Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Association of Independent Living Groups, Inc.

AILG Plenary Meeting - Agenda

Wednesday, February 13th, 2013 7:30am
W20, Stratton Student Center – Twenty Chimneys

7:30   Welcome and Introductions – Ernie Sabine, esabine@alum.mit.edu

7:35   FSILG Office Update – Marlena Martinez Love, **marlenam@mit.edu**

7:45   Treasurer's Report – Sara Wilmer, drebbel@alum.mit.edu

7:50 FSILG Strategic Initiative Progress Report – Steve Baker, sbaker@alum.mit.edu

8:00   Discussion: What the word *INDEPENDENT* means to the AILG
           Steve Stuntz, stuntz@alum.mit.edu and
           Marlena Martinez Love, marlenam@mit.edu

8:45   AILG Related Updates
- AILG Committees
- IRDF - Tom Holtey, **tholtey@alum.mit.edu**

8:55   Announcements
- The AILG is seeking board candidates for the coming year
- Next AILG Plenary Meeting: April 17 at 7:30AM
- MIT Campus Preview Weekend (CPW): Friday-Sunday April 11-14
- AILG Fourth Alumni Connection Seminar: Thursday April 24 at 6:30 in Ashdown House's Hulsizer Room
- Next AILG Board Meeting: Thursday April 4 in W59-200 at 6:30PM
- AILG Annual Meeting: Wednesday June 12 at 5:30 in the MIT Faculty Club

Adjourn at 9:00 am.

MISSION OF THE AILG

The Association of Independent Living Groups at MIT (AILG) will:
- Assist our member FSILGs to teach values and life skills that are complementary to the MIT educational curriculum.
- Be a presence at MIT, to represent and be a voice for the FSILG system and its alumni.
- Provide tools to improve our FSILG member groups.
- Promote diversity of choice of residence for students within the FSILG community. Promote FSILG group responsibility and accountability.

Accreditation—David Hutchings (djhutch@alum.mit.edu). AILG members scheduled for a review in the spring have already been invited for reviews on March 9, March 16, April 6, or April 20. We are continually seeking volunteers for these reviews, and anyone interested should contact John Covert (covert@mit.edu).

Education – Ryan Andrews (randrews@alum.mit.edu). The Education Committee is pleased to announce that it is planning a total of 5 seminars for the Spring semester. In no particular order, they are:

1. Treasurer 101
2. House Manager 101
3. Crisis Management
4. Conflict Resolution
5. "Delta Factor" (i.e., how to develop leadership skills and positively impact change in the FSILG community)

These seminars are in the final planning stages, and dates will be distributed soon. In general, the Committee is targeting mid-March to early May, with most seminars running in the evening.

The Education Committee is also planning to host the Alumni/ae Connections Seminar on April 25, 2013 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Hulsizer Room of Ashdown House. Last year, the focus of the seminar was on how new alumni/ae volunteers can take advantage of what MIT and the AILG have to offer. This year, the focus will be on presenting ways that alumni/ae can connect to members within their own chapter, with possible topics ranging from how to plan a successful alumni/ae weekend to how to build an effective alumni/ae advisory board. A complete and finalized list of topics and speakers will be distributed around mid-March. Like last year, the seminar will only last 1 hour, and there will be a social event immediately following it at the Thirsty Ear Pub. It should be a very informative and fun evening, so we hope to see you there!

As always, the Education Committee is looking for volunteers. We meet on campus approximately once a month for no more than 1 hour. If you have an interest in joining the Education Committee or have questions about the commitment, feel free to email Ryan Andrews (randrews@alum.mit.edu).

IT – Bob Ferrara (rferrara@mit.edu). Much of this is repeated from the November report, with one important exception– MIT's IS&T (Information Services and Technology) group is making faster than anticipated progress on the planned fiber optic extensions to Boston. This committee has had only two focus areas of late. The first, creation of a new AILG web site, is now basically complete, though some minor cleanup and routine updating is still ongoing. The

AILG site is a Wordpress-based site located at http://ailg.mit.edu/ . We would be happy if someone wanted to take over as webmaster.

