

## RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 9/30/2019

Location: Ridgeview Hall

### CALL TO ORDER 9:03 PM

**Clare:** Hey Everyone! Welcome to the meeting. I hope everyone had a great weekend. Let's get right into this meeting with a fun mystery activity!

### MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04 PM

**Clare:** Listen closely. This game is Assassin and there will be one assassin in the AC. You will introduce yourself to someone new until you get the dreadful handshake from the assassin.

Unlike everyone else, they are going to squeeze your hand. After you shake hands with three more people, you die dramatically. Only the assassin squeezes people's hands. You don't know who's doing what because it's sporadic. If you think someone is the assassin, shake with your left hand. If they are the assassin, they will announce that they have been caught. They lose and you win. If they weren't the assassin, you are going to shake their hand and die immediately. Everyone close your eyes and I'm going to tap one person on the head.

### ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:10 PM

**Matt O:** Hey guys! So when I call your hall, if you can give me the number of people representing your hall, how many RHSA shirts you have on, how many NRHH shirts you have on, how many Conference shirts you have on, and a hall report from your hall gov if you have one.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	4	4	0	0	We had a program on Sunday called Game Night. Also, we have a new meeting time of Tuesday at 8:30pm.
Awosting	7	4	0	0	We were introduced to our new E-board.
Bliss	2	2	0	0	We talked about programs.
Bouton	3	3	0	0	We discussed Spirit Week.
Capen	2	0	0	0	We discussed our Capen Hall Gov Hot Seat.
Collango	4	1	0	3	We discussed Spirit Week and thanks to those who game to our Smores program, which was successful, and we have a new AC Rep.
Esopus	4	1	0	0	We discussed Spirit Week.

Gage	1	0	0	0	We discussed Spirit Week.
Lenape	5	4	0	0	We discussed Spirit Week, future programing, and took our team photo.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	We have a new AC Rep.
Mohonk	2	1	0	0	We discussed Spirit Week, future hall gov events, and programs.
Ridgeview	26	15	0	2	We discussed future programs for October, Spirit Week, and guidelines for our hall gov.
Scudder	6	5	0	1	Our meetings are Thursday at 8:30pm, we set goals and expectations, made plans for Spirit Week, and have programs scheduled.
Shawangunk	4	4	0	0	We elected a new AC Rep.

#### SENATE 9:14 PM

**Salam:** My name is Salam El Banna and I'm the senator for RHSA. The Student Association Executive Board met with the President's Cabinet, as I discussed last meeting, with the RHSA E-board. If anyone has any concerns, you should call (845) 257-3301, that's the number for if there are any problems on campus, they can put in a work order for you to fix the problem. The Student Association production Spring Fest survey link can be found under Engage under forms. The Programming Board met on Monday from 5 to 7 in SUB 419. If any clubs are requesting from \$500 to \$1000, they can come present to the board. The Student Association Senate body held their second meeting on Wednesday, September 25th and the senate passed a resolution to support the open education resources, presented by Tiana and the vice president of academic affairs, Haley. Senate also held elections for senate to represent SUNY New Paltz at the fall 2019 SUNY SA Conference on November 15th. Also, the radio show for SA is on Fridays from 7:50 to 8 and our president met with the athletic director of the gym and spoke about diversifying the student athlete population on campus. If you have any concerns for on-campus problems, I know some of the vending machines are not working or there's a problem in the classrooms, the office hours for the student senate are in the SUB, the first floor, in front of the commuter lounge. You can come over and put in a concern or you come talk to me and I will give them your concern.

#### NRHH 9:16 PM

**Emily:** Over the weekend, NRHH volunteered at Hasbrouck Park playground and we're having our first program of the semester this week. We are having a recognition program taking place in the SUB on Thursday, October 3rd and Friday, October 4th from 12pm to 3pm. Stop by to write a little note to recognize someone and present them with a little piece of candy.

#### OLD BUSINESS 9:17 PM

Motion to Open: Collango

Second: Shawangunk

CCC

**Johnathan:** Hey everybody, little old me still collecting those sexy contact sheets. You guys have been amazing and I'm only missing one more contact sheet. Bouton, I beg you, please get that to me.

