

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 12/9/2019

Location: SUB MPR

CALL TO ORDER 8:23 PM

Clare: Hello everyone! Welcome to our Banquet! We are going to call your hall up to get food!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 8:24 PM

All of the halls got food for our mystery activity!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:05PM

Matt O: This is the last roll call of the semester and the decade! Thank you all for an amazing semester! 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	7	0	0	0	We had our last event of the semester and bonding.
Awosting	7	0	0	0	We had our Hot Seat and discussed our last program of the semester.
Bliss	5	0	0	0	Discussed Banquet and programs.
Bouton	9	0	0	0	We elected our president for next semester.
Capen	12	0	0	0	We are going to have our Midnight Breakfast program on Wednesday night.
College-Shango	8	0	0	0	We had our final program of the semester and discussed next semester.
Esopus	7	0	0	0	We have an event on Thursday that will have games and wings.
Gage	5	0	0	0	We have an event tonight and Wednesday at 8pm.
Lenape	8	0	0	0	We had hall bonding.
Minnewaska	11	0	0	0	We are having bagels at 11 on Wednesday.
Mohonk	4	0	0	0	We are having a program on Friday at 8pm.

Ridgeview	15	0	0	0	We discussed our last programs and Banquet.
Scudder	7	0	0	1	We had bonding.
Shawangunk	13	0	0	0	We discussed how much we love Callie!

SENATE 9:12 PM

Clare: Seeing none.

NRHH 9:12 PM

Emily: We had our induction! Congratulations to those who were inducted! We will have our first chapter meeting of the semester on January 26th. We are planning big things for next semester so stay tuned for that!

OLD BUSINESS 9:12 PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview

Second: Awosting

Historian

Noah: It's time for the last social media challenge winners of the semester! Can I get a conference clap? For the Remind, 3rd place was Bliss, 2nd place was Lenape, and 1st place was College-Shango! For the Instagram, 3rd place was Bouton, 2nd place was Scudder, and 1st place was Shawangunk!

Secretary

Matt O: Here are the results for the Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes! 3rd place was Bouton, 2nd place was Lenape, and 1st place was Bliss! The answer to the riddle is that the founder of the RHSA Email Blast is yours truly! I really hope you enjoyed getting those emails and I look forward to next semester!

Dino Buzz Self-Care

Serena: Thanks for coming! We loved playing with sand, dinos, and had some food! We hope you were able to de-stress for finals! You guys are going to do great!

Palisades

Sarah: Hey guys! Last Saturday, we went on a bus, we went to the mall, we got a lot of stuff, and we had a great time! We hope you did! I got my outfit there!

Motion to Close: College-Shango

Second: Scudder

NEW BUSINESS 9:15 PM

NCC Nominations

Motion to Open: Shawangunk

Second: Capen

Again, to nominate someone, raise your placard, say “I move to nominate that person for that position.” I will ask for a second, after that, I will ask the person if they accept, table, or decline. There is nobody who tabled, so I will start nominations with the first placard. This is just for NCC nominations.

Scudder: We nominate Emily Yulo for NCC.

Ridgeview: Second

Emily: Decline.

Marissa (NRHH): We nominate Serena Cruz for NCC.

Shawangunk: Second.

Serena: I accept.

Capen: We nominate Jake from Capen Hall for NCC.

Ridgeview: Second.

Jake: I accept.

Shawangunk: We nominate Callie Quinn for NCC.

Lenape: Second.

Callie: I table.

College-Shango: We nominate Grace from Scudder Hall.

Bliss: Second.

Grace: I accept.

Motion to Table NCC Nominations: Ridgeview

Second: Ashokan

NCC applications will be due at the first AC meeting of the semester, January 27th. However, you can still be nominated at that meeting and run for the position as long as you have your applications with you that day. All of the resources are on the website at <https://hawksites.newpaltz.edu/rhsa/election-information/>, please come with 15 candidate applications with 15 attached resumes (one for each hall and E-Board), and one candidate form with an attached unofficial transcript. You can always ask and it will be in the minutes.

