

# RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 9/9/2019

Location: Lecture Center, Room 102

## CALL TO ORDER 9:04 PM

Clare: Hello everybody! Welcome back! Welcome to our first AC meeting of the year! I hope you all had a good summer. We are going to hop right into the meeting and start with our first mystery activity of the year! For this mystery activity, we are going to be watching the NACURH video.

## MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04 PM

Clare: Who here is not new and knows what NACURH is? It's a video of a big conference that we go to.

Serena: It's the National Affiliate<sup>1</sup> of College and University Residence Halls, that's what it stands for. It's where colleges and universities that are affiliated with NACURH come together from a bunch of different regions (you have schools from the other side of the U.S., you have schools from Canada), and these schools that come to the conference talk about concerns of halls and programs and basically, they're the same thing that RHSA is about, advocacy and programming, and res life. It's super fun!

Clare: This is the video from NACURH. It's posted on the official YouTube and stuff like that, and for the third or fourth year in a row, you might see some familiar faces. If you ever have any questions about how you can go to something that awesome, come up and ask Serena, she knows so much about it, or ask any of us! We all have a little bit of experience with conferences, whether it's NPLC or regional conferences or anything like that.

## ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:08 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	1	1	0	0	Nothing to report.
Awosting	6	4	0	0	We discussed programming.
Bliss	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Bouton	6	5	0	0	Nothing to report.
Capen	4	2	0	0	Nothing to report.

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<sup>1</sup> The "A" in the acronym actually stands for Association. It's a really confusing acronym though.

Collango	5	0	0	5	Nothing to report.
Esopus	4	1	0	0	Nothing to report.
Gage	1	0	0	0	Our hall gov elections are Wednesday.
Lenape	3	1	0	0	Nothing to report.
Minnewaska	3	2	0	0	We just elected our E-board and set up our meeting time.
Mohonk	1	0	0	0	Our elections are tomorrow at 9:30pm.
Ridgeview	7	5	0	0	So far, we have 20 people part of our hall gov, and our first hall gov meeting is tomorrow at 8:30pm.
Scudder	8	7	0	1	We elected our E-board and our first meeting is this week.
Shawangunk	4	4	0	0	We elected our E-board and have our first meeting tomorrow.

SENATE 9:13 PM

Clare: Do we have a Senate report? Seeing none. Tune in next week.

NRHH 9:13 PM

Emily: Hi, everyone. I'm the NCC of NRHH, which is a lot, it's basically the National Communications Coordinator of the National Residence Hall Honorary. What is NRHH? You might ask. We are the top one percent of leaders on campus. Our core values are service and recognition. We just recently had our first meeting, and we're planning really fun service projects. Stay tuned on that. If you want to learn more about us, just follow our Instagram, @sunynprnhh, or our website at newpaltz.edu/nrhh.

OLD BUSINESS 9:13 PM

Motion to Open: Collango

Second: Ridgeview

Meet the E-board

Clare: So, we are going to meet the E-board and go through that really quickly.

Serena: My name is Serena Cruz, I go by she, her, hers pronouns, and I'm an intended math major. I'm the National Communications Coordinator for RHSA. I enforce Robert's Rules, I keep the meetings orderly, and ask you guys to be quiet. I affiliate our school with NACURH and NEACURH, and go to all of the conferences. I select delegates for the conferences, so basically, for those conferences, I select people to go to them. That one was the national one and there are two regional, one in the fall and one in the spring. Those come up soon, so keep an eye out for applications. I have my office hours 11am to 2pm every Wednesday if you're trying to visit me.

Noah: Hello everyone. My name is Noah Diamond. My pronouns are he, him, his. I'm the Historian for RHSA. I'm a senior and a psych major. My job, as Historian, is to run the website, taking pictures at all of the events, so you all probably see me running around like crazy snapping photos, and I also run the social media. All of the stuff you have been seeing on our awesome Instagram has been from me. My office hours are Mondays from 12pm to 2pm.

Kevin: I am Kevin. I use he, him, his pronouns. I am the Public Relations. I am a sophomore, visual arts major, and I'm pretty much in charge of all of the advertising, and the posters that you see around campus. I made these for all of you, I'm in charge of the folders. My office hours are Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm.