The second and more important focus area has been to upgrade network connectivity to all FSILGs. From 2009 through 2011, the committee focused on the rewiring and installation of new wired and wireless infrastructure in all 40 FSILG buildings. Once the internal wiring project was complete, attention turned to upgrading the network connections for all the FSILGSs to the MIT Network. The FSILGs on or near the MIT campus in Cambridge have good access to MIT-owned fiber, so this is not an issue for them. However, for all the FSILGs in Boston, Brookline, and pika in Cambridge the connection speed to MIT is an issue. All these are currently connected to MIT via Verizon's Transparent LAN service.

To address network connectivity, MIT's Division of Student Life and IS&T department, along with the AILG's IT-Telecom Committee worked out a two part strategy, as follows:

SHORT TERM BANDWIDTH UPGRADES
For the short term, an arrangement was worked out with Verizon where FSILGs can optionally upgrade the external connection bandwidth from 10Mb to 100Mb. In October, 2011 the first opportunity to increase bandwidth was first presented to the FSILGs (Boston, Brookline and pika) and four FSILGs accepted the offer. In May, 2012 a second opportunity to opt in was presented and eight more FSILGs opted in. Now all 12 Boston FSILGs are connected at the higher speed.

This upgrade to an FSILG's Verizon Transparent LAN service is expensive ($779 per house per month) but it does qualify for 75% reimbursement on the annual IRDF Educational Operating Grant. As always the FSILG Cooperative in W20-020 is available to explain how to apply for an Educational Operating Grant. Please note that this offer does not apply to the FSILGs located on or near the MIT campus, as they are already directly connected to the MIT fiber ring.

Some chapters have expressed interest in third-party solutions to increase bandwidth. There are consequences for introducing other network vendors that are not immediately apparent. IS&T has recently issued a policy strongly discouraging network connection replacement and augmentation for MIT FSILGs. It is appended at the end of this report.

LONG TERM FIBER CONNECTION
The goal is to connect as many Boston FSILGs directly to the MIT fiber ring. Because of the lack of fiber conduit proximity, it is not financially feasible to connect the two Brookline houses, pika, and possibly the two Fenway locations; however, other options are being investigated for them.

The IRDF Board of Allocation and the IRDF Grant Advisory Board voted to provide full funding of the first phase of this two phase of the project. The first phase - "conduit record search, manhole survey, and prove path exercises" – is essentially complete. The IRDF Boards have also indicated support for the much costlier second phase – "construction and fiber pulling" -

enabling IS&T contractors to begin work this coming spring. In fact, it is possible that many Back Bay FSILGs could be hooked up to the fiber as early as this fall. This is a major improvement over initial projections, but also requires that funding be in place much sooner than anticipated.

The IRDF boards have it clear that the IRDF cannot bear all the costs. The FSILGs participating in the fiber upgrade and bandwidth increases will need to share in some of the costs, such as the higher speed equipment needed at the FSILG end. The expectation is to have a detailed cost sharing proposal by the April plenary, after more detailed fiber constructions and equipment cost estimates are available.

Information Services and Technology (IS&T) policy
regarding network connection replacement and augmentation for MIT FSILGs.

This applies to any MIT FSILG (Fraternity, Sorority or Independent Living Group) that has connectivity to MIT's network provided and administered by MIT IS&T. This includes MIT FSILGs connected to MIT's network through a direct fiber connection and MIT FSILGs connected to through a Verizon Transparent LAN Service (TLS) link.

All MIT FSILGs described above must not tamper with, disconnect or alter the provided connection to the MIT network. The connection cannot be replaced or augmented with third party ISP services such as cable, FiOS or DSL. A basic level of network connectivity provided to each FSILG is paid for through MIT funds and maintained by IS&T to ensure access to the MIT network and its resources for academic purposes.

IS&T is unable to provide any level of support for houses that do not comply with this policy.

Augmentation of bandwidth, via an outside provider, will result in physical termination of the MIT network connection and support from IS&T.   Expenses incurred via third-party network providers will not be eligible for reimbursement in educational grants from the Independent Residence Development Fund (IRDF).

