

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 3/2/2020

Location: SUB 418

CALL TO ORDER 9:03 PM

Clare: Hey everyone! How's your week starting?

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:04 PM

Clare: In celebration of Hollywood season, we are going to be watching last year's people's choice video made by Capen Hall!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:07 PM

Matt O: Hey y'all! 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. If you have a new meeting time, please let us know at this time.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	4	2	0	0	Discussed Hall Gov bonding and future programs.
Awosting	4	4	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Bliss	1	1	0	0	Discussed a St. Patrick's Day program.
Bouton	5	5	0	0	We are planning a program this weekend.
Capen	2	2	0	0	We didn't have a meeting, but we had a program about water.
College-Shango	2	0	0	2	Discussed programs.
Esopus	2	0	0	0	Discussed future programs, our hot seat, and E-sopus.
Gage	1	0	0	0	Discussed a throwback event.
Lenape	1	1	0	0	Discussed future programs.
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	Discussed events for next week.
Mohonk	1	1	0	0	Had our first program, game night, last week.
Ridgeview	4	0	0	0	Planned programs for March.

Scudder	2	0	0	2	Discussed programs.
Shawangunk	2	0	0	1	Discussed our program, Bob Ross paint night.

SENATE 9:15 PM

Chet: Last week, we had Higher Education Action day. We went up to Albany, got to talk to representatives and got talked to by representatives. I'm not able to talk about what's going on in the senate as we are not done with it. You can come to the meeting this Wednesday in SUB 62/63 if you are interested.

NRHH 9:16 PM

Emily: Hey y'all! Our program Vibe Check was super successful, thank you to everyone who came through! If y'all wanna join NRHH, applications are out now! They can be found in our instagram bio @SUNYNPNRHH! If y'all have any questions, y'all can ask me after the meeting, during one of our GI's, or tabling sessions!

GI Meetings: Tuesday, March 3 @ 8pm in Mohonk Hall, Monday, March 9 @ 7pm in Ridgeview Hall, Thursday, March 12 @ 7:30pm in Ashokan Hall, Wednesday, March 25 @ 6pm in Capen Hall.

OLD BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open: Ashokan

Second: Capen

Secretary

Matt O: I have results from the Facebook challenge for the riddle in the minutes! Can I get a conference clap? Third place was Bouton, second place was Shawangunk, and first place was College-Shango. I asked where the Spring Leadership Conference is being held and it's at the University of Maine this weekend!

Historian

Noah: Hey friends! I have the social media challenge results for the past week so bring the conference clap back. For the Remind challenge, 3rd place was Bouton, 2nd place was Shawangunk, and 1st place was College-Shango! For the Instagram challenge, 3rd was Shawangunk, 2nd was Bliss, and 1st was Ashokan!

I also have the results for the creative Photo of the Month Challenge and the Meme of the Month Challenge! For the Creative Photo Challenge, 3rd place was Ridgeview, 2nd place was Lenape, and 1st place was Bliss! For the Meme of the Month, we only got responses from two halls so we only have a first and second place. 2nd place is Ridgeview and 1st place was Ashokan! Those are going to be posted on the Instagram later this week so be on the lookout!

Escape Room

Johnathan: Hey y'all! Thanks for coming out last Friday for Escape Room. We're a couple of dummies who couldn't escape so congratulations to everyone who did! We've actually been trapped in this room since Friday night.

Motion to Close: Lenape
Second: College-Shango

NEW BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open: Shawangunk
Second: Bouton

Yearbook

Noah: I know I said this week that I will start calling halls out who have not sent me names, but that will be next week and next week I will have more details about what's going on. If no one from your hall has contacted me, please send me an email with the subject saying "For Noah."

Programming Committee

Sarah: Hey guys! You all ignored me asking you to please come to programming committee last week, but it's okay because you can come to programming committee this week. If you don't come, I can't hold a meeting. It's fun, we have ideas, and a fire group chat. Meetings are Wednesdays at 5pm in the RHSA Office, Capen B-16. Please come! It can go on your co-curricular transcript.

Student Advocacy Committee

Matt O: Tomorrow at 7pm in Capen B-16, the RHSA Office, we will do academic concerns. We can bring them up to administration and have your voice heard.

