

**RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: 4/8/2019

Location: SUB 62/63

**CALL TO ORDER 9:04 PM**

Hey everyone! Howdy, welcome back to AC meeting number 48, or something. I don't know what number we're on now.

**MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04 PM**

We have a very exciting mystery activity this week. Hallywood videos!

**ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:30 PM**

HALL NAME	NUMBER PRESENT	SHIRTS	CONFERENCE SHIRTS	HALL REPORT
BEVIER	3	0	0	Talked about their big program which is a week of mini programs and Hallywood
BLISS	4	2	0	Talked about Hallywood
BOUTON	7	7	0	Discussed programming
CAPEN	2	1	0	Discussed programming and Hallywood
COLLANG O	5	1	4	Talked about Autism Week programs
CRISPELL	2	0	0	Filmed video and talked about programming
DEYO	2	1	0	Talked about multi-cultural program
DUBOIS	3	3	0	Discussed programming
ESOPUS	6	2	0	Hallywood and candidates for historian
GAGE	1	0	0	Discussed programming
LEFEVRE	5	2	0	Talked about Hallywood
LENAPE	2	0	0	Talked about Budget
RIDGEVIEW	5	4	0	Editing Hallywood and discussed programming
SCUDDER	2	0	0	Filmed Hallywood

**NRHH 9:32 PM**

Hi, NRHH Applications are due Saturday at 11:59 PM, if you're interested you should apply. That's all, thanks.

SENATE 9:32 PM

Hello everyone, I'm your Senate Rep, last week we talked about amending bylaws for the constitution for the Council of Orgs and financial aspects of operations. We're voting next week, so stay tuned.

FUNDING REQUEST: 9:33 PM

Presenter: Hi everybody, so we're the Transfer Assistants for Programming, and we are here to do a Funding Request. I'm TAP Lauren from Dubois, this is TAP Grace from Scudder, and TAP Glynn from Deyo. So the TAP's main role is to support the needs and wants for the transfer students. Our Advisor is RD Katie from Bouton Hall. So we are very similar to the role of the RA but we're focused on transfer students. So we do programs, we do boards, biweekly meetings. We're planning an end of the year field day for everyone but we're advertising to transfer students on April 25th from 3-5 in Parker Quad. We're going to have games and hopefully sheet cake which we're asking for. It'll be \$450 for 4 sheet cakes in a variety of flavors and gluten free options. We debated sundae bars, dessert bars, but they were all way more expensive and TAPs don't have a budget for campus-wide events. We need the money from RHSA because this is a fairly new leadership position and we don't have the budget for larger programs yet, we have individual ones but in order to be as inclusive as possible we need to go bigger and ask for money from a bigger organization. This program is designed to make all students on campus feel welcome, not necessarily just transfer students, but by extending it out to the entire campus, we're able to reach out to the residents that aren't in our halls. There's only 3 TAPs, but there's transfer students dispersed throughout all of the buildings on campus, so we want to make sure we get all of those transfer students, but we're also trying to appeal to commuter transfer students as well, which have specific needs that are different from that of residential transfer students. By having this larger event we will promote a sense of welcome and belonging throughout the campus and really make all of our students feel welcome, accepted, and show everybody that we are just as happy that they're here in the spring semester as we are in the fall semester, and we opened up this year with a transfer BBQ, so by closing it out with a field day would be a really nice capstone for the year.

Motion to Open Question and Answer: Bouton  
Second: Dubois

Deyo: Is the money that you're requesting for just 4 cakes or other refreshments as well?

Presenter: Just cake but we're going to order Sodexo, so we'll probably get drinks too.

Deyo: But will that \$450 only cover the cake?

Presenter: It'll cover everything else too.

Esopus: How are you planning to advertise for this event?

Presenter: We're getting flyers stamped by SA to put up around campus and in the Res Halls, we're planning on posting on the ResLife instagram, and post on hall's social media.

Esopus: How did you determine the number of sheet cakes?

Presenter: We estimated our expected turnout and looked at catering options to see how many cakes would feed that many people.

Deyo: What are the projected costs of each cake?

Presenter: Larger sheet cakes were \$100 a cake through Sodexo.

Beviever: Have you looked into other options that are lactose intolerant and vegan?

Presenter: We're looking into getting gluten free options.

Clare: How did you estimate the number of people coming?

Presenter: We've discussed with our RD, also it's going to be in Parker Quad where there's lots of foot traffic.

Bouton: What other activities are you planning on having?

Presenter: We have donated activities, Kanjam from Bouton, lawn games from the AWC, and if it's a rain day, we're going to use the large board games from SAUS.

Deyo: Do you have a rain date for the event?

Presenter: It'd be on the same date in the MPR.

Lenape: When is the event, and how are you advertising?

Presenter: The event is on the 25th and we're getting it on the TVs, in the Res Halls, and on the instagrams.

Deyo: You're requesting \$450, that's not a lot of money for the rest of the food.

Presenter: The extra will just be used for drinks and refreshments.

Bevier: Since you're requesting money from us, are you planning on including Res Life in the advertisements?

Presenter: In the chance that we get funding, we can definitely put something on the flyer.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List Without Additions: Esopus

Second: Bliss

Motion to Open Discussion: Bouton

Second: Ridgeview

## **Discussion**

Collango: We think the initiative will be good for all people on campus, and we appreciate that it's open to everyone.