Historian

**Noah:** Hey friends! Like always, I'm going to tell you guys the winners of the social media challenges for the past week. For the Remind challenge, third place was Collango, second place was Awosting, and first place was Shawangunk. For the Instagram, third place was Minnewaska, second place was Shawangunk, and first place was Collango! For the minutes on the Facebook page, third place was Lenape, second place was Shawangunk, and first place was Collango! And guys, don't forget that tonight by midnight, your memes and creative photos are due to the RHSA Instagram<sup>1</sup> by midnight! Send them to the RHSA email, and we will reveal the winning photos next meeting! We are looking forward to seeing all of your memes and photos.

**Collango:** Point of clarification, is it the Instagram or the email?

**Clare:** The email: [rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu).

**Ashokan:** Point of information, what is the Remind Me challenge?

**Noah:** If you want to come up and ask me at the end of the meeting, I can give you the information for that.

**Matt O:** Point of information, if I want to get on this Remind list, Historian Noah, what is the code and number I could text that to real quick?

**Noah:** It's @rhsa20 to 81010. One more quick thing: the pictures for the meme challenge, they need to come from the Facebook page, pictures from our events, and they need to be homemade memes. They can't just be things you find on the internet.

Motion to Close: Ashokan

Second: Awosting

NEW BUSINESS 9:20 PM

Motion to Open: Bliss

Second: Lenape

Bug Buzz Karaoke

**Kevin:** Bug Buzz Karaoke will be this Friday, October 4th from 7:30pm to 9pm in SUB 100N. It's going to be a lot of fun. Come down with your halls and do karaoke as a group. There are cool shirts, too! One has a butterfly and one has flies.

Spirit Week

**Sarah:** So, Spirit Week has officially begun! So, now your hall should have your hall's sign and your Spirit Week packet. The photo scavenger hunt<sup>2</sup> will go on throughout the week, you will need to have those signs in the photo, and before Sunday by noon, you will post the photos into

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<sup>1</sup> Send the memes and creatives photos to the RHSA email.

<sup>2</sup> **Important Scavenger Hunt Information:** Number 22 is cut off on the scavenger hunt list, but the question is: Take a picture with someone on the NRHH E-board showing diamond love.

the Facebook groups we will be making for you today. Reminder that you need your hall's sign in the photo and at least 3 people in your photos. If you have more than five in a picture you will get extra points. Can one rep from each hall raise your hand? We are now going to hand out the physical banners. You either need to do a physical or digital banner for Spirit Week, but whichever form you do not do, you'll have to do the other form for the NPLC, so don't lose the banners if you're not using them. If you make a physical banner for Spirit Week, you are making a digital banner for NPLC. Make sure you hold onto the banners because we are not buying you new ones! The requirements for both are in the Spirit Week packet. On Friday October 4th, is Bug Buzz Karaoke, and Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30am is our Banging Banner Bagel Breakfast where you will turn in your banners, your lip sync tracks in Google Audio File form, and you will receive bagels to enjoy with your hall govs! On Saturday, we will also have a cheer-off at 12:30 on Parker Quad, and field events right after with a rain location of Elting Gym. Finally, to wrap up the week, we will be judging your scavenger hunt results, and have a lip sync competition on Sunday at 7pm in the SUB MPR, and an awards ceremony to close! Just a reminder, I put it in the packets, but make sure that you are bringing your digital banners in color to the Banging Banner Bagel Breakfast and email it to us. That information is in the packet, but you make sure you bring us a hard copy and email it to us because we want to pull it up on the board and show it to you guys, but we also need to keep you accountable so we have it.

**Ashokan:** So, we're doing either or?

**Sarah:** Yes, you don't need to do both now, but for NPLC, you will also be making a banner.

**Ashokan:** What's NPLC?

**Sarah:** It's the New Paltz Leadership Conference. Serena can talk about it a little more, but that's going to be later on.

**Serena:** It's a mini conference that we have at New Paltz that emulates the ones we go to. During the year, there's one each semester, and a national one at the end of the year. It's the mini conference we have at New Paltz. You have the option to do the physical banner now or you can wait until NPLC comes up.

**Bliss:** Point of information, for the people in the photographs, do the three people have to be in your hall gov or just three people in the photo.

**Sarah:** They should be from your building.

**Clare:** They don't have to be in your hall government, but at least three people from your hall. Also, we are not counting each extra person for points, but if you have more than five, you get a little bit extra.