Hollywood

Sarah: Last week, I gave you your packets, so please give me your sheets. You can hand them in during office hours this week, you can email me your topic, or drop them off at the next meeting. If I don't have your idea by next week, I will call you out because I need to approve them before you can start making them.

Coffeehouse

Matt K: Hello everyone. On Wednesday, March 25th from 8pm to 10pm in College Terrace, we will be having our Coffeehouse! Sign-ups are now open so you can start practicing and getting ready and we have some lovely QR codes for everyone that we will hand out!

Clare: QR codes are for you to sign up to perform. You can perform in a group or with people from a student organization. The link to sign-ups will be in our Instagram bio and we will have full blown posters next week!

Ten Minute Break 9:25-9:35

Election

Clare: We are about to begin our election. That means from this point until the end of our election tonight, no one who leaves the room can re-enter. There should be no verbal communication anywhere in this room, and no technology. If you are seen using a phone, laptop, etc you will be asked to leave the room until the end of the election. We will have one person in the back of the room watching for tech, and also to hand any notes you may have up to the AC rep of your hall. These can be discussion points or questions for Q&A.

During elections there will be a 3 minutes speech, 5 minute Q&A extendable up to 3 times followed by the rest of the candidates. After all candidates, we will have a 5 minutes discussion period extendable up to 3 times.

I'll now ask all candidates to stand up and head out with Sarah.

We will be using the speakers list during the election, but you are all pretty well versed in this by now.

Now Matt K, could you please tell us the responsibilities as Treasurer.

Matt K: Responsible for maintaining accurate documentation of the current RHSA budget; Pays all approved expenses by following the procedure for Disbursing Orders (D.O.'s); (D.O.'s must be handed in within two weeks or expense will be denied reimbursement) Works alongside the current President, President-elect, and Treasurer-elect to create the budget for the following year; Works with the President to review all Funding Requests submitted to RHSA and approves or denies each request; Funding Requests shall follow procedures outlined in Article 13, Section 4; Maintains communication with the CAS office; Holds a position on the CAS Board of Directors and attends monthly CAS Board meetings; Attends all President's Cabinet meetings; Maintains open communication with the Executive Board and Advisors about the current budget; Works alongside an Advisor to coordinate the Care Package program through On Campus Marketing (OCM). *Who was the MC for last year's Coffeehouse?*

Clare: We will now have 5 minutes to list any expectations you have for your next Treasurer.

Expectations of Treasurer

- Proficient in Excel and Google Sheets
- Confident
- Organized
- Good time management
- Personable
- Effective with money
- Budgeting skills
- Competent
- Communication skills
- Can do math!
- Conflict resolution skills
- Passionate
- Experienced
- Detail oriented
- Clear and concise
- Innovative

- Good relationship with CAS
- Friendly
- Professional
- Open-minded
- Adaptable
- Driven
- Persistent
- Good group management skills
- Reliable
- Bold
- Availability
- Approachable
- Learns from mistakes
- Hard working
- Flexible

Candidate 1: Jessica Jewell

Jess: Hello everyone, my name is Jessica Jewell. I go by she, her, her's pronouns. I am a junior majoring in Accounting and I am running to be the next Treasurer of RHSA. As Treasurer, I would maintain accurate records for the RHSA budget, and pay for all approved expenses using Dispersing Orders. I would work alongside the current President, current Treasurer who also happens to be the president-elect to create a budget for next year and review all funding requests submitted to RHSA and approve or deny in accordance with the constitution. I would maintain communication with the CAS office and keep the executive board and RHSA advisors informed about the current budget. My 2 years of involvement in hall government started my sophomore year as the Treasurer of Bliss Hall Government. I filled out Dispersing Orders to get people reimbursed for programs we held, kept accurate records of our budget in a Google spreadsheet, while also comparing it to Dispersing Order copies. In Bliss Hall Government I got to work alongside others and hold some really awesome programs. I wound up enjoying hall government enough that I continued in it again. This year I serve as the Vice President of Scudder Hall government. I fill out PUP sheets and get them in by the 2 week deadline and work alongside the president to run hall government meetings and programs, and it was this year that I discovered my passion for programming. Something I feel that being on the RHSA e-board can do for me is give me the experience creating and facilitating large scale programs for more people, which I would love to do. Also after seeing how this year went, I want to help create positive change in RHSA so everyone feels included and supported in RHSA. So, why should you elect me as the Treasurer of RHSA next year? I have a lot of experience serving on executive boards, which has allowed me to understand what works in terms of leadership, communication, delegation and conflict resolution that works and what doesn't work. Through my positions on other executive boards, I have developed some experience and skills that can help me fulfill my role as Treasurer. I have not only learned the technical skills of how to fill out a Dispersing Order for a hall government or creating and updating budgets, but also how to manage multiple funding and club deadlines for organizations alongside my classes and my work schedule. I have very good time management skills, with 2 calendars in my room alongside a planner to keep up with my commitments. This semester I have 2 jobs and positions on 3 executive boards alongside my