Bouton: We appreciate that they're considering a gluten free option.

Bevier: As a transfer, we appreciate that the event exists and appreciate the nervousness considering it's a new program.

Deyo: We feel that for the request, \$50 isn't enough to surmise the rest of the food.

Bouton: We'd like to point out that the \$50 is just for drinks, they're already paying for the food they're getting, they just need this money specifically for sheet cake.

Esopus: We appreciate that they consulted the RD about how much to get and recognize that they used their resources to find how much it is, and it's a good amount of money to ask for.

Bouton: We appreciate that they did their research on how many people are coming, and that they got donated items.

Dubois: We appreciate that they have a rain location set.

Bevier: We appreciate that they would be willing to include us in a flyer.

Move to Exhaust the Speaker's List Without Additions: Esopus

Second: Ridgeview

Motion to Open Voting by Closed Eyes Hands Raised: Bevier

Second: Scudder

### **Voting**

Give the full amount: 23

Give a different amount of money: 0

Give them no money: 0

Abstain: 1

Sam: Congratulations, the AC has voted to give you the full amount of money, you can talk to Juan for more details.

### **OLD BUSINESS 9:49 PM**

Motion to Open: Dubois

Second: Capen

### **Historian**

Hey, for yearbook committee, a few halls still haven't gotten back to me. So Bevier, Crispell, Collango, Dubois, Lefevre, and Gage, please ask your historians to get back to me, I need to hear from them. If you don't have a Historian, I'm going to ask that you volunteer and quickly put a page together. Email [rhsa@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu) to contact me. If you signed up and haven't done a page do it it'll be fun. That's it.

### **Campus Cleanup Day**

Thanks for everybody who came out, here's a fun story, one guy pulled up at 2:45 and was here to cleanup, I was like bro, it's over, there are no cookies left. It was a great event, we got lots of trash, I love trash. Come back next year, we're going to hopefully do it on a grander scale. Yeah we had a great time.

### **Escape the Room**

That's me, Escape the Room last friday, we had lots of fun, we had an amazing turnout, some of you escaped, some of you didn't. We escaped Egypt! We had lots of fun, we hope to see you at our next event, hopefully you can Escape that too!

### **Hollywood**

Hi guys, so I noticed a couple of you didn't turn in your Hollywood video! Lucky for you, I'm feeling nice, so I'm going to give you until midnight THIS Saturday to turn them in, so we can start watching them. So if you don't have it in yet, and you know who you are, you can turn them in ASAP! Cool.

Motion to Close: Scudder

Second: Dubois

### **NEW BUSINESS 9:53 PM**

Motion to Open: Ridgeview

Second: Collango

### CoffeeHouse

Hey, so coffeehouse is tomorrow, if you want to perform, go to the link in the bio and sign up. Make your friends sign up. Our surprise guest is DAVID EATON . That's anti-climatic because you don't know him but he's the coolest guy.

Sam: He's the founder of RHSA

Clare: Come check him out, tomorrow in SUB 100N, have coffee, hot cocoa, donuts, and special guest MC Thomas! Come by, sign up, hang out.

### Amazing Race

On Saturday at 11 AM, come outside of the Atrium, get ready to rumble. We've got awesome prizes so come in teams of 3. Prizes are electronics worth \$150, you can win a TV, a laptop, and an Alexa. There's other prizes too, it'll also just be a super fun time. Come by the Atrium, be there at 11 AM.

### Vintage BUZZ Bingo

So not this Friday but next Friday at 7:30, is BUZZ bingo in THIS room! It's going to be super fun, so come play bingo, we're going to wear shirts with old TV characters on them. Also the E-Board picked out prizes!

Sam: Each E-Board member set up a kit that showcases their personality. If you win Bingo, you win a kit.

### Retreat

Hey guys, so if you don't know, on April 28th, since we love you guys so much, we're taking two people from each hall to Six Flags Great Adventure! Now if you guys can do me a favor and wave your sign up sheets in the air if you have them done! Awesome, because they're due today! If you don't have them filled out, I will let you hand them in by the end of my office hours tomorrow ! If you do NOT have them turned in by 12 tomorrow, you will NOT be able to sign up your hall, so PLEASE please please turn that in, because I want to take you on a super fun trip to six flags. ONCE again , the trip is on April 28th, and we're going to meet in lot 28 at 9:30 AM. If you are late, we Will leave without you because we are leaving promptly! The trip is 100% free and we will be back by 10:00 that night! If you have your forms, please give them to me during the ten minute break! Alrighly cool.

Bliss: What about food?

Sarah: We'll supply food but you can also buy stuff while you're there.

Gage: Where and when are your office hours?

Sarah: From 10-12 tomorrow in Capen B-16.

### 10 Minute Break 10:15 PM

### Election 10:30 PM

Pharez: Hey everyone, this is your final election!

Sam: We are about to begin an election so from this point till when our election ceases, no one who leaves this room can re-enter. No verbal communication anywhere in this room, and no technology. If the eboard sees you using a phone, laptop, etc, we will ask you to leave. As always, one of us will be in the back of the room to bring your notes to your AC reps, this week it's Clare! If you are running for Historian tonight, please come to the front now.