Awards

Participation Awards

Clare: We would like to start by recognizing all of the halls for all of the work that they have put in this semester. So, we will be giving an award for each hall, and we ask you come up and take a picture with your E-Board buddy and grab your award!

- President Clare - Minnewaska
- Vice President Sarah - Gage & Scudder
- Treasurer Matt K. - Lenape & Ridgeview
- Secretary Matt O. - Bouton & Mohonk
- Public Relations Officer Kevin - Bliss & Capen
- NCC Serena - Ashokan
- CCC Johnathan - College-Shango & Shawangunk
- Historian Noah - Esopus & Awosting

E-Board Choice

Clare: Every semester, all of you in hall government put so much work into helping your community and halls grow, but we like to recognize a few people who really shine. Through the semester we look to see who is going above and beyond in the work that they do for their hall and RHSA as a whole. So now we would like to recognize those eight Hall Gov members who we chose for eboard choice.

Historian

Noah: There are a bunch of different reasons why each of us picked our E-Board Choice recipient, and for me there were a few different things I was thinking about. I wanted to choose somebody who I could see coming to all of our events and participating, and not just that, but having a good time as well. My E-Board Choice is somebody who is always smiling, has lots of enthusiasm, and has a passion for Hall Gov that has helped make this first semester even more enjoyable. I always know that if I walk up to them with the camera they will be ready with a smile on their face and not only does that make my job easier, but we love seeing people as excited about RHSA as we are. **Grace Deas**, please come accept your E-Board Choice!

Campus Communications Coordinator (CCC)

Johnathan: Attending elections at the beginning of the semester is always nerve-wracking for everybody involved, but seeing new people with new passions makes the nail biting worth it. So, when I attended the Awosting Hall elections, there was one person who's excitement stood out in particular. Since then, this person has become a dedicated member of their hall gov as an RHSA Rep that attends AC Meetings, hosts programs, and more all with a smile on their face. They were an amazing volunteer at Condom Casino and was inducted into NRHH just yesterday. So, **Eric Reicherter**, will you please come up and accept my E-Board choice.

National Communications Coordinator (NCC)

Serena: I knew from the start that this person was going to do amazing things. From the moment I met them, they were ready to jump headfirst into Hall Government and get as involved as possible on campus. I admire this because it is something I saw in myself upon entering this campus. I was ready to be NCC before I even arrived at my first conference. They joined on a whim and ended up becoming passionate about it. They have been at almost every Buzz event and AC meetings. This was clear to me upon interviewing them for the past conference. They

were polite, answered questions diligently, extremely easy going and ambitious, which I admired. Upon being picked for the conference, they emailed back within minutes, I knew at that point that **Emily Alber** was going to do an amazing job. Emily came to every meeting ready to both have fun and get some work done. She presented her own unique program at NPLC, won first place for programs, and went on to present the same program at the regional leadership conference in Syracuse. She also edited the video that won us 3rd place in the region for roll call. She's recently already gotten a position as a student ambassador and is doing great things. Working with Emily has been one of the highlights of my semester so far. She is so ambitious and absolutely shines in everything she does and I know she is going to go far. Emily, I absolutely can't wait to see what you do next semester and the rest of your time at New Paltz. You are AMAZING.

Public Relations Officer

Kevin: My E-Board choice goes to someone who is involved in more than one student government organization on campus. For everything that I have seen, I have witnessed thoughtfulness, dedication, and most importantly passion for their work. **Emily Yulo**, although you stepped into your position as NCC of NRHH on shorter notice, you've proven to be a fantastic fit for the position, having had done amazing work on NPLC, and having had brought a delegation to your first conference. I'm super happy to share the front of the room with you during AC meetings, and I'm excited to see what you'll do next!