academics and work hard to manage all of them seamlessly. I am a very goal-oriented person. I always have task lists for every day of what I need to get done for my classes and my positions. And if elected this will be a priority for me, after my academics of course. I want to make sure that I can listen to all of you and make sure that next year will be the best year of RHSA ever! I yield to questions.

Question and Answer

I see you have been treasurer for three years in different clubs and organizations, so how will you implement those skills you have acquired into RHSA?

Jess: Something I will try to do to implement those skills is that for RHSA, you need to update spreadsheets and also original documents to make sure that our budget is accurate and I will continue to do that. I love colored coded spreadsheets, something I love so much, so I will keep up with that. I'm very meticulous and thorough when it comes to being a treasurer for other organizations so I will make sure that everything I do will be meticulous and thorough.

In your speech, you listed a few things about the treasurer position, so in your opinion, what is the hardest thing about the treasurer position and how will you overcome it?

Jess: I would be working on larger scale programs, so working with bigger things and having to rely on an E-Board to make sure that all of that goes under way well. I think it would be challenging, but I'm also excited for it.

How do you manage your time?

Jess: I have lots of calendars that I keep very organized. I have a schedule for each one of my days, organized by the hour and sometimes, 30 minutes. It's meticulous. I make that if I have a deadline or a treasurer thing, I will see that I have this due today, so I like planners, I love calendars, so I think that really helps organize my time.

You mentioned you have ways to improve RHSA. What is an example of that?

Jess: For things to improve within RHSA, this past year, I don't think RHSA has been as...for instance, the Black Solidarity thing, they had a program on Pre-Black Solidarity Day, so I feel we should make sure to not have a program on Pre-Black Solidarity Day to make sure that everyone feels included and they can go to all the programs as needed and also, I think something happened with Spirit Week, especially on our end, I think it would be cool for more advertisement, so more people know about RHSA, maybe even emailing people and using all of our different outlets to make sure people know and collabing with other organizations like SA clubs, keep collabing with NRHH and so on and so forth.

How would you handle conflict with other E-Board members and what is your place in a group dynamic?

Jess: In a group dynamic, if there is a bigger, larger personality, I will them speak. I try to be a more supportive person in a group dynamic and try to make sure to listen to what people have to say, so I feel that I can make sure to do that and my conflict resolution skills, if someone has an issue, I want to make sure we both come in with a clear head where we are both calm. After that, I want to make sure that we are hearing both of our sides, no accusations, and try to move forward and actually solve the issues.

How well do you relate to others and work well within?

Jess: I'm someone who is very direct and if I have something that I need someone else to get for me, especially with treasurer, I may need that, I am very good at being direct with someone.

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Jess: Hey, I need this and feel I can relate to others. I feel that we are all human and we want to make sure that RHSA is a better organization and we should try to open a lot of experiences for all students, so at the end of the day, I feel that's how we relate to each other.

What skills do you think being an accounting major will contribute to this position and what skills do you hope to gain from this position?

Jess: I have a lot of experiences with budgets, bookkeeping, financial statements, keeping up with that. I can prepare your taxes, I'm certified. That can be very helpful in the fact that I have those experiences in the past, but also, at the same time, I'm not the best public speaker and I'm always trying to get out of my comfort zone and be able to move outside of my shell and do things that I'm not comfortable with and I think that's what RHSA can do for me.

How do you handle a high stress environment?

Jess: In handling a high stress environment, I have experiences where you are under a crunch line and you have a bunch of things going on and it can be very stressful. I really try to maintain my composure the best I can and make sure at the end of the day that I'm task-oriented, so I make sure that the things that need to get done, get done and limit any conflict in any situation.