Marissa: So the Roles of the Historian are to document all RHSA programs/events through photography, social media, or another medium at their discretion; Serves as Webmaster of the RHSA website; Manages all social media for RHSA (including, but not limited to: Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook); Facilitates and oversees all social media challenges; Compiles data from Social Media challenges and coordinates GFP allotment with the Campus Communications Coordinator; Regularly updates all archival information on the RHSA Website including, but not limited to: Executive Board information, t-shirt designs, award recipients, and program information; Serves as chair of the Yearbook Committee, and organizes the RHSA google drive.

### **Expectations of Historian**

- Ambitious
- Photography skills and experience
- Inclusive with pictures
- Innovative
- Knows when to take pictures
- Respects people who don't want pictures taken
- Organized
- Dedicated
- Social Media Savvy
- Friendly and Approachable
- Passionate about position
- Knows what GFP stands for
- Willing to learn and grow through position
- Optimistic
- Creative
- Good Conflict Management
- Team Player
- Willing to learn the website
- Values diversity and inclusion
- Reflects RHSA in a positive way
- Values Professionalism
- Organized and can get photos up on time (Timely)
- As cool as Marissa
- Passionate about RHSA
- Communication skills
- Friendly and Competent and sweet

### **Candidate 1**

Hi everyone, my name is Noah Diamond, my pronouns are he him his, and I'm running to be your next RHSA Historian. Over the past few years, RHSA and Hall Gov have become more important to me than anything I've ever done before. I have gotten so much out of every moment of this organization, including leadership skills, time management skills, conflict resolution skills, as well as learning how to collaborate with peers on programming. I truly love this organization, and I believe that my dedication to my responsibilities and my love for RHSA will make me a fun, hard-working, and above all, passionate Historian. The duties of the historian are taking pictures at all RHSA events, documenting these events on the various social media and running all of the social media, serving as the webmaster of the RHSA website (which I think is a really cool title to have), running the social media challenges and coordinating

with the CCC on the GFPs for those social media challenges, updating the archival information on the RHSA website like t-shirt designs and award winners, serving as the chair of the Yearbook Committee, organizing the RHSA Google Drive, and all other general Eboard duties that are mentioned in the application. While I might not have the most professional experience using digital cameras, I have been doing a lot of research on event photography, and I have had Marissa teach me about the different features of the camera that RHSA owns, as well as how to upload the pictures to the computer and to Facebook. I really enjoy taking pictures, and I have done so when needed for two different summer camps, for my own personal social media, for my hall gov when our Historian was not available, for Programming Committee, and I am also the resident photographer for all of my friends, whether they are performing in a drag show or just have a cute outfit that day. Along with taking pictures for Programming Committee, I co-run the Instagram, which has given me a lot of experience managing social media for an organization. When you add all of this in with my experience being an AC representative, you have the recipe for a great Historian. I have enjoyed every moment of my involvement so far, and I am excited to hopefully continue on to the next step. Above anything else, I want you all to know that if you elect me as your historian, you can expect passion, dedication, fun, and really great pictures! Again, my name is Noah Diamond, my pronouns are he/him/his, and before I yield to questions, I'd like to hand out my portfolio. Okay I yield to questions.

## Questions

What drew you to this position?

**Noah:** It combined my two favorite things: RHSA and taking pictures. The second that I realized I'd be able to run for a position I knew this was the first one I'd want. The day I accepted I began working on my speech and application immediately.

How do you think your past experiences will help you in your position?

**Noah:** My experiences taking pictures for camp were helpful, I didn't feel comfortable including the pictures of kids in the portfolio but you'd enjoy them. I was also a mentor for the Rivera House, I got experience working with people, conflict resolution, helping, and collaborating with people. I have also helped out at RHSA events with programming committee, and as a volunteer with condom casino, and Fall BBQ, but what really cemented that I really wanted to do this was Escape the Room. I was there from 6-12 and enjoyed every second of it. \*What gets wetter as it dries?\*

What kind of camera does the Historian use?

**Noah:** Canon EOS Rebel T6, I believe. I've looked at it and know the features.

If you discovered you couldn't find the pictures from an event, what would you do?

**Noah:** I'd try my hardest to recover them, look up if there's a way I can find them. If I really cannot find them, I'd make a post on the Facebook and the Social Medias and apologize at the AC Meeting.

If you had a problem with another E-Board member, how would you resolve it?

**Noah:** I would meet with them as soon as possible. Sometimes people need some time to calm down, which I respect, but I'd make sure to treat the person with love, kindness, and respect. I'd try to have a conversation with them one on one first, and if it's still not resolved I'd go to the president and the advisors.

Who did you speak to about the position?

**Noah:** I spoke to Historians Marissa, Emily, Andrea, and Tim. I also tried to talk to two other past historians but they didn't respond. I also spoke to Sam, Clare, Sarah, Rui, and Elee.

What are ways you'll keep organized?

**Noah:** With the photos, I'll always have them on the SIM card or in the camera, but in general I use a google calendar religiously, I always have a billion notifications set, I keep a white board in my room with a daily To-Do list, and obviously I'd apply all of this to my duties.

Looking through the portfolio, I notice an internet screenshot?