Sarah: Hi, I'm Sarah. I use she, her, hers pronouns. I'm a third-year music therapy major with a psych minor. I'm the Vice President, so essentially, I do all things programming. If you want to come see me, stop by my office hours, on Friday, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Clare<sup>2</sup>: Hello everybody. I am Clare, I am a third-year communications major, I am your President (that's why I've been talking to you for the past fifteen minutes). I'm here to run the meetings, help navigate our E-board in the directions that we need to go, do a lot of the other business and stuff like that, so you can come talk to me whenever you want, but preferably 2pm to 4pm on Mondays.

Matt O: Hi, I'm Matt Orlander (that last name is going to be really important), my pronouns are he, him, his, I am a third-year, my major is adolescence education with a concentration in English. I am the Secretary, so I'm busy during these meetings. I type just about everything that's said (so, take it easy). I'm absolutely making sure that all of the information is being taken down and making sure that everyone is up to date with all of the important stuff. My office hours are Tuesdays 12pm to 2pm. Pull through.

Matt K<sup>3</sup>: Hello everyone, I'm Matthew Kreuz (that's also very important), I am a third-year student triple majoring in economics, political science, and German language and culture. I'm the Treasurer of RHSA, so I handle the budget for all of the fun programs that we have going on, as well as meet with Clare, going to CAS Board as well as Pres Cab, so that way, we are able to handle everything with that. My office hours are Thursdays from 5pm to 7pm, so come on down.

Johnathan: Hi, everyone. My name is Johnathan, I go by he, him, his. I'm a second-year majoring in business management, and I'm the CCC. I stay in contact with all the lovely liaisons and handle the GFPs so we can figure out who wins hall of the semester. My office hours are Friday 11am to 1pm. Come by, I usually bring my Switch.

Clare: That's us. You'll get to know us throughout the year and we hope to get to know you a little more. Come to any of our office hours. If you go to [newpaltz.edu/rhsa](http://newpaltz.edu/rhsa), you can check out all of our office hours, and Noah also made something on Instagram.

Noah: A Highlight where you can see all of our office hours and events.

## Welcome Week

Matt K: Hello again, everyone! Thank you for all of you that came down. We had a lot of fun at the Ice Cream Social, that was a lot of fun. We also did a Glow Party as well as Welcome Back BBQ. Glad to see you all there! We hope you come to our other events.

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<sup>2</sup> Clare forgot to mention this, but she goes by she, her, hers pronouns.

<sup>3</sup> Matt K forgot to mention this, but he goes by he, him, his pronouns.

Secretary

Matt O: Hello again! For all of you AC Representatives out there, I'm going to be putting together an email list of all of your email addresses so I can share the agendas and AC minutes (the notes from these meetings) with you every week. So, if you guys can come down at the end of the meeting and just give me your emails, I would greatly appreciate it. If you're not an AC Rep, but a part of Hall Gov, it's up to you if you would like to be on the email list for RHSA information. Don't forget about me!

CCC

Johnathan: Just a few logistics before we get to the fun stuff: if you have already had your elections and your hall gov's are formed, make sure to get those contact sheets to me. The liaisons should have received a template in an email from me last week, so you can just copy and paste with all of your info. Lastly, I updated the GFP packet with a lot of fun new things, so check it out on the RHSA website.

Ridgeview: Do we give that to you or do the RA liaisons give that to you? The contact sheet.

Johnathan: The liaisons should email that.

Historian

Noah: Weekly - We do these things called social media challenges. On every Tuesday, you are going to get a text from me on the Remind. Text @rhsa20 to 81010. Once you do that, starting tomorrow, you are going to be getting social media challenges. So, I'm going to be sending out trivia questions and the first three halls to respond (first, second, and third) will get extra GFPs. I need you to respond with your hall name and the answer. I'm going to be doing the same thing (kind of) on the Instagram. I'm going to post a post and it's going to be the same, the first, second, and third people who reply are going to get GFPs. Also, in the minutes that Matt is going to be uploading, he is going to be including a riddle or trivia question, and it's going to be the same thing, the first, second, and third halls that comment on the minutes with the right answer will be getting GFPs, and I'm going to stress that you need to put your hall or I can't do anything with that.

Monthly - We are also going to have two monthly challenges. The first one is one that we've been doing for a while, it's the Creative Photo Challenge. By the last AC meeting of every month, I'm going to need you guys to send me a fun, funny, cute creative photo with your hall gov and the E-board is going to choose which one, we are going to vote on a winner.