Secretary

Matt O: When I sat down to pick my E-Board choice, I was very indecisive as there was so many people I could pick. I wanted to pick someone who is diligent, caring, upbeat, and a pleasure to be around. I loved seeing this person at AC meetings as they gave thrilling hall reports! They also frequently responded to my Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes. They have a great sense of humor and are a pleasure to be around. **Gigi Benami**, this award goes to you for being an amazing AC rep and making my time as secretary a blast! Please come accept your E-Board choice.

Treasurer

Matt K: My choice is a young student who has made a great impact on campus. Being a member of hall gov for one and a half years, doing Emerging Leaders and C.R.E.W. and an RA in FOSL hall. Now your time as a member here is at its end, and I am happy to congratulate Marcus on not only being given this E-Board award but also moving into another leadership role as RA of Ashokan hall where he will continue to inspire and be a leader on campus. Congrats to **Marcus Mosenson**.

Vice President

Sarah: My E-Board choice award is going to somebody who has shown undeniable devotion to hall government and student leadership from the moment the semester began. This person stood out to me, because their great energy and clear commitment is present no matter the circumstances. This person has come to office hours, volunteered at Condom Casino, and has always been active at meetings and events! It is always a delight to see them because they bring good energy everywhere they go. **Sue Jiang**, Bouton Hall is so lucky to have you. Thank you so

much for being such an amazing and active member of hall government, we look forward to seeing all the amazing things you do next semester, too. Thank you for everything you do, come on up and get this award, Sue!

President

Clare: The person who I am giving my E-Board choice has really stuck out to me this semester because of her passion for her hall and for RHSA. She has been at every AC meeting, with something important to say, always has a smile on when she comes to our events, and is always ready to make a difference. She is one of the most active transfer students I have ever seen, and I have been honored to have her in this AC. That is why I'm giving my E-Board choice to **Marissa Ammon.**

Highest AC Attendance

Matt O: This award is something new that we wanted to present to recognize the halls that have had the highest attendance at our AC meetings over the course of the semester as a thank you for your passion and commitment!

3rd Place - Scudder Hall

2nd Place - Ridgeview Hall

1st Place - Shawangunk Hall

RA Liaison of the Semester

Kevin: RA Liaison of the Semester is an award we give out to the hall gov liaison who we have seen always doing what's best for their hall government. They show their passion for RHSA and their residents by working closely and frequently with their hall government. When we were working through who we would give this award to, a few names were thrown around, all of whom are extremely dedicated to their hall government, so we want to thank every liaison in this room, but there was one person who is always being sure to support their hall government and attend and participate in events whenever they can. We are very excited to give this semester's Hall Gov Liaison of the Semester award to **Juan Ramirez.**

Hall of the Semester

Johnathan: We give the award for hall of the semester to the Hall Government who has gained the most GFPs throughout the semester. I'm sure a lot of people are tired of hearing me talk about GFPs, so let's get down to business.

3rd place - Shawangunk Hall

2nd place - College-Shango Hall

1st place - Ridgeview Hall

Bronze Pins

Clare: The Bronze Pin is the highest honor of the National Association of Campus and University Residence Halls one can receive on a college campus, and the pins can only be given out by the NRHH or RHSA president. This pin is to be awarded to individuals who have provided leadership and direction to their campus organizations. The amount of bronze pins awarded each year cannot exceed the number 8, representative of the 8 regions within NACURH. Bronze pin recipients are students that go above and beyond what they are required

to do, and they show a clear passion for what they do. These are the people who are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful community among their peers. Bronze pin recipients have worked their hardest and have dedicated their time to making their campus a better place. They are leaders, mentors, role models, and some of the best people this school has to offer. If you have ever been awarded a bronze pin, please stand now.

Tonight, I will be giving out two bronze pins.