**Noah:** Yeah, so my photos have been used a couple of different ways in the past. The Sojourner Truth Library Social Media Team has something called a Sunset Alert, and they used a picture that I took, and posted it on their instagram story for an entire week I believe, and also, in the way beginning of this year, before I knew I wanted to run for this position,

Motion to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

**Noah:** I took a picture for the E-Board which they ended up using on the website. Also NRHH, for group process day gave out business cards and used my picture for it, which was very cool.

How would you handle another E-Board member not liking some of your pictures?

**Noah:** I would want to hear what their perspective is, because it's really important to hear what other people have to say about your work. If it's something that I really believed in, I'd try to plead my case but at the end of the day, I think it should be a group decision, and if it's a big issue I'd either take it down or do what they'd ask me to do with it, but if we talked about it and agreed I was correct I'd continue with the picture.

Do you have any new programming ideas?

**Noah:** Yeah, I have a ton. I was thinking about diversity on campus. I really really care about and appreciate diversity as a member of the LGBTQ community, it is one of my favorite things about this campus. My idea for a program is that there are a lot of cultural and foreign language clubs on campus, so I'd love to do a program where we collab with them and teach phrases or greetings in different languages as a way to increase conversations and communications between groups. Also I'd love to bring therapy animals besides dogs on campus. I love dogs, but there are a lot of people who are allergic or scared of them. My first year, the school brought in therapy reptiles which was very fun and unique, and has the exact same benefits as other therapy animals, so I'd love to do that.

If the super cool camera was not available, what would you do?

**Noah:** I always have my phone on me, I've always wanted to have my own digital camera, but I've never been able to get one, but I take so many pictures on my phone, there are so many settings that I use, and it is always charged before events, and if it was a long event I'd also bring my portable charger.

What phone do you have?

**Noah:** iPhone 8+.

There's a lot of diversity on campus. How do you describe diversity?

**Noah:** Diversity, I believe, is different types of people coming together, sharing a space, and teaching each other about different aspects of cultures, sexualities, gender identities, and stuff like that. I think the campus does a good job with that, but I want to expand on it.

Do you feel comfortable running social media accounts with a large following?

**Noah:** 100%, I have my own twitter, snapchat, facebook, I use them all very often, and running the instagram for programming committee has helped me figure out what should be posted, and helped me to be able to think more before I post just in case I'm using the wrong instagram.

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Second: Collango

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How would you work to make the campus more inclusive?

**Noah:** I think that programming is a great way of doing it. Like I said, my program idea for multicultural greetings would be a good way to get more clubs out there, more diverse clubs specifically. I love that RHSA is working with Pride.

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Second

**Noah:** I think what makes this campus so great is that it is so diverse, I want to do more programs for everybody to learn more about different aspects of culture.

What can you bring to the E-Board?

**Noah:** I'm very friendly. I think that's a very very important aspect of the historian position is being able and being comfortable to go up to people, ask if they want their picture taken. I love talking to people. It's really important to be able to do that though. So I think my general approachability is a good thing to have.

What is the best piece of advice you've received?

**Noah:** So I got a few different pieces of advice. Every historian said the same thing, which was that your voice is just as important as every E-Board members, and you need to make sure that you get your voice out there. I think this is important because I have really great ideas and I'm excited to share. The other best piece of advice, was something that Sarah said to me actually. She said, that when things pick, you have 15 papers, 14 tests due the next week, a billion things to do for RHSA, remember why you're standing here right now, which is because of my passion and love for this organization, and how much I want to be a part of it, and remember that and it'll help you get through that.

What is your biggest weakness, and how would you overcome it?

**Noah:** My biggest weakness was something that I've been working on for a very long time, it was my ability to accept criticism. I used to hear criticism and think that people hated me, but being on Hall Gov, I've realized that people may not like your ideas, and you have to be okay with that, criticism is people trying to help you, and trying to help you improve what you're doing. I've worked very hard on that.

How do you hope to grow from this position?

**Noah:** Wow, I've already grown so much, I really think, I could improve my public speaking skills from talking at meetings, and even further expand my leadership skills, which is something that I'm always looking to do.

How would you work to bring us closer to NRHH?

**Noah:** More collaboration with NRHH would be great, we could Collab even with the multicultural program, they could recognize people even in the clubs who are helping, and bring recognition to the different cultural things we've talked about, and just in general, collabing with them is always great.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List without additions: Esopus  
Second: Collango

## **Candidate 2**

Hi, I'm Julia, and I'm running for Historian. I believe I am fully qualified for the responsibilities of Historian. These responsibilities are to take photos of everyone at RHSA events, making them feel comfortable, holding office hours, attending AC meetings and President Cabinet meetings, working with the CCC for the GFPs from the Social Media challenges, and most importantly, form a relationship with the AC reps. I'm currently a freshman, and Hall Gov was one of the first organizations I joined. Becoming an AC rep is one of the best things that I've done. I made such a connection with the Historian Marissa, and I was on the KFC, Kollage Friendly Committee, and right now I'm on the yearbook committee. I want to further the duties of the historian. For example, I'd like to expand the website, have

more photo opportunities at events, and make the historian position more well known to the AC reps. I'd also like to post more pictures on the instagram story, and keep them in highlighted folders. I'd also like to put more photos on instagram, so people can see them again. I'd also like to write down each event that's happening monthly in chronological order like Marissa does. I work well on a team, I'm good at time management, I'm always including myself, and even though I'm more shy, that shyness has faded because of RHSA and Hall Gov. I'm looking forward to another great year with RHSA and am excited to learn everything about the historian position. I now yield to questions.