The other one, which I'm very excited about, it's the Meme of the Month challenge. By the last AC meeting of every month, you guys are going to look at the pictures posted on the RHSA Facebook page, you are going to take them, and you are going to make them into memes, whether it's related to New Paltz or pop culture, anything you want as long as it is appropriate, which is very, very important. The E-board will vote on a winner. They need to be from the RHSA Facebook page and you are going to send your quote to the RHSA email.

Clare: I realize that Noah was talking about GFPs, as was Johnathan. Raise your hand if you don't know what GFPs are. It's okay. GFPs are good fellowship points. They are the points we use to keep track of who wins Hall of the Semester at the end of the semester. Johnathan, you want to talk about that?

Johnathan: Yes, so GFPs, as Clare mentioned are good fellowship points, and you can earn those through a variety of ways. Many of them are outlined in the GFP packet, like I mentioned before. Just by attending this meeting and wearing shirts, you guys are already earning a bunch of GFPs and at the end of the semester, at the Banquet, we will announce who won by determining who received the most GFPs, the Hall of the Semester.

Clare: To earn those GFPs, you're going to want to come and tell your friends to come to our AC meetings, stuff like that, and our events, which are really fun and you can have a good time, and you might win Hall of the Semester.

#### Public Relations Officer

Kevin: Some of you may have gotten folders with posters in them. We give those to you at every meeting, so send one hall representative to get your posters. At the end of the meeting, if you could all return your placards into the folder, and I'll keep them for you so you don't lose them. As for any other information, like posters or little information things, that you are going to want to take out of the folder to bring back to your hall. I'll be checking at the end of every meeting to make sure that you took them out. If you have a club or organization that wants to advertise your events through us, and you want to have your posters in the folder, bring them to me a week before the AC meeting you want them handed out as long as they are SA approved by the SAUS office. I'll put them in the folder for you.

Clare: If you have any questions, about getting them SA approved, come to me or Kevin, because you may notice that they<sup>4</sup> aren't SA approved, but they don't need to be SA approved. You have to go to the SAUS office for that.

Motion to Close: Capen

Second: Awosting

#### NEW BUSINESS 9:27 PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview

Second: Scudder

#### Baby Buzz Tie-Dye

Serena: Friday, September 20th from 7:30pm to 9pm, we are having our Buzz tie-dye event, which we do every year. It's a lot of fun and everyone gets free white shirts. Once you get those, you get GFPs for Hall of the Semester. We have a beautiful poster. The theme of the Buzz is Baby Buzz, so it's baby themed. You can also bring your own shirts to tie dye. You should all come!

#### AC Retreat - Six Flags

Sarah: Coming up, we have an Associate Council Retreat. It's super duper exciting. On Sunday, September 22nd, we are going to be sending two AC reps from each hall gov to Six Flags to celebrate the start of the semester. We are going to be meeting at 9:30am at the Lot 28 bus stop, which is right across the street from the Student Union Building. We will be returning at 10pm

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<sup>4</sup> RHSA posters are simply "RHSA approved." They don't need to be SA approved to be hung up in a residence hall.

that night. The best part is that it's free. It's going to be a lot of fun. By next meeting, if each hall can give me the name and contact information for two AC reps that will be attending and the name and contact information for one alternate in case they can't come. Please, please, please remember to do this. We will also be sending out a Remind so you do not forget because we want to bring all of you on this super fun trip.

### Spirit Week

Sarah: I've got some exciting news for you all! Spirit Week will be running from September 30th to October 6th, and the Spirit Week theme for this year will be Broadway! I've got so much information on it for next week that you won't even know what to do with it. You're going to be getting a lot more information on it next week, but just to run through some of the things that you will be doing: we will start with the Kick-off Dinner in Peregrine Dining Hall. Throughout the week, you are going to be doing a photo scavenger hunt and making banners with your halls, and then, on Saturday, you are going to turn in the lovely banners that you made, trade them in for some bagels, and later in the day, we are going to have a cheer-off and field events. The next day, we are going to have a big lip sync battle that you prepare with your halls to wrap up the week. I know that was a lot of information for you all to take in, but I will be handing out packets, all of this information, printed out next week, so you don't have to remember it all. I just wanted to give you a heads-up of what's going on so you can start thinking about it. \*Where is the RHSA office located? Name the hall and room number.\*

Clare: So, Broadway themed lip sync. Let's not hear the same generic two Broadway songs over and over. Be creative!