Juan Pablo Molina

My first bronze pin is going to a person who is not only an incredible and inspirational student leader, but also one of my closest friends. Bronze pins are awarded to people who work hard every single day to help the people and community around them grow, and this person has done this in so many ways. Since my first year, when I was a Floor Rep in Lenape Hall, this person was always encouraging me to work hard, and run for new positions. And then, when I was elected for PR of RHSA, and then him treasurer of RHSA, I was so excited to be working with him for another year. His encouragement never stopped, throughout our time together on eboard and after that as well. Juan Pablo Molina, you were not only one of the most encouraging people I know, but you are one of the most active and passionate student leaders I have ever met. Everyday I would see you go above and beyond with your duties as Treasurer, never failing to give 110% to your position. Even this year, when you thought you were finally done, I have called frantically many times asking for some advice or guidance. Watching you as an RA, I have seen the encouraging environment for all you residents the same way you did for me back during our first year. Juan, you have helped me so much not only by being an amazing treasurer, but also by being an amazing friend. I love you so much dude, and so I am honored to award you with my first Bronze Pin.

Shayna Carney

I could speak for hours about this next person, and the amount that they have done for me, and every other person that has had the honor to work with them. I originally got to know this person really well during my first semester as the RHSA PR, and to be honest I was a little scared of working with her, because I heard she could be quite tough. Little did I know that this person would be the advisor that would change my attitude on everything that I was doing at the time. It was after working with her for a few weeks that I realized she isn't tough or scary, but rather the most honest, and constructive person I have ever worked with. I can honestly say that every major decision that I have made in the past year, I have made because of her guidance. Shayna, without you I wouldn't have decided to change my major, I wouldn't have decided to step down from one of my positions to reduce my stress and anxiety, and what might be the most important is you inspired me to run for president. We both know that the first time I walked into your office, I was in no way prepared to take on this position. But because of your guidance, advice, and absolutely perfect and honest constructive criticism, you helped me reevaluate my journey as a student leader and person, and by the last time I walked out of your office, I knew I could do this and so much more. I can't put into words how grateful I am to have had you as my first RHSA advisor, so Shayna, it's my honor to present you with this bronze pin.

Special Recognition

Clare: Now, I would like to take some time to recognize the many people who have made this semester so successful.

First, I would like to thank **everyone** who is in this room who have worked hard putting on programs, or attending our. It is because of you that we sit up here today, and so we want to thank you for your passion.

Next, to the **Associate Council**. I don't know how you listen to me every monday night, but I am so grateful that you do. Seeing all of your beautiful faces makes the start of our week amazing. You have all done an incredible job with making the environment of AC meetings so welcoming to new and old AC reps. Thank you for joining us every week, and bringing your voices with you. We love and appreciate you so much!

To the **Commuter Students**, I know there are not too many who visit our meetings and events, but that doesn't mean we appreciate you any less. Thank you for a great year!

Next, I would like to thank an organization who has collaborated with us several times this year, and has made each of those programs so much fun! **Take Back the Night**, your professionalism and passion is something we appreciate greatly, so thank you for all of your help!

NRHH E-Board, Thank you so much for an amazing semester, and for all of your help at several of our events. The work you do for this campus does not go unnoticed. I am so excited to see how we continue to work together moving into next semester. Especially, **Marissa**, your passion for NRHH and the campus as a whole is unmatched, so thank you for working with us, and spreading your passion to everyone around you.

For unbelievable support that our **advisors** give us, thank you. The three of you have led us through some lows, and hyped us up through every high, and we couldn't be more grateful for the incredible work you do for us.

Chrissy, you have taught me so much this year and I want to say thank you so much for everything you do. We are so excited to see the adventures that this coming year brings you, and we can't wait to see little Chrissy!

Katie, working with you this year has been a great experience, and the time we spent together while I was your copiolate up to Syracuse was a great time. Thank you so much for a great semester, and I'm excited to see what we do together next year!

Jeannette, the support that you have given your advisees has been incredible, and we thank you for being a fun and lighthearted advisor who really puts up with our antics. And thank you for giving us that new computer chair!