**Lenape:** Does the banner for NPLC have to be based on the Spirit Week theme?

**Serena:** It would be based on the theme for NPLC. You don't know what that is yet.

**Clare:** Whichever banner you chose for Spirit Week, you do it to the Spirit Week theme, which is Broadway.

**Sarah:** Also, there are a whole lot of tiny moose cut-outs across campus. Each hall will have the opportunity to find eight little cut-out meese, you will get points for bringing in up to eight. Each moose is assigned a different point value and there will also be one bigger golden moose available to find as well at some point in the week.

**Clare:** We will let you know when the moose is loose. You can catch the little mooses. You can only bring in eight. Don't bring in more than eight because each of us hid fourteen meese. There's eight for each of you. They're worth varying points that you don't know until later when we add those points up.

**Johnathan:** First three people who bring in all eight of their meese get bonus points.

**Lenape:** Point of clarification, are halls allowed to collect more than eight so other halls can't?

**Clare:** Absolutely not.

**Collango:** Is the golden moose included in the eight?

**Clare:** No.

**Collango:** Where will we be informed of this?

**Clare:** We will send out a Remind, post on Instagram, and stuff like that when the moose is loose. It will be an intense and dramatic opening of the gates.

**Sarah:** But, the meese are leased.

**Esopus:** Just to clarify, do have to take photo with them on the location?

**Sarah:** You bring them to our office hours this week. They are on the Instagram, they are on the website, they are on the door of our office, but your absolute last chance to bring in meese are at 4:30pm on Friday because that's when my office hours end. If you come at 4:31pm, your moose will not be accepted.

**Mohonk:** Are the meese outside or inside halls?

**Clare:** They aren't where everybody can't access. Some may be in buildings, but no buildings that only a few people have access to. The moose hunt is one thing and the photo scavenger hunt is where you take the pictures. You don't have to take pictures of the meese. You just have to bring them to our office hours. Everything we've been saying is in the packet as well. All of your questions can be answered in the packet.

#### Advertising Committee

**Kevin:** If you were interested in Advertising Committee or found people who were interested, if you could come up to me at the end of the meeting with your emails. If you are interested and want to find out what Advertising Committee is, you can come up and talk to me or Noah.

#### Recruitment

**Clare:** So! We have been hall gov-ing it up for a few weeks now, and I'm sure you guys are discovering your love for hall gov! Wouldn't it be great to introduce that same love of hall gov-ing it up to other people in you hall? Even though normal election time is over, never stop recruiting new friends to join your hall's hall gov because the more people you have, the more fun you will have! Working on a team like hall gov can be really great with more members. So, keep an eye out for potential future hall gov members!

#### RLC and NPLC

**Serena:** Hello! So, if you take a look in your folders, there is a poster with dates for everything conference related coming up. Applications are up now on the Instagram and website as well as a mini url on the poster! You can type it into your phones. Share the application back to the email on the poster, and by tomorrow night there will be a sheet for you to put down times if you're available to interview. It will also go on the website! If you have any questions, come to me at the end!

Noah: For the application, there is a link to it in our Instagram bio.

Motion to Close: Shawangunk

Second: Ridgeview

### UPCOMING EVENTS 9:32 PM

- Spirit Week (Monday, September 30th to Sunday, October 6th)
- Buzz Bug Karaoke (Friday, October 4th from 7:30pm to 9pm in SUB 100N)
- Banging Banner Bagel Breakfast (Saturday, October 5th, 10:30am to 11:30am in the RHSA office)
- Cheer-Off (Saturday, October 5th, 12:30pm to 1pm on Parker Quad, which is immediately followed by Field Events from 1pm to 3pm with a rain location in Elting Gym)
- Lip Sync Finals and Awards Ceremony (Sunday, October 6th, 7pm to 10pm in the SUB MPR)

### HALL CONCERNS 9:33 PM

**Clare:** If there's something wrong in your hall that you have already talked to your RAs and RDs about and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us.

**Clare:** Seeing none.

### STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 9:33 PM

**Clare:** I have questions about some concerns, so I can get a little more detail on them. Can someone send a picture of the following things so I can tell Facilities exactly where the issue is with great detail? That was the squeaky door in the lecture center by the men's room. I looked around and I'm not sure which one it is. Send a picture to me on the email, [rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu). Also, someone mentioned a broken window in the lecture center hallway.