Motion to Close: Ridgeview

Second: Bliss

### UPCOMING EVENTS 9:31 PM

- Baby Buzz Tie-Dye (Friday, September 20th, 7:30pm to 9:00pm on Peregrine Quad)
- AC Retreat (Six Flags Great Adventure - Sunday, September 22nd, meet at 9:30am at Lot 28, and we will return around 10pm)
- Spirit Week (Monday, September 30th to Sunday, October 6th)

### HALL CONCERNS 9:31 PM

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

Clare: Seeing none.

### STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 9:32 PM

Clare: This is the first meeting of the semester, so there are none.

### STUDENT CONCERNS 9:32 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@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu).

Serena: I don't know about the third floor, but the second floor in CSB only has a men's bathroom. I noticed this because I was in a class and had to use the bathroom and I had to search for one and couldn't find it.

Matt K: One of the accessible doors in the SUB is not working. It is not having power go through it when you push the button.

Clare: Which one?

Matt K: I am not sure at this time.

Collango: In reference to a previous point, the accessible door to Old Library is also not working.

#### OPEN FLOOR 9:34 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.

Collango: Hello everyone. If anyone is interested, photo club has meetings starting Mondays 6pm to 7pm in Old Library, room 107C, and we're going to be doing a lot of fun things throughout the year, like dark room demos, lighting things, light trails, all fun things that you can learn about photography. We are going to be doing some photo trips. Come through if you want to join the club.

Serena: You're talking to one of the two founders of the bowling team. So, if you're interested in joining, come down at the end of the meeting, so I can get your name and email, so I can add to you the page. We are going to have a GI soon.

Scudder: Hi guys. Last year, I talked about the Out of the Darkness Walk. It successfully raised over \$10,000. I'm starting to look early now for volunteers, more than me. I will keep everyone updated.

Collango: Point of personal reference, what is the Out of the Darkness Walk for people who may not know?

Scudder: It's a suicide prevention walk that happens every year annually on campus. This will be our ninth time.

Matt K: In your folders, you will find information for Stepping Into Diversity. It is a very nice program where we will be having GIs this week. If you are interested, please hang it up in your halls. That way, other people would be interested and they can learn about diversity and other cultures. Thank you!

Clare: That's a good thing that Matt just said. All the folders have posters and you're going to see them in your folders very frequently. Please make sure that someone hangs those up as soon as possible. You might have in your constitution that it is the PR's job to hang them or the AC rep's job to hang them. Whosoever job it is, make sure someone hangs them up, including the ones that are not RHSA and that we're advertising for.

Sarah: Please make sure that you let me know next week: who's coming to the Associate Council Retreat and get me their contact information.

Gage: Can we have your email?

Sarah: You can send it to the RHSA email, but you can also just bring the information to the meeting.

Noah: If you haven't already, follow @nprhsa on Instagram because that's super important for social media challenges, event updates, and it's cool, and I look doing it. There's cool stories for events and stuff, so yes, follow.

Matt O: AC Reps, don't forget about me. That is all.

Kevin: Don't forget to bring the folders back.

## PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:39 PM

### Raffle

Clare: You all should have a nice little raffle ticket with you! Take it out and that ticket will choose who gets Molly the Moose for the week! This is Molly the Moose! Every week, at our AC meetings, one hall has taken her home for the week, cared for her real good, and gave her some decorations. Right now, we have one thing on, and that is a NACURH necklace. That's where we went this summer. We took her to Louisiana. Add some cute decorations and every week, we will ask about them: "What did you put on her? Who are you giving her to? What did you do with her this week?"

Clare: Can I have a drumroll, please? 138026 is the winning number. Molly is going to be going to Ridgeview Hall this week! We want to let you know that cute raffles like this are going to be going on throughout the semester. Get more of your hall gov members to come and see other things that you might be able to win during the semester.

Serena: Just in case you didn't know, whenever someone hears, "Hey everyone or everybody!," you say "Hey what!" to quiet everyone down.

*The AC practiced this with President Clare.*

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:41 PM

Clare: "Venture outside your comfort zone, the rewards are worth it." -Rapunzel from *Tangled*

## ADJOURNMENT 9:41 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: RHSA E-board

Second: Esopus

Next meeting will be in Esopus Hall!