## Questions

What makes this position stand out to you?

**Julia:** I learned how important making connections is, and RHSA is a big part of the college. I feel like if you don't participate, you're not really involved. I like how they connect everybody together.

How would you work to bring us closer to NRHH?

**Julia:** More service programs like Juan's campus clean up day. It helps the community, and it brings people together. If you don't know anyone, you still have something to do.

What are your plans to improve the social media?

**Julia:** I plan to put the posters on instagram so people can see them, and also put pictures on the highlights so people can see what they've missed.

Who have you spoken to about this position?

**Julia:** Clare, Sarah, Marissa, and Emily Harter.

Do you have any prior experience with photography?

**Julia:** I've taken photos, as have all of you. But I am excited to learn.

How would you handle a conflict with another E-Board member?

**Julia:** If I ever have a problem, I'd wait to let us cool off, then get together and manage it calmly and effectively.

How would you describe the community here?

**Julia:** Wonderful, friendly, more diverse than most, predominantly white, which I understand but I know as the years go by we get more and more diverse.

If you discovered you couldn't find the pictures from an event, what would you do?

**Julia:** First I'd cry, then I'd apologize to everyone, try to do better and do what I can to get them back.

How would you handle an E-Board member not liking some of your pictures?

**Julia:** Ask them why, if they truly didn't like it I'd take down the picture.

What is one strength and one weakness you possess?

**Julia:** My strength is Time Management. I would always try to put the photos up after 24 hrs so it's still relevant. One weakness I have, it's not as relevant now, but I was shy but I'm standing in front of you now.

What other activities are you involved in?

**Julia:** I'm involved in knitting and henna club to relax.

What experience do you have with programming?

**Julia:** I'm currently on the programming committee, which Marissa took over. I understand there's a lot of work that has to be put in to do programming, you have to get the advisors to sign off, supplies, schedule it, and get the room and table you want.

What can you bring to the E-Board?

**Julia:** Myself, my passion, I think RHSA is great and I love programs. I think it's really fun.

Do you have new programming or historian ideas?

Motion to Extend by 5 Minutes  
Second

**Julia:** One thing I would like to do, is encourage all of you to go through your constitutions and update them all. I went through all of them, 7 of you don't know about yearbook committee, in 7 of them, it says scrapbook and yearbook but don't mention the committee at all 6 don't mention it at all, and one doesn't even have a historian. Calling you out. Also I'd like there to be more photo opportunities, like backdrops and accessories.

How do you hope to grow from this position?

**Julia:** I'd like to gain leadership skills, organizational skills, and make connections in the New Paltz community.

What camera does RHSA use?

**Julia:** A Canon EOS Rebel T6.

Have you held any other positions in the past?

**Julia:** Yes, I was president of yearbook club in high school, and the secretary for french and english honors society.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List without additions: Esopus

Second: Bouton

### **Candidate 3**

Hey everyone, my name is James and I'm running for Historian. I wanted to begin by saying what RHSA means to me. It's a place where anyone can come make connections with new friends, other clubs, RDs, and E-Board members, we're just one big family. I want to continue that and help to make everyone feel welcome. As Historian, I feel like it's very important because they're the ones that are constantly hyping people up at events, because they're taking the photos, and talking to people. The most important thing, is to remember that you don't want to just take the pictures of the people who are the center of attention, going crazy. You want to take pictures of the people who may be closer to the walls, having quieter conversations, because they deserve to have memories just like everyone else. You don't have to be super pumped to be in RHSA, anyone can call it family. As a Historian, my personal skill set includes large format darkroom photography, 35mm darkroom photography, DSLR digital photography. I have access to all of these through the photo department, so if we're doing some of the program ideas I have, or if you wanted to put on something special at an event, I will always have access to those. I'm also proficient in photoshop, I've spoken to many historians throughout the years in RHSA like Andrea, Emily Harter, and Marissa. I've also spoken to past presidents, VPs, and other E-Board positions because I feel like it's important to know not only your E-Board position, but know those around you, so you know where you can pick up and help those around you when they need additional support or a push. Your E-Board is your family and you need to help them. I yield to questions.

### **Questions**

Could you list all of the responsibilities of the historian?

**James:** Take photos at events, moderate the social media, like the insta, snapchat, and facebook. I would run challenges on the social media, attend weekly meetings and meetings with my president and the advisor and do office hours.

How would you work to bring us closer to NRHH?

**James:** I'd like to do a lot more programming with them. We have NRHH table, but we don't come together to plan events with them very often, By doing so, it could really bring us together.

Do you know what kind of camera the historian uses?

**James:** I believe it's a DSLR, but I'd check that out or even use my own.

What makes you passionate about this particular position?

**James:** My major is photography, I've been working with photos since I've been here, I've been part of that family for a while, and I'd like to bring those skills here.

What would happen if you were at an event and your pictures got lost?

**James:** First of all, I don't think I'd lose them, I back up everything. I keep a hard drive, thumb drive, SD card, and back it up on the google drive. I immediately back up everything by habit.

What's your biggest weakness and how would you overcome that?