Last, but absolutely not least, **my E-Board**. You are an absolute power house that has helped us do so many great things this year. I love watching you all grow as student leaders, and you have helped me grow so much as well.

Noah, you of a ball of absolute passion, and I always know that whatever you do will be done with love and care. Thank you for being an amazing historian and amazing friend!

Johnathan, I'm sorry I spell your name wrong sometimes, but without you, the office would be a disaster, and I would be too. You go above and beyond what is expected of you in practically every way possible. I would probably forget to put my pants on if I didn't have you to remind me. You keep me functioning and I love you so much for that!

Serena, you have been such an inspiration for you delegation and for me. You are so driven by what you believe and I think that might be one of the greatest parts about you. Never let anyone kill your passion, keep on speaking up, and stay cute.

Kevin, you absolute fiend. You are such a great PR, and an even more amazing friend. I knew I picked you as my E-Board choice last year for a good reason. Never change Kebby, never change.

Matt O, you have been an amazing asset to this executive board, and I appreciate all the work you do. You are such a professional person, but still a fun and amazing person, I am so lucky to have you on this E-Board.

Matt K, thank you for always giving me my money back from CAS. And thank you for literally everything else on top of that. You put so much time and effort into everything that you do, and I want you to know how much I appreciate you the work you do.

Sarah, I literally don't even know how to put into words how much I love and appreciate you. You keep me safe, even safer than a good roller coaster restraint, and I have rode a lot of roller coasters. Everything you do for me, this E-Board, and every other person you know is always done with so much love and care. I will never understand how I got so lucky to have you as a vice president, and as a friend. Please, stay the way you are; smart, proud, and strong. I love you so, so, so freaking much dude.

Thank you again everyone, for such an amazing semester, and I can't wait to see what you will all do next semester!

Kevin: We would like to thank **Clare** for doing an amazing job and give her the congratulations she deserves! Clare has put such passion and drive into everything she wants to do! I feel that the hardest part of her job is to put up with us on a daily basis. Thank you for tolerating us! You are an amazing president and we appreciate everything you do! We can't wait for next semester!

Motion to Close: Ridgeview
Second: Capen

HALL CONCERNS 10:09 PM

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

No hall concerns.

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:11 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.

No student concerns.

OPEN FLOOR 10:11 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. You can also refer to the Tiny URL where you can post your events, but you are still welcomed to share your events. <https://tinyurl.com/nprhsacampusevents>

Ridgeview: Last semester, we did a prom program. I contacted all of your presidents to ask for help, and I'm going to try to contact every one of you again.

Minnewaska: On Wednesday at 11pm, we are having our bagel breakfast with donuts, coffee, and hot chocolate. Come de-stress with us!

Capen: Hi y'all! We are having our midnight breakfast on December 11th at midnight. There will be food of all types.

Awosting: We officially have an Instagram and it is Awosting Hall Gov. We are having a program Saturday, Surviving Finals. We don't have a time yet. Look on our Instagram for more information. We have a raffle on our Insta, too.

Mohonk: We are doing a clothing drive going into next semester! Any clothes you don't want, you can bring in. We are giving out raffle tickets to win prizes. We are also having a video game program on Friday with pizza and snacks!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:15 PM

Clare: Who's got Molly?

Esopus: We gave her a funky necklace!

Clare: Give her to Sarah so the E-Board can keep for her safe keeping over winter break!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:16 PM

Kevin: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than the ones you did do. So throw off your bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -Minecraft

ADJOURNMENT 10:17 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Bouton
Second: RHSA E-Board

Our next AC meeting will be on Monday, January 27th in Gage Hall!

Thank you all for an amazing semester! We hope you all enjoyed being a part of RHSA and we greatly appreciate each and every one of you! We cannot wait for next semester as we already have a lot of big things planned! Good luck on finals! You will all do great! Just remember to breathe! <3 <3

**Love,
Secretary Matt & the RHSA E-Board**

