Board Members in attendance: Steve Baker, Rich Possemato, Alice Leung, Eric Cigan and Anya Kattef. Also attending: Scott Klemm, Bob Ferrara, Stan Wulf, Kevin Moore, Akil Middleton, Jonathan Suber, Sam Oppenheim (IFC VP), Obasi Onuoha (IFC Treasurer) and Haldin Anil (IFC president, over the phone).

The meeting commenced at 6:30 pm with a round of introductions.

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

II. Review of AILG Financials – Anya Kattef. Anya presented the year to date P&L statement. We are on track to meet the budget for the year. We have received bills for the additional assembly work and Scott is billing DSL for the remainder. There is a large accounts receivable for the BNF as well as IRDF and DSL support.

III. Update on Boston ISD – Steve, Anya. DSL is picking up the tab for overruns in architect fees, and the Board is grateful for this support. The assembly/occupancy permitting applications have been delivered to Boston ISD and Steve will ask Tom to follow up on the status of the City’s review early next week. The inspections for the Cambridge houses are upcoming and MIT/AILG will request that those chapters adhere to the occupancy limits. The final submitted reports will be in everyone’s FCI document locker shortly.

Anya provided an update on the roof deck permitting process. Anya sent out an email to members outlining the process, including providing contacts for recommended architects. If the SLI dashboard indicates that your group has a roof deck and this is an error, please contact Scott.

All sleeping lofts need rails and immovable ladders.
For more details on the above, see the AILG website main page: (http://ailg.mit.edu/)

IV. Plans for the 1/27 Strategic Planning Meeting – Steve and Akil. There will be a Strategic Plan meeting on 1/27 at 6pm in the Flowers Dining Room (Maseeh Hall). Each of the theme team leaders will give reports on their progress, and in some cases will solicit comments and discussion. Steve Stuntz sent out a draft of the MIT-AILG-Student relationship agreement to define framework of common expectations for each group.

Akil did a thorough analysis of FSILG recruitment and hopes to start a conversation on improving the process. Changes will be coming to recruitment and we need to start framing the discussion. There was a more detailed discussion on the types of recruitment changes that could occur. The IFC has conducted a survey on attitudes toward rush and will be sharing it.

V. Discussion of how to better engage Students – All. There was a discussion about having more open communication and transparency between MIT, AILG, and Student Leadership, including more forward looking processes so that students understand upcoming issues. Students requested that the AILG continue to present its annual report, and include in the report a discussion of goals for the following year. All councils (students and AILG Board) should include a standing agenda item in meetings to review items on each council’s agenda that should be shared with other councils. Also, having a new Assistant Director of FSILGs will assist in transfer of information from one set of student leaders to the next.
VI. Committee Reports

Accreditation – Bob Ferrara. The accreditation committee is meeting and John is setting up Spring reviews.

Facilities – Steve. The Facilities Committee took over Theme Team 3 responsibilities and Peter was selected as the Chair for the joint committee. MSP that the Board appoints Peter Cooper as Chair. The Board thanks Steve Summit for his many years of service as Chair.

IT/Telecomm – Bob Ferrara. All the Boston houses are now on the new fiber connection. The two Brookline houses could not be reached by fiber, but bandwidth has been upgraded from 10 to 100MB service from Verizon. Similarly, pika also cannot be reached by fiber but that upgrade is still in process.


Insurance – Stan Wulf. Five houses had pipes freeze during the Polar Vortex resulting in insurance claims. LCA is currently not housing students and members are being put up in MIT housing.

VII. IRDF Report – Bob Ferrara. Things at the IRDF are going with a record amount of loans and construction grants in process. The 50th anniversary Gala is schedule for Saturday the 26th of April. Groups have been very generous for sponsorship. Tickets are $100 for alumni, and $50 for students. Registration will go live next week. There was a discussion about the IRDF sponsorship of the facilities condition survey; the Grant Committee’s response is required to the Grant request for support.

VIII. New Business.
There was a discussion about the FSILG Assistant Director candidates and progress at Fenway House.

IX. Announcements
Next Plenary meeting – THURSDAY February 13th, 3rd floor of the MIT student center (Mezzanine Lounge).
Next Board meeting – February 6th at 6:30 pm in W59.
Strategic Planning Community meeting on 1/27, Maseeh Hall
Primer on Fundraising for FSILGs on 2/26, Maseeh Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.