**James:** Sometimes I talk too much when I'm excited, but I learned to take that as a pro, because I notice when people are not talking, I see it in their faces, and I know when to stop talking and listen. Personal feelings are my, biggest skill, listening compassion, and understanding. It helps my strength.

What social media platforms do you use?

**James:** I use Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat. I've used instagram for my photography courses, we've had assignments where we use instagram, we can also use it as a platform for presentation, snapchat everyone does it, and facebook I've had since I was a child because I wanted to play farmville.

Do you have experience on other E-Boards?

**James:** Yes, I'm the president of hall gov, I've also been an AC Rep, historian, and a floor rep. I've learned a lot of positions. I've also gone to photography club, and tried to work towards getting on the volleyball E-Board for next year.

What plans do you have to improve the RHSA social media?

**James:** Change up the challenges,

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Second

**James:** We can switch it up with different types of challenges to make it more lively, and people won't expect what's coming, so it'll get more people looking.

What ideas for programming do you have?

**James:** I have a couple ideas that can be programs on their own or featured as photobooths, I know a lot about light trails, everybody loves that, I'm taking lighting courses now, so we can work with gels, do psychedelic headshot booths with crazy lights and an awesome glow. Also the eco challenge I talked about, we could do small competitions like spirit week every year which is a fun competition that helps the environment.

Do you have new ideas for the historian position?

**James:** One thing that would be helpful is having video submissions like hollywood but for RHSA cheers, as an E-Board we can make our own, but we can have fun, earn GFPs, and learn cheers.

How would you work to make our campus more inclusive?

**James:** Inclusivity is a big thing, it's really fun, we do fun events. But we could stand to put on more informational programs, like diversity in the dark, the cup with m&ms in it, make everyone feel safe, and people can shake cups in solidarity to know they're not alone.

What sort of webmaster experience do you have?

**James:** What do you mean by webmaster? Do you mean internet things?

Being able to update the website.

**James:** It's been a while, I'm a bit rusty, but in high school I took a course where we designed websites, so I can brush up on that with the current historian during training.

How would you handle conflict with another E-Board member?

**James:** It's in our best interest to start off by asking how they're doing, ask why it's happening, sometimes it may not be because we're mad, it may be because of stress, so I can ask if they want to talk about it. If it really was about the situation we can talk about that, hear our their side, find where the

miscommunication was, try to solve it or mediate it with the president or another E-Board member or the RD.

As you said before, you were an AC rep. You know we go through a lot of applications and resumes. Did you think your resume is the definition of a professional resume?

**James:** I personally believe that a resume is all about getting the information out there, listing your skills, and what you bring to the table.

How would you describe your time management skills?

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**James:** When it comes to time management, I have a calendar on my phone, a corkboard in my room, and I keep a planner. I'm pretty on top of when things are due, I set reminders. My best skill is being consistent. For social media challenges I'd pick a time and on that day, at that time, I'd do it repetitively so I can't forget it.

What would you do if one E-Board member did not like some of your pictures?

**James:** I'd ask them why they didn't like it. Typically it's just people having fun. I'd hope it's an artistic type of view, where they didn't like it because of a different opinion, art is subjective. Different viewpoints. I'm used to critiques so I understand how to take that feedback, and use it to improve in the future.

How would you describe the community here?

**James:** Super chill and super hype. Everyone here is all about being who they are. Everyone's laid back, or super pumped. Even the RAs in my building have so many personalities, Andrea is loud and quirky, Sammi is studious, Pat who's laid back, Thomas who's adorable, and yet they all come together and put on programs together. That's my favorite part about being here. You can be yourself. I wasn't a loud person at programs, I was very shy and hid in corners, I like that here we foster growth.

Are you comfortable running a social media account with a large following?

**James:** Yes, it's great practice as a photo person I'd need to run a website, an instagram, a business maybe. It all depends on what I end up doing but regardless it's great experience. I am working on learning that.

What does GFP stand for?

**James:** Good Fellowship Points.

How has being president prepared you for the historian role?

**James:** As president, you have to know the positions of all of your E-Board members so you know how to keep them on track. In college shango, we have a lot of freshmen. They're people who haven't seen RHSA or hall government before and you need to know how to help them. Taking that into the position, I'd understand my position, and know where to pick up the slack when they're having a bad day or a bad week and I'm going to need as much help as they will.

How do you plan to make RHSA more diverse and inclusive?

**James:** I'd like to explore different ways of using photography to show diversity. We could do projects, It'd be nice to have a day where we're posting a person of the month, we could be using photography to photograph them in their element, whether they're a science major who loves to fundraise, or an Education major who loves to volunteer at events, I can have those things in conjunction with NRHH, and show everyone what's going on.

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Back to your resume, under experiences you said you were “close friends with Hugo the Hawk”, would you care to elaborate on that?

**James:** As some of you know, at Disney World, you can't say you ARE someone, if you wear the costume, so you say they are your friend.

As Historian, you need to make sure they are okay with being photographed, what would you do if they respond in a negative way because you asked?

**James:** I'd apologize if I caught them off guard, whoever they may be, I just want to help them make memories. If it's not something they're not ok with, I understand. I can easily delete it for them.

Back to when you mentioned your course on websites, that was done using HTML, right? How did you make websites in high school, what platform did you use?