**Lenape:** It has been fixed.

### STUDENT CONCERNS 9:34 PM

**Clare:** If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, administrative concerns, faculty concerns), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location, etc), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at [rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu). Before we go into student concerns, I want to mention that next week, we will do a specified student concerns, but if you have one about accessibility, I'll hear it now, but next week, I want to hear all about your accessibility concerns. So, go to your hall govs and walk around campus and look for things that I can bring to the administration that can be fixed (i.e. uneven steps, broken handicap buttons). Let me know next week and we will talk for awhile about those concerns at the next meeting, but until then, can I hear any other student concerns?

**Ridgeview:** I know someone mentioned this at another meeting, but in CSB, on the first floor, there's only a men's restroom.

**Serena:** It's the second floor that only has a men's restroom.

**Clare:** So how some of the old buildings were made is that there was a gendered bathroom on each floor, so it isn't something in the near future that can be fixed, but it is something that they now have in their head for future renovations, but it doesn't seem to be happening any time soon.

**Mohonk:** A possible solution is to make it a gender neutral bathroom.\*How many Buzz events does RHSA have each semester?\*

**Clare:** I'll bring that up.

**Lenape:** More of an inquiry, rather than a direct concern, recycling, trash, and composting bins, it seems that they all go in the same dumpster. Is that a thing?

**Clare:** I don't know, but at least behind Shawangunk, we have a big bin that's directly for trash and one that's directly for recycling, not that I have seen a composting bin behind a residence hall.

**Katie:** I don't have information on that. I know that garbage and recycling are put into their respective dumpsters, they are separated. That was a big thing that I was working on over the summer, but I don't know much about composting.

**Lenape:** Specifically, the SUB does it.

**Katie:** I would say that's something for us to look into and make sure that it's being appropriately sorted. Students may not be properly sorting when they're throwing things away, so they're not going to dig through composting bins to pull out garbage.

**Clare:** I will bring that up so we can get more information on that.

**Awosting:** I have an improvement. I noticed that there are four SUNY schools that use the Blackboard eAccount app, which allows students to get electronic versions of their student IDs that they can implement into Apple Wallet. How it works is that you could be walking, and click your power button twice and you could unlock your door. People will be more likely to have their phone and that would reduce lockouts.

**Clare:** I'll bring it up, but I don't think it would be something that happens in the next year or two even. I'll mention it when I meet with administration.

OPEN FLOOR 9:39 PM

**Clare:** If you have a program, meeting or any other announcement that you would like to share with the associate council, now is your time to share by raising your placard.

**Clare:** It's The "One Book, One New Paltz" panel that I was talking about last week. Amanda, do you want to talk about this?

**Amanda:** It's "The One Book, One New Paltz." It's the one book that our whole campus is focusing on. It's the story about a gentleman who grew up in a white nationalist, white supremacy family, and he went to go away to college at Florida State University. He met people with different views than him and people were calling him out on his beliefs who welcomed him to conversation and he ended up being on the polar opposite end of what his initial viewpoint was and he wrote a book. It's an interview of him and his experience with that, and how living on a college campus opened his eyes up to other experiences and how other people live their lives. It's a really short read. The student panel is November 6th or 7th. The deadline to email me was this morning, but we do have a couple of spaces available on the panel. We are working on getting books out to students who are going to be on the panel. If you want to be on the panel, you can absolutely still advertise and be part of the discussion. You can sit on the panel and not necessarily critique the book, but how it relates to the experiences that you had, what it was like meeting people of different beliefs and upbringing and how to navigate that. It's really about talking about your experiences.

**Clare:** Yes, so Wednesday, November 6th at 7pm. *This is a message that Clare wanted to share about the book panel:* If you are interested in being on the panel for the 'One Book One New Paltz' shared reading experience -the reading of Rising Out of Hatred by Eli Saslow- please e-mail RD Amanda Norton at [norton1@newpaltz.edu](mailto:norton1@newpaltz.edu) by 9am on Monday September 30th. RD

Amanda will be in touch with you to get you access to the book to read before November 6th, as well as provide more information on the panel. Please share this information with your Hall Governments and residents as well! More information on the book and author can be found at <https://www.newpaltz.edu/benjamincenter/events/one-book-one-new-paltz>

**Amanda:** Again, the deadline was this morning, but if you reach out to people who are interested tonight, send me an email this week so I can collect some information because we would like some more panelists. My email is [nortona1@newpaltz.edu](mailto:nortona1@newpaltz.edu).

**Sarah:** The Music Department presents “With Gongs, Drums and Pianos: Traditional Southeast Asian Music,” at 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 5th in Studley Theatre. Tickets for the performance are available in the Studley Theatre lobby before it starts and they’re only \$3 for students. If you want any more information you can come see me after the meeting!