If a problem such as RHSA over spending occurs, how would make sure that doesn't happen again or just a conflict in budget?

Jess: I try to be straightforward and direct with what is going on, so if we had a budget for a program and someone spent too much money, I would say for the future that we have spend less money to make sure we manage our budget effectively and also, sometimes, you may overspend for one thing, but you can limit for another, so I think it's important you go about doing that.

How can your current commitments help you to succeed as treasurer?

Jess: I'm a subject tutor, I currently got hired to be student ambassador for the school of business, I'm treasurer for Humans vs Zombies, among other things, I feel that can really help me in being the treasurer of RHSA in that I have a lot of good time management skills, I have a lot of experience getting funding for clubs and organizations, and going through the process with administration and I think that could be very helpful as well as being able to help and be a resource for others.

What is one weakness and one strength that you have?

Jess: One strength that I have is a very strong work ethic, so in the Strengths Quest Thing, I got achiever, so I like being busy and involved, so that really helps me and I will work hard to make sure that the things I need to get done, get done. At the same time, I can be a bit of a perfectionist, I will hold off on things and not assert myself in certain situations if I don't think everything will go right and get in my head a lot with that, so I think that is weakness I have, but I try to go out of my comfort zone by asserting myself in situations like this.

Your resume is really impressive and I wanted to ask about your

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volunteer income tax assistant program. How do you think doing that will contribute to RHSA?

Jess: Currently, in the volunteer income tax program, I have to help a lot of people and I have to be very thorough and analytical, sometimes, I'm not preparing the return, sometimes, I'm checking people's returns so I think that meticulously being able to check and make sure that things are right can help me be able to go up to people and say "Hi, how are you?" because I'm

going to have to talk to the CAS office to get those disbursing orders in make sure that everything is smooth sailing, so I think that experience, specifically. While taxes may not help me in this specific role, I feel that the skills that go into all of that can help me in this role.

Is there anything in your speech you wanted to say that you didn't get the chance to say?

Jess: I want to emphasize that I want to be there for all of you and I want to be someone who can support you and someone who you don't feel that this person just runs the meetings, I can go up to her and say I'm a treasurer and I have an issue, help me, please, so I want to make sure that you know that I will work hard and make sure that RHSA succeeds.

As your previous experience as a treasurer, what mistakes have you made and how did you learn from them?

Jess: I have made a lot of mistakes as treasurer. Being a treasurer, no one starts out as a good treasurer, you always have to constantly learn. The first time I was in Bliss hall government as treasurer, I screwed up a lot and I constantly went to the CAS office, and I was like "Hey June, I'm scared," so eventually, what had to be done was that understanding errors happen, things happen and you have to move forward and maybe someone didn't give best receipt. Okay, this may be wrong, but we have to move forward.

You said you were a VP and you discovered you had a passion for programming. I was wondering if you can speak about the ideas you had for RHSA.

Jess: So, I know I put a lot of the stuff into my application. For me, I would love to have a diversity program to make sure people feel included, so maybe even having a collab with other organizations because I know that I'm not the best representative to speak for other cultures so maybe collab with the Black Student Union or other organizations that represent different cultures in a cultural ball so people feel educated. A while back, RHSA did Amazing Race and it could be fun to do it again. Those are two different programs. I hope that helps.

Are you fun to work with?

Jess: I hope so. I wrote my whole speech in Comic Sans.

What are your career goals?

Jess: I have a lot of career goals. Down the line, I want to get my CPA license and become an accountant. I don't know exactly where I could work, but I would work wherever I can get a job because at the end of the day, we are trying to get jobs. Something that I'm really passionate about is helping people, whether it be in finances, taxes, or helping a company in their financial statements, so it's important to me to be an accountant or financial advisor in some role.

How do you hope to grow from this position?

Jess: I hope to continue to develop my communication skills and my public speaking skills and I want to continue to gain leadership skills and

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Jess: I feel that in any organization, you can learn conflict resolution skills and you are constantly learning. Although I have been a treasurer in other things, I have never been a treasurer for as big of an organization as RHSA. I feel that it's a great challenge and I'm very eager to accept.

Do you have plans to further engage recruitment for international and transfer students?