**James:** I don't remember, it was learning how to use it. It was a simple project for a tech course, it was more on how to use the tools.

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Second: Capen

#### **Candidate 4**

So I have a question for you. How many times have you wanted to go back in time to a very cherished memory, a time you received an amazing gift, the last time you saw someone you really adored, the day you realized you lost someone. I, Emely Jorge, believe that archiving memories is great. Letting go is amazing but being able to feel that way again is usually unachievable. The way that I achieve this myself is writing down how I felt, so I can be transported back there. Reading does wonders with the imagination, but people do better with visual stuff. Seeing faces light up when they think about something they care about is one of the most amazing things of all. Reminding you of those amazing experiences, you can never go back. That's why I'm here today. I want to remind you of those memories. I'm a first year student, with a major in psych and history, we always intend something, but life doesn't always do us planned, right? My leadership experience, I was running the Instagram account and website for an organization, part of my historian duties, are managing an account, the GFPs, keep the website up to date. I was the student rep for the student leadership team, I was the class treasurer and one of the representatives. You all have questions, so I yield to questions.

#### **Questions**

Is there anything else you want to talk about?

**Emely:** Yeah, student leadership team, I'd bring all of the ideas and concerns to the principal and assistant principal. We always want representation. I also have knowledge of computer science. I'm proficient in word, excel, powerpoint, and publisher, and I'm trilingual. Spanish, English, and Portuguese.

What plans do you have to improve the social media?

**Emely:** Update more. I know Marissa does great, update more, post more about programs, and let them know more programs.

How would you work to bring us closer to NRHH?

**Emely:** Communication is key within a team, we're two different organizations, so communication is key.

How would you handle a conflict with another E-Board member?

**Emely:** Personally, I'm very direct and diplomatic, I will always approach them first if I'm comfortable, otherwise, I'll reach out to another member, and get to common grounds, or go to an overseer like Shayna, Cam and Chrissy.

Are you comfortable running a social media account with a large following?

**Emely:** Of course, I love social media.

What photography experience do you have?

**Emely:** Interesting question, I'm very into photography. I haven't taken any classes but I have some really good skills with photos and editing, I wish I could bring it in but I would prefer to have it on the board.

What ideas do you have for future programs?

**Emely:** Last elections, people talked about diversity and inclusion, I'm a Latina and I'm Hispanic. We are very diverse in terms of ethnicities. However, we don't celebrate and admire different cultures as much as we should. I know there is an international student union, and last week they event where they celebrate different ethnicities, we could do something similar. Do it on a smaller scale, celebrate one culture at a time to make them shine. Make everyone included, we're a medium size campus. We want to feel like a family.

Could you list the roles and responsibilities of the RHSA Historian?

**Emely:** They're in charge of managing the social media accounts like instagram and facebook.

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**Emely:** Coordinate with the CCC to count GFPs, keep up with the website, and generally be a team member.

How will your past experiences help you in the position?

**Emely:** I took a computer science class which will help with the web part of the position. I could help make posters even. In terms of positions, I was a treasurer, I did yearbook design, which the historian needs to do, and the Student Leadership team brought awareness to make people feel included and safe.

Who did you speak with about the position?

**Emely:** Marissa. She gave me good advice. Although it is a fun position take it seriously, do lots of prioritizing. Find the balance of school and rhsa.

On your Resume, you put your ICT certification, I did that too, why would you put that as an award?

**Emely:** Why put that as an award? That section specifically is awards and certifications, I tend to go towards the technology side despite my major, I believed it should be known, a lot of office positions appreciate the fact that people have the knowledge of the microsoft suite.

Do you have new ideas for the Historian position?

**Emely:** How to change it around? That is a great question, what would that be? Historians have been doing a great job. I don't know, there's a bunch of possibilities.

What is your biggest weakness, and how do you plan on overcoming it?

**Emely:** I don't like to think of things as weaknesses, but because of the question, I've asked friends what my biggest weakness is and they say sensitivity. If something doesn't feel right, I fight for it. Also I know how to keep myself in mind, I would be able to manage it more because I have responsibilities to attend to, I know when to stop.

About sensitivity, what would you do if an E-Board member doesn't like your pictures?

**Emely:** Totally accept it first of all, everyone has their own opinions, but I'd ask why, if it's inappropriate there's not much I can do, I can't put it up. If it's personal, I'd go with it,

Motion to Extend by 5 Minutes  
Second

**Emely:** People deserve to be heard.

What ways do you stay organized?

**Emely:** I keep a planner, a to do list, for my deadlines I plan ahead. I look at the syllabus of my classes, organize my planner, and check everyday. I like a physical planner more than an electronic.

What can you bring to the E-Board?

**Emely:** My enthusiasm, I'm a positive person. Support them, be there for them. Diversity is my main priority. Next year's E-Board is going to be good.

If you can't find photos from an event, how would you react?

**Emely:** First, I'd blame myself, it's my responsibility so I'd take responsibility. In general I am very organized but if I lost them I'd take responsibility.

What does GFP stand for?

**Emely:** Goody- I already messed it up I think. I went blank. Jesus. I have it on the tip of my tongue, but I'm nervous. I know the P is for puppy. Goody F Puppy.

Do you know what type of camera RHSA uses?

**Emely:** No. Might be a canon.

How would you describe the community here?