**Esopus:** There are still some seats open on some committees that are part of the student organization, that’s four people that are outside SA. If you are interested in joining these committees to represent your college, there is the student concerns committee, the University Police Department, Social Justice Coalition, the Student Association production, consultation and rules committee, research or transportation committee, and sustainability committee. If you are interested in any of those, you can come and talk to me. Some of them have to be approved by the senate and the E-board, but that’s not that big of a deal. You can come up and talk to me and I can get your email and information.

**Serena:** So, SA, student activities, has a council board where they want representatives from each department of clubs on campus, specifically fine and performing arts, academic, or media, and if you want to join this board, you should come up to me at the end of the meeting. You just need a block of 7 to 8 open on Mondays to represent, I guess. You just need to be in the club. You don’t have to be the president or council rep or anything like that.

**Sarah:** Can I have one person from each hall come up to us at the end of the meeting so we can make the Facebook Scavenger Hunt group. Gage and Ashokan, go to Matthew Kreuz, Bliss and College-Shango, go to Kevin, Awosting, go to Clare, Ridgeview, go to Sarah, Bouton and Minnewaska, go to Matt Orlander, Shawangunk and Capen, go to Serena, Esopus and Mohonk, go to Johnathan, Lenape and Scudder, go to Noah.

**Capen:** Hey everyone! My name is Pharez and this year, I am in charge of CREW. For those of you who don’t know what CREW is, CREW stands for Campus Recruitment Event Workers. They are the people who you see at Open House or Accepted Students Day with the blue and orange shirts giving tours, helping with parking, and introducing prospective students to campus. It’s a volunteer thing. If you are interested, come talk to me after the meeting. We have our general interesting meetings this week. Wednesday at 6:30 in Coykendall Science Building, Thursday at 6, and Friday at 6:30. They are all in the Coykendall Science Building. It’s a great step to other leadership opportunities as well, you can also put it on your co-curricular transcript, and you can get volunteer hours, and it’s a lot of fun.

**Johnathan:** We are also offering GFPs if you volunteer.

**Lenape:** I’m in Take Back the Night and they’re doing two events. The first one is on October 17th, it’s from 1 to 5pm in the library lobby, and it’s called Take a Shirt and Take Back the Night. You come up to the table and share a personal story of you overcoming a trauma with sexual assault or domestic abuse, or you could just give some guidance towards those survivors and get a free shirt. The second one is October 20th, it’s a Sunday, and it’s called For Those



Whose Lives Were Lost: A Domestic Violence Vigil from 7:30 to 8:30 in SUB 62/63, and it's a moment of silence for those who lost their lives to domestic violence.

**Ashokan:** *In the Time of the Butterflies* is opening up this week and next week, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You can get your tickets from the box office in Starbucks.

**Matt K:** I would like to bring up a point of information, someone asked me what GFPs are.

**Johnathan:** GFPs are good fellowship points and we take those into account for who is going to win hall of the semester at the end of the year at our banquet. You can get a bunch of GFPs by doing a bunch of things, like volunteering at CREW or by just coming to this meeting.

**Matt O:** If anyone still wants to join the RHSA email list, come see me at the end of the meeting for all important information regarding RHSA!

**Serena:** Basically, all of the dates you're writing down, he's going to email them to you, so you don't have to write them down.

**Clare:** You should still write them down.

Raffle

**Clare:** Surprise! To thank you all for being so active and coming to the meetings we have every week, we have a raffle for you today! We are raffling off two tickets to Six Flags Great Adventure, and a conference t-shirt! It's all in one prize, all in one ticket. Sarah is going to pull the ticket. Come up to us at the end of the meeting to get your prize!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:52 PM

**Clare:** Who's got Molly?

**Ashokan:** We gave her a crutch and we are passing her to Gage.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:52 PM

**Matt O:** "A life is not important except in the impact it has on others." -Jackie Robinson

ADJOURNMENT 9:52 PM

**Clare:** Before I adjourn the meeting, make sure you send in your contact sheet if you have not already, one person from each hall should come up to the person you were told to come up to so we can make the Facebook groups for the photo challenge<sup>3</sup>, and go to Kevin for Advertising Committee.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Ridgeview  
Second: Collango

Next meeting will be in Shango Hall!

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<sup>3</sup> The Facebook groups are actually for the photo scavenger hunt for Spirit Week.