Jess: Yes, I think it's very important to make sure, there's a transfer student union and transfer student living learning community, so I think it's very important that as well as engaging everyone with emails and so on and so forth, but to also have RHSA present and say "Hey, we're

RHSA! We exist! We have fun programs and this is a great way to gain leadership skills!” and you can be a part of an organization that does programming. It’s important to engage. The freshman students get pulled into this, but I feel it’s important to engage transfer and other students who may not have known RHSA instinctively.

What kind of involvement do you have with CAS already and how do you plan to do that as a treasurer moving forward and build those connections?

Jess: In terms of the CAS department, I’ve taken year off from hall government organizations because I’m VP, so all of my connections were from last year, so in my connections from last year, June knew me from the CAS department because I was constantly emailing her and making sure that things ran smoothly and I would make sure to maintain that by keeping close contact with June and other people in the CAS department to make sure things in RHSA get funded quickly and make sure that things go smoothly and everything goes well.

Why are you choosing to pursue the treasurer position and what passion can you bring to the position?

Jess: When I was looking at all of the positions, for me, I felt that the best way I could help is in the treasurer role because I have had so many experiences and I think my passion for...I’m an accounting major, I love numbers, I love budgets, I love that, and I feel that my passion and perfectionist, detail-oriented neuroticism can keep the organization on track and maintain itself and its budget.

Move to Exhaust the Speaker’s List Without Additions: Ashokan
Second: Shawangunk

Candidate 2: Logan Bross

Logan: Hi everyone, my name is Logan, my pronouns are he, him, his. I’m an adolescence education: social studies major and I’m a mathematics minor. My duties would be to maintain the budget through excel, which I’m familiar with and pay all expenses through DOs. I would work along the president, president-elect, treasurer, and treasurer-elect in making the budget for next year. I would have to keep good communication with the CAS board, me and June are pretty close. I would hold a position on the CAS Board of directors and attend monthly meetings and attend all Pres Cab meetings and I’m also pretty firm with people on getting my receipts and sign-in sheets, especially with me hall. I would also be working with OCM to organize the care package program. I’m pretty organized when it comes to my time. On Sundays, I always fill out my week with hourly schedules and I’ve responsible for other people’s money through personal situations. I’ve only been treasurer for a few months, but I think that my passion speaks for itself. I’ve gone to every single one of Matt’s office hours, even before the first AC meeting. This has been something I’ve wanted for a long time and I want to bring some positive change for the organization and an RHSA treasurer from three years ago was elected and she had no treasurer experience, Daraina, and she was an amazing treasurer and she told me that you can teach anyone the treasurer skills, but you can’t teach someone to have that fire and passion. I also have some cool program ideas and I believe in advocacy for everyone. My final point is that I really love this organization and I would love to make some positive change to it and be a warm presence for everyone to come to because I felt that the organization did it for me. I yield to questions.

Question and Answer

How do you manage your time?

Logan: Usually, on Sundays, but I add stuff everyday, I have an hourly schedule planner and I always put what I have to do for that week mandatory. I always leave blocks of time to study, if something comes up, but if during the week, if I'm told there is a quiz the next day, I write it in and I always have it with me in my bookbag. Whenever I'm in class, I use that.

Why do you think you are qualified for this position?

Logan: I've learned a lot in the past two months about this position by going to Matt's office hours and just being a treasurer myself. Also, I think that treasurer skills, DOs, and everything that goes with that, I'm very familiar with that and I can always learn more and be better through training. That's what training is about and I think I have the passion and the drive for it.

What program ideas do you have in mind?

Logan: One idea I have, I've done this in my hall three times in hall gov, is a self-care seminar. Basically, what I like to do is that it's a relaxing time, there's face masks, writing yourself self-love notes, but what I would like to do is bring it to a grander scale and promote positive ways to deal with stress because it's midterm season, everyone is stressed and I feel everyone could benefit from that. Another program I would like to do is that at the beginning, I would love to throw a huge, big program that is super fun and appeals to people, but also explains what this awesome organization does and I feel that there are not enough people on campus who know what RHSA does, they know of it, but they don't know why it's here, what's its purpose and I would love to share that with everyone because maybe participation would go up immensely.

What is a problem you had in the past and how did you learn from it?

