

**MIT AILG Plenary Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 17th at 7:30AM Student Center Mezzanine Lounge**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30am

7:30 Welcome and Introductions

Steve Baker introduced himself and initiated round of introductions and introduced the AILG board members and welcomed the new sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

7:35 FSILG Office Update: Kaya Miller, Assistant Dean of Residential Life Programs & FSILGs

Kaya introduced the panel chair Tiffany W. Guo who presented sorority rush results: 280 registered, 128 received bids with 100% match, the total down from 182 last year. They are looking at fluctuation due to change to Fall rush and class demographics. The IFC chair Alberto Mena reported the fraternity rush numbers are down some from last year – 423 bids from 466, with 341 unique bids. 324 bids were to freshman. There are 274 new members with average size of 11 in a house. 57% received bids.

Kaya presented bid and recruitment stats for the past several years – still working to complete current year. Kaya noted style of ILGs is a longer recruitment cycle.

Kaya presented a judicial report: There has been more than the usual activity over the past year, partly due to higher awareness by community, neighbor and adjacent schools. This requires groups to be more diligent in safety and events. There have been a number of sanctions, mostly alcohol related, and there are several under investigation. Kaya also discussed ATO's issues of water damage, sanitation and outside boarders which were escalated to the Cambridge ISD. The ATO students and alums along with DSL attended a CLC hearing and are awaiting their findings. DSL is creating a policy for boarding, maintenance and alcohol during the summer and have issued sanctions to ATO members and alumni.

Kaya also attended neighborhood association meetings in Boston. She noted the Boston area universities are also employing plain clothes policemen to observe and report infractions of any house, including MIT groups. DSL has also received many theft reports in last month.

Delta Psi has switched to LGC. This year DSL is being more stringent on new member education period, keeping it to a 12 week maximum.

7:50 AILG Goals Development: Steve Baker This was deferred for later in meeting.

8:00 Treasurer's Report: Jim Bueche distributed a summary financials sheet and presented financials for year with a \$104,000 budget for the FY09 year. The AILG financial recording has been moved to own QuickBooks account from the FCI account. AILG dues have been billed and collections are coming in – 13 remaining to pay. Cash position is good. Jim thanked Scott Klemm and Charley Mills for their effort in setting up the new AILG account.

8:05 Community Network Upgrade Project: Ash Dyer The project is proceeding. A contractor has been selected and upgrade contracts are being distributed to House organizations. The plan is to get all work completed by the end of June 2009. Ash requested houses getting work to keep interior pathways clear for workers.

8:10 Incorporation Update: Steve Baker The AILG is incorporated and voted at the June plenary to reapply for tax status revised as a 501C4 “social welfare” organization. Nineteen groups have signed as members. Steve urged the remaining 18 to sign up as soon as possible. After the grace period ending Dec 31, 2008, living groups will need to reapply as a member. Prior to then, membership is automatic with signing.

8:15 IRDF Annual Report: Tom Holtey – The emphasis this year is on community wide project including community network upgrade and fire radio. The committee is trying to speed up processing of grants and the timeframe of grant submission. Tom urged groups to get grant submissions in as soon as possible. Next year’s expenditures will be larger due to network upgrade (\$2.5MM additional). The fire radio project has started with American Alarm which is testing and tuning the system with an initial five radio installations.

8:20 IRDF Fundraising Discussion: Tom Davis – Theta Xi, fund chair for 25th reunion. Tom discussed IRDF fund raising. The Alumni Association has been trying to integrate reunion gifting with activity group fund raising. He urged the AILG to take advantage of reunion class donation by working with them. Contact Tom_davis@alum.mit.edu or Bob Ferrara for information or joining group in effort.

8:30 Committee Reports

Accreditation: John Covert, Accreditation Coordinator – John distributed a handout with the review schedule for 17 groups for this Fall. He asked for volunteers for review teams; Kaya reported DSL is working with two groups which did not pass accreditation and making good progress. Bob Ferrara noted the Alumni Risk Management program is open to all house alums – the next program presentation is at the beginning of November.

Facilities: Steve Summit – 32 of 36 houses have licensing up to date – the remaining 4 are waiting for Boston Licensing to complete.

The goals for next year: “customer” satisfaction, undertaking review of fee structure; energy conservation and “green” best practices; new City of Boston roof deck licensing ordinance. Steve noted flat roofs without decks need a locked hatch or to be alarmed. He urged signing and submitting the FCI contract as soon as possible.

Steve encouraged participation in committee meetings and activities.

Insurance: Jim Bueche – Jim noted the Kirklin insurance broker was acquired by the HRH Group but there will be no change in name or personnel at Kirklin. Jim will be working on next year’s contract and rates beginning April, 2009.

Education: Dave Burmaster – The AILG will offer four courses during IAP: Business 101, House Manager 101; Information Technology 101, and Alumni Relations 101. Dave will need help recruiting house members and alums. There will be training on Form 990 preparation which has changed substantially.

8:50 Announcements

Bob Ferrara – Smoot Day celebration is on October 4th. Celebrants will not be able to paint the bridge railing but will do cleanup instead, followed by The Platters performing at Kresge and a party at the MIT Museum.

Alicia Hunt – Alicia thanked the AILG for its support in helping Kappa Alpha Theta obtain a house.

FCI: Scott Klemm – The FCI is now into its 5th year and about to hold its annual meeting. Member rebates were issued this year as credits to FCI accounts. Dan Geer is now off the FCI board.

Steve Baker – The new Dean of DSL, Chris Colombo will join us at next plenary meeting on 11/12

Next Plenary Meeting Date: Wednesday 11/12

Board Meetings – 1st Thursday of month (10/2, 11/6,) at 6:30 pm in W98

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 am followed by discussion of AILG Goals for 2008-2009