

MIT AILG, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 29th, 2013 at 6:30PM

Board Members in attendance: Steve Baker, Alice Leung, Rich Possemato, and Anya Kattf. Also attending: Tom Stohlman, Scott Klemm, Tom Holtey, John Covert, Stan Wulf, Bob Ferrara, Steve Summit, Jim Bueche, Marlena Love, Carrine Johnson (Exec VP Panhel), Niki Edmonds (LGC Secretary) and Brian Alvarez (IFC VP).

The meeting commenced at 6:32 pm with a round of introductions.

I. Review Minutes of 8/1 Board and 4/17 Plenary Meeting – All. The Board reviewed and made a motion, seconded, and passed (MSP) to adopt the August 1st Board meeting and April 17th Plenary minutes, as amended.

II. Review of AILG Financials – Anya Kattf. Anya has successfully transitioned into the Treasurer role. Most dues have been collected and there are very few expenses thus far (FCI and BSF charges).

III. FSILG Strategic Initiative Update – Bob Ferrara. The Strategic Plan committee met sporadically throughout the summer. Akil Middleton is on board as a leader for Theme Team 4. The Committee also met with representatives of the 3 FSILG Student Governance groups, and plans to continue meet monthly with them. Formal completion of the plan is targeted for the IRDF 50th celebration on April 26, 2014.

IV. AILG Goal Discussion – All. Marlena led a discussion of the Goals, continued from the previous meeting. The group agreed that Implementing the Strategic Plan should be the overarching goal of the AILG for the year. There was a discussion about the aspects of the Strategic Plan which are the most important to give additional emphasis. These included Themes 2.1, 3.1, 3.4, 3.5, 4.1, 4.2, and 5.1. There was also a discussion about student dining, an issue which seems not to warrant additional specific attention.

V. Review of the Charges of the AILG Committees – All.

There was discussion about the charges of the following AILG committees, which were provided as a separate handout:

Accreditation

Chair: Herman Marshall. The committee could use an additional member or two.

There was a discussion about how best to disseminate the list of Best Practices, a mention of the issue of having MIT personnel on the accreditation review boards, whether there should be more connection with facilities issues, how to intervene when chapters have substantial issues.

Education

Chair: None. The committee needs several new members.

What is the intended audience? Interaction with the CARMA program and overlap with other available resources? A new Chair needs to be recruited.

Facilities

Chair: Steve Summit. The committee could use an additional member or two.

There was discussion about whether there should be more connection with accreditation and how to intervene when chapters have substantial issues.

Finance

Chair: Ernie Sabine. The committee needs to meet more regularly.
Assisting with Capital Campaigns?

Insurance

Chair: Stan Wulf will take over as Chair.

IT-Telecom

Chair: Ash Dyer. The committee could use additional AILG members.

Strategic Planning

Chair: Steve Baker
Publicizing high priority goals and progress.

Alice will send a revision of the AILG charges to the ailgboard-plus list.
MSP to appoint the aforementioned committee chairs.

VI. Review of the Agenda for the 9/11 Plenary Meeting

- 7:30 Welcome and Introductions
- 7:35 Treasurer's Report (Anya)
 - Year-to-Date Financials
- 7:40 FSILG Office Update
 - Recruitment update
 - DSL news
 - Student leadership updates
- 8:00 FSILG Community Strategic Plan Update
 - Progress Report
- 8:25 Committee Introductions (Alice)
 - Accreditation
 - Education
 - Facilities
 - Finance
 - IT-Telecom
 - Insurance
- 8:35 IRDF Update (Bob Ferrara)
- 8:40 Announcements
 - Accreditation Review Schedule Handout
 - Next Board meeting - October 24th at 6:30 pm in W59
 - Next AILG Plenary Meeting – November 12
 - Alumni Leadership Conference September 27-28
 - CARMA Group Session September 26

VII. New Business – All

Jim will be meeting with the new MIT liaison to the AILG Insurance Committee. The Committee is considering pursuing bedbug insurance.

Marlena reported that there will be forthcoming clarification of the RA program from MIT, which will be reviewed by the Board.

There was a discussion about the Presidential Transition Advisory Cabinet report. Tom noted items from the report including: MIT contribution to FSILG facilities upkeep, alumni role in support, mentorship and advising. Also of note is the notion that undergraduate living groups should have home-like support. There was a discussion about setting up a meeting with this group or otherwise reaching out to them, which Alice volunteered to follow-up on.

Bob discussed a new effort to send a regular e-mail in newsletter format to the all the FSILG alumni. The plans are for the newsletter go out twice per year, after rush and in the Spring. Bob highlighted the important items to be included in the letter and asked for feedback or volunteers to write pieces of the e-mail.

VIII. Announcements

The fiber optic upgrade is progressing along rapidly and may be turned on by the end of the semester.

Marlena reported that they will still be recruiting an additional assistant director for the FSILG Office and reported on other staffing activities.

Recruitment kickoff will be on Saturday. Alumni are encouraged to talk to their undergraduates about the events that they are having.

Marlena thanked everyone who was able to attend the Parent's Brunch on Monday.

Next Board meeting - October 24th at 6:30 pm in W59

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.