**Emely:** I'm a first year student, I think the community is very together. I see a lot of people stay where their group is. It's a family you can identify with. I'll go up to people, talk to them, they're open minded.

What experience do you have with programming?

**Emely:** In AP computer science-

I'm so sorry I mean running programs.

**Emely:** My Brain goes to the tech side, with running programs, I held high school leadership positions, I always help out, I was in ping pong club, chess club, volleyball team, we had a Saturday program for volleyball, I've done marketing for programs.

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Second

Why do you want to be on E-Board?

**Emely:** I want to get growth. In the future I hope to be on the United Nations, I'm into advocacy. I don't know if a history major can do it but people do it. International relations may get me there faster, but being on E-Board of RHSA can get me closer to that goal.

If a camera wasn't available what would you do?

**Emely:** My phone, I'd delete my pictures, use my phone. If I have to compromise my phone it's not a big deal I'd do it.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker's List without additions: Esopus  
Second: Ridgeview

Sam: Under regular circumstances we'd do extendable rounds of discussion, but because we're short on time, we're going to do one 5 minute discussion and then a vote.

Motion to Open Discussion: Ridgeview  
Second: Capen

Pharez: Even though we don't have a lot of time, this is an important decision so don't try to rush.

## Discussion

- Noah was willing to learn and has experience and was respectful of privacy by not including the pictures of kids.

- Noah encompasses what we're looking for, and he's the most well rounded candidate based on his skills.
- All 4 candidates show passion, but Noah was the most prepared. Noah also brought a portfolio.
- Although James had the most prior experience, we feel he did not do his due diligence because he did not know the term webmaster or some of the historian's duties.
- Noah was organized, passionate, and positive.
- We appreciate that Julia recognized that New Paltz is a PWI and wanted to further diversity.
- All 4 are very good candidates and demonstrated different skills, but Noah described both photography skills as well as expertise in managing the website.
- Julia had good ideas about making the duties known like adding to the constitutions.
- Noah had a sense of passion for the position and did his research.
- For Julia's application, on question 2 she put the duties of the VP instead of Historian.
- Although Emely was nervous she showed knowledge and expertise and more experience in using the website.
- We appreciate James's effort to learn about other roles.
- Only one person was asked about being a webmaster. Also we appreciate both Noah's and James's abilities to take criticism.
- Noah was the only one who brought photos, so we can't use that for or against anyone because they didn't bring anything.
- We appreciate Emely's ideas about bringing together the international program. We also appreciate James's knowledge of photography and enthusiasm, we appreciate Noah's passion for RHSA and E-Board, and acknowledges the fact that Noah talked to a lot of people.
- For the E-Board duties, they are under general duties in the application, but it shows that Julia didn't look closely and notice that they were the VP duties.
- Noah has a lot of history working with a wide range of people and has new plans for programming and changes with the instagram.
- We appreciate that Emely and Noah mentioned specific groups when talking about diversity instead of general examples, and Emely described programs with specific organizations.
- The GFP question should not come into terms because only two people were asked.
- For the Webmaster point though, even if only one candidate was asked, others referred to it in the speeches.

Pharez: Point of Clarification, the question on the application only asked about executive board duties, and it is listed in the constitution as the general duties because it needs to be updated.

Esopus: Point of Order, do we still have quorum?

Pharez: Yeah we do.

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Scudder

Second: Bouton

## **Voting**

Noah: 14

Julia: 1

James: 1

Emely: 0

No Confidence: 0

Abstain: 4

Sam: The AC has come to a consensus, congratulations Noah!

Motion to Close: Ridgeview  
Second: Bouton

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 11:47 PM

Coffeehouse, April 9th, 6-8 PM, SUB100N

Amazing Race, April 13th, 11 AM-2 PM, Meet in front of the Atrium

Vintage BUZZ Bingo, April 19th, 7:30-9 PM, SUB 62/63

AC Retreat, April 28th, 9:30 AM-10 PM, Lot 28

#### HALL CONCERNS 11:48 PM

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

#### STUDENT CONCERNS 11:48 PM

If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, can be improved), 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 [rha@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rha@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu).

#### OPEN FLOOR 11:49 PM

If you have any general announcements about your personal clubs and organizations, stuff going on in New Paltz, hall governments, etc, this is your time to share!

Lenape: Hi, so for the leadership summit, there's still 11 minutes to register! It's really cool. Go to [newpaltz.edu/summit](http://newpaltz.edu/summit) to register. There's also posters.

Bouton: At 8 or 9 tomorrow, RA Lauren and RA Mark are doing a Big Time Slime program where you make slime and listen to Big Time Rush. Make sure you show up to that.

Clare: Thursday, sign up for the paint and sip, on our instagram story. On Friday we're doing plant potting in SUB 100N from 10 PM-12 AM, finally if you're interested in joining UPC Executive Board, the link is in our bio.

Sam: If you want to join my frat, pre-rush is Thursday April 25th at 9 PM. It's a service fraternity.

#### PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 11:50 PM

Bliss put fairy shoes on her so she's beautiful and majestic. They're giving her to Esopus.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK 11:51 PM

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud" -Maya Angelou

#### ADJOURNMENT 11:52

Move to Adjourn Meeting: Noah  
Second: New E-Board

Next Meeting in SUB 62/63!

