

# AILG Board meeting

October 10, 2005

## 1) Opening

Attendance: Dave Burmaster, Tom Holtey, Herman Marshall, Dan Geer, Jim Bueche, Chris Rezek, Bob Ferrara, Steve Paik, and Susan Woodmansee

Minutes: not reviewed; passed around and approved earlier via e-mail.

## 2) AILG Organization

Dan Geer presented an incorporation proposal. This proposal resulted from discussions with Steve Immerman. Discussion included the relation to the IRDF. Funding would originate in an endowment handled by MIT. There was a discussion of the benefits of 501(c)3 by comparison to 501(c)7 incorporation. Reconstituting as an affinity group within the Alumni Association. There is a large set of associated documentation related to Governance (an agreement with MIT, rules of engagement and dissolution, control of funding, insurance), Staff (job descriptions, definitions of roles and responsibilities, hiring and firing), Charter (to conform to affinity group requirements that we “appeal and reach out to a broad Alumni constituency). Dan Geer made the motion that we pursue the path of becoming an affinity group of the Alumni Association. After a second by Dave Burmaster, the motion passed unanimously. Dan Geer will examine Governance, Steve Baker will start to define Staff issues, and Dave Burmaster and Bob Ferrara will look into revisions of the AILG charter.

## 3) Committee Reports

- a. Subcommittee for T101: Progress continues.
- b. SLI 101: More progress.
- c. SLI proposal/status: See item 3j (below).
- d. Public Relations: Susan Woodmansee reported no progress.
- e. Economic Development: Dan Geer reported that the AILG account is over \$50K in the black. 17 houses have signed up for BSF services but only 11 have paid. This committee will also handle building insurance, currently purchased in bulk through Kirkland.
- f. Undergraduate Recruitment and Retention: Chris Rezek and Herman Marshall noted that the group is long overdue for its second meeting. They will prompt Christine McGill to call the next meeting. The meeting subject is now referred to as the Recruitment and Retention Initiative.

- g. IRDF Grant Advisory Board: no news to report. Bob, Chris, and Tom are planning to hold more grant application seminars at about the time of the next plenary meeting in November.
- h. Accreditation: Jim Bueche presented a plan for revising accreditation, based on eliminating or modifying some items from the previous list. Some questions will be merged so that the alumni or the students may respond. This fall, four houses will be reviewed. Further reviews will take place in Spring. There will be a presentation at the next plenary meeting.
- i. Alumni Recruitment: Bob Ferrara reported that the FSILG toolkit now includes a volunteer section.
- j. Facilities: John (Jay) Flynn is not yet under contract as the BSF yet. Steve Baker reported how the process has been held up by the lack of liability insurance and a criminal background check. The background check paperwork is “in the mail”. Steve will go back to the contract lawyer to eliminate the liability insurance requirement.

#### 4) Fiber connections

Fiber connections are underway but the schedule is slipping. Deeds for easements have been obtained. Ron Hoffman (rhoffman@mit.edu) is the project manager to handle problems in connections.

#### 5) Receivership

There are ILGs that choose not to participate in AILG offerings or pay dues. There is a risk to the AILG system.

One particular living group, Kappa Sigma, is having difficulties right now and is in the process of rebuilding its alumni corporation. There was a discussion of what the AILG does in such cases. There was a motion to hold an accreditation review of KS. The motion passed with 4 affirmatives and one abstention. The general sense of the Board was that this process would be conducted mainly for the purposes of gathering information and improving the accreditation process. It will also be conducted with in coordination with current efforts to support KS.

#### 6) Other Items

Bob Ferrara looked into the insurance coverage for AILG volunteers. There appears to be insurance through Kirkland. There is sufficient confusion that discussions were cut short; use e-mail to raise insurance issues ailg-boardonly and Susan will ensure that there will be a resolution. Dan Geer will maintain insurance documentation within the AILG's FCI locker.

Bob announced that Theresa Lee was just hired to raise funds for the IRDF.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. Here are the dates for this year's remaining AILG Board meetings:

1. Nov. 14
2. Dec. 12
3. Jan. 9, 2006
4. Feb. 13
5. Mar. 13
6. Apr. 10
7. May 8
8. June 12

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Marshall