Options for increasing network bandwidth: IS&T and the AILG (Association of Independent Living Groups) have enabled some houses to upgrade the existing 10Mbps dedicated network connection to a 100Mbps connection. This applies to houses with Verizon TLS network connections and does come with a cost. FSILGs opting for this option may be eligible for partial reimbursement through the Independent Residence Development Fund (http://web.mit.edu/irdf/). This option has limited availability and additional houses cannot currently be enrolled. Please consult the FSILG cooperative (http://fsilg.coop) for information about this upgrade.

Finance – Rich Possemato (posse@alum.mit.edu). For the past four years, the AILG Finance Committee has surveyed members organizations confidentially about the amount that they charge their undergraduate members and the meals provided. Subsequently, the committee has reported aggregate data about chapter income, as well as produced confidential individual reports for each participating chapter. These reports allow member groups to understand how their chapter compares to other groups and the residence halls in these respects, and additionally allows one to get a broad picture of the health of the membership within the FSILG system. Members can find these previous years' survey results in their FCI locker.

The 5th annual Housebill Survey is ready for participation again this year, and this confidential survey can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGdCRS1UVmhnaE5WRXpMVzZKTWJqdGc6MA#gid=0

It is anticipated that a knowledgeable member of your organization should be able to complete the survey in less than 10 minutes. Organizations which do not have houses are still encouraged to fill out the appropriate parts of the survey.

Responses are requested by Saturday March 23rd. We have been very close to 100% participation in the past, and hope to reach that goal this year.

Please contact Rich Possemato (posse@alum.mit.edu) with any questions or comments.

AILG Accreditation Status

Group Name	Last Review	Result at last review	Next review
Alpha Chi Omega	01-Dec-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Alpha Delta Phi	3-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Alpha Epsilon Phi	18-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Alpha Epsilon Pi	18-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Alpha Phi	01-Oct-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Fall 2013
Alpha Tau Omega	04-Apr-2009	Not Recommended for Accreditation	No undergrad organization
Beta Theta Pi	07-May-2011	Recommend Accreditation with Reservations	New undergrad organization
Chi Phi	05-Mar-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Delta Kappa Epsilon	05-Nov-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Fall 2013
Delta Tau Delta	17-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2013*
Delta Upsilon	07-May-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Epsilon Theta	1-Dec-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Fenway House	1-Dec-2012	**Recommend Accreditation with Reservations**	Spring 2013
Kappa Alpha Theta	12-Feb-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Kappa Sigma	20-Oct-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Lambda Chi Alpha	17-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Nu Delta	02-Apr-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Number 6 Club	03-Dec-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Fall 2013
Phi Beta Epsilon	05-May-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013*
Phi Delta Theta	30-Oct-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Phi Kappa Sigma	10-Mar-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2014
Phi Kappa Theta	12-Feb-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Phi Sigma Kappa	03-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Pi Beta Phi	01-Dec-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
Pi Lambda Phi	05-May-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013*
pika	07-May-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	17-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation with Reservations**	Spring 2013
Sigma Chi	05-May-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2014
Sigma Kappa	12-Feb-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Sigma Nu	28-Apr-2012	Recommend Accreditation with Reservations	Spring 2013
Sigma Phi Epsilon	28-Apr-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013*
Student House	10-Mar-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2014
Tau Epsilon Phi	05-May-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013*
Theta Chi	10-Mar-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2014
Theta Delta Chi	28-Apr-2012	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2014
Theta Xi	17-Nov-2012	**Recommend Accreditation**	Fall 2014
WILG	05-Mar-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Zeta Beta Tau	02-Apr-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Spring 2013
Zeta Psi	05-Nov-2011	Recommend Accreditation	Fall 2013

Bold Name: Review Spring 2013 (16)   * Early review recommended or requested   Updated:6-Feb-2013
Bold Finding: Review completed Fall 2012   Fall 2013:5+ Spring 2014:5+
Fall 2014:11+

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Spring 2013 Accreditation Dates: 9 Mar, 16 Mar, 6 Apr, 20 Apr