

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 1st, 2013 at 6:30PM
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge

Board Members in attendance: Steve Baker, Alice Leung, Rich Possemato, Eric Cigan, Dick Larson, and Anya Kattf. Also attending: Steve McAllister, Steve Stuntz, David Hutchings, Tom Holtey, Marlana Martinez Love, John Covert, Bob Ferrara, Stan Wulf, and Herman Marshall.

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm with a round of introductions.

I. Review Minutes of 5/30 Board and 6/12 Annual Meeting Minutes – Rich. The Board reviewed and made a motion, seconded, and passed (MSP) to adopt the May 30th Board and 6/12 Annual meeting minutes.

II. Review Minutes of 4/17 Plenary Meeting Minutes – All. The Board re-tabled review of the April 17th Plenary meeting minutes until we can figure out what is going on.

III. Review of AILG Financials – Steve Baker. Steve read an update by outgoing treasurer Sara Pierce about the state of the AILG financials. The AILG was on-budget for 2012-2013.

IV. Board Officer Elections – Rich. Elections were held and the following officers were all elected by affirmation:

Chair: Steve Baker
Vice-Chair: Alice Leung
Treasurer: Anya Kattf
Secretary: Rich Possemato

V. FSILG Strategic Initiative Update – Steve Baker. Steve reviewed the Strategic Plan and the progress that has been made. The Strategic Planning Committee decided to focus on the initiatives that have gained the most traction. The entire strategic plan is located at the AILG website: <http://ailg.mit.edu/committees/strategic-planning/>

Marlena presented progress from Initiative 2.1 in the form of a draft MIT FSILG Relationship Philosophy, an attempt to articulate the interdependent relationship between the FSILGs and MIT to be used as a guiding document for our organizations. Marlena distributed a draft and asked for feedback. This document would be presented to the Dean and Chancellor, and they have been updated regularly about progress on the plan. There was a discussion on similar documents that other universities have in place and ways to enhance the Philosophy.

VI. Goal Setting for 2014.

Brainstorming:

- Completing the Strategic Plan
- Facilities Assessment
- Recruitment. What is the AILG's role? How to advise MIT?
- Health and well-being of students. Leadership and responsibility?

The remainder of the Goal Setting discussion was postponed to the next AILG Board meeting.

VII. New Business

Steve described a proposal to request MIT to make the IRDF Grant Allocation Board a formal entity instead of an Ad Hoc entity. The request will ask that two members of the Grant Allocation Board would be appointed by the AILG Board and the other by MIT for fixed three year terms.

There was a lively discussion about this proposal and the history of the IRDF. Alice made a motion to amend to strike the words “and the Board of Allocation”. Motion to amend passes.

This proposal MSP as amended:

On behalf of the AILG, the AILG Board requests that the MIT Treasurer make the following revisions to the governance of the IRDF:

- That an IRDF Grant Advisory Board be chartered to oversee the grant operations of the IRDF;
- That the IRDF Grant Advisory Board be comprised of three members, with two being appointed by the AILG Board of Directors and one by the Dean for Student Life;
- That the IRDF Grant Advisory Board members' terms be for three years (or until a successor is appointed), with their terms staggered by one year. Board members will be permitted to succeed themselves by subsequent appointment.

A second motion regarding who would be recommended to serve on the Grant Advisory Board was withdrawn.

Steve Stuntz suggested that the AILG to interact with the City of Boston and invite City Council members to a future AILG meeting.

VIII. Announcements

We are in the end stages of reporting for the directed giving campaign and there is very strong participation.

There is a slight delay in the fiber optic project, and the project is expected to be completed during the Fall.

The IRDF is planning for its 50th Anniversary celebration, to be held on Saturday April 26, 2014.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting is Thursday, August 29th at 6:30PM in W59

Next AILG Plenary Meeting is Wednesday September 11th

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.