss their committee and solicit volunteers.

Handouts: committee reports, IRDF report, financial information, Mission of the AILG (suggested to be at the top of all agendas moving forward), summary of themes and initiatives for the strategic plan, accreditation current status.

VI. Annual Meeting/Banquet Venue – All. We are not sure if the Faculty Club will be available next year for our annual meeting. Using the balcony of the Media Lab annex was put forward; the cost will likely be \$1,000 to \$2,000 more. Ernie will see what dates are available at this location.

VII. Committee Reports:

Accreditation – David Hutchings. The committee welcomed a new member, Caroline Fernandes. The final report for 2011-2012 will be forthcoming later this month.

Education – Ryan Andrews. Seven seminars are in the midst of being planned, stay tuned for new updates.

Facilities – Tom Stohlman. Tom has completed all fall fire department inspections in Boston. Fire inspector mentioned that he would be interested in coming to MIT to speak at a seminar (a couple of years ago he and a fire captain came to MIT and spoke at a HM101 seminar). A recurring problem during inspections is egress blockage (trash in hallways, air conditioners in windows, obstructed stairways, etc.) and emergency lights. The facilities committee will be looking into ways to improve this (e.g. making professional inspection of emergency lights mandatory) and reporting at the November plenary.

There was a discussion about crisis response plans, in particular what might happen if there was a sustained loss of power and life safety systems and what MIT's plans are in the event of such a situation.

Insurance – Scott Klemm. Willis has been scheduling inspections en masse. It appears that scheduling is going well so far.

IT – Scott Klemm. Twelve houses have requested the increased speed option from Verizon (100 MBPS), up from four last year. The fiber project is being studied, and should be available in the next year.

IRDF – Tom Holtey. Project grant applications have to be in by November 1. Operating grant applications must be in within four months of the end of the fiscal year (changed from six months), and applications complete within six months (changed from nine months). Fund-raising in the past year was very successful with over 800 donors to the IRDF and 1,500 direct donors to FSILGs.

VIII. New Business. Dumpster permits are now being enforced. Ernie talked to some people in DSL and Facilities about the "new Vanderweil" assessment, as part of the Strategic Plan.

Upcoming AILG related events:

Next Plenary Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 12
Friday, September 21 – Student Holiday – No Classes
Alumni Leadership Conference – September 21-22
CARMA meeting – September 27
October AILG Board Meeting – Thursday, October 4

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53PM.