Logan: About 30 seconds ago, I struggled with giving my speech. Now, I feel much better and comfortable talking, so honestly, I did just learn from that 30 seconds ago and said you know what, Logan, just be you, don't stick to a script, don't do any of that, just be yourself, and don't put any pressure on yourself, and that is something that I have struggled with my entire life, but it is something that I continue to work on and make progress on.

Who did you talk to in regards to this position and what was the best advice you received?

Logan: I talked to current treasurer, Matt, last year's treasurer, Juan, and I talked to Dariana, the treasurer of 2017, and honestly, while Matt gave me a lot of advice on the position itself, Dariana gave me the best piece of advice to go for this position, which was you don't have to be the most trained, professional treasurer to do this job as long as you have that fire, passion, and willingness to learn. I feel that I have that drive to strive to learn more and master it, honestly.

What is one strength and one weakness that you have?

Logan: One weakness that I have is that sometimes I put everyone else's needs and problems before my own sake and that's not an awful quality to have, but sometimes it gets to the point where it starts affecting my mental health and I have sort of over the past year...

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Logan: I have learned to sort of draw that fine line of when are you going to take that second for me and then, my strength is definitely my drive. I am a hard overworker at times and I would do whatever it takes to fill this position.

If you had a conflict with someone on your E-Board, how would you work towards handling that?

Logan: I would work to see if there is a mutual time where we can meet up to talk about it one on one. Most conflicts start out as a simple miscommunication, so I was hoping in that sense, that would be what the conflict is about and hope we could solve it. If we, personally, couldn't come to a consensus, I would bring it to our president and have our president do a mediation. If that didn't work, I would bring it to the advisors, and if that didn't work and we still couldn't resolve the conflict, I would see it as a job you still have to do where you have to work with this person and remain cordial and work together as a team to make sure everything runs smoothly, so leave the personal stuff at the door.

How do you believe the RHSA Treasurer position will help you as a future educator?

Logan: I think that the RHSA Treasurer position would one, keep me more organized because the position requires that and my organization skills would be taken to a whole other level. Two, I would have to communicate with people a whole lot more, which would help my public speaking skills for sure and I would have to be firm with people on giving in their receipts and sign-in sheets for DOs and making sure that people get their money back.

What skills do you think being a math minor will contribute to this position and what skills do you hope to gain from this position?

Logan: Being a math minor, it does not help you in the ways that you think, but being a math minor, you have to be a hard worker for the classes you do and with Calc 2, it's a struggle. It's really hard work, so honestly, the most important quality I value is to work really, really, hard because sometimes it requires that and takes several hours of your day to do it. That's fine with me because it's something I'm passionate about. I hope to gain a sense of confidence within my ability to present myself, also, confidence in the work that I'm doing and working with others and more of a leadership position.

You listed a few duties of the treasurer. In your opinion, what is the hardest one and how would you overcome that?

Logan: Probably, DOs and funding requests, it's probably a tie between those two. Distributing orders require other people to hand in their sign-in sheets and receipts for you to process them and so, in that sense, you are relying on other people to get your job done in a sense so you are able to do your job because you can't fill out a DO without those and to get over that, I would be stern with people. We are all human, so sometimes we forget things, but we are all also adults. If I keep reinforcing that you need a sign-in sheet and receipt, it shouldn't be that difficult of a task to bring that to me if you want your reimbursement. The funding requests, sort of the same thing with documentation issues that would be the main issue.

Is there anything in your speech you didn't get the chance to say or anything in general?

Logan: I just wanted to say that

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Logan: this is the first time. I have passed up so many opportunities in the past and this is the first time that I felt good enough to do this. I pictured myself in this position and able to fulfill this position and do it proudly.

Do you have any ideas on how you will make sure everyone will feel included in RHSA and its decision making?

Logan: One of my ideas was to maybe do some tabling for people to bring their concerns or some sort of outlet through promoting our email more so people could bring their concerns or my office hours and be heard. I'm always down to listen to anyone and their concerns and bring it

my fellow E-Board the next time we have a meeting because I don't want anyone to feel that they are not being listened to and this org made me feel listened to for the first time and I would want to do that for everybody.

Do you have plans on engaging transfer and international students?

Logan: Yes, I would try to reach out to those audiences as well as all audiences. I would promote running a program or reaching out to transfer or international students to find out what their concerns are. Right now, I don't have a specific plan for that, but I definitely feel that is a strong concern that I could definitely plan for.

How do you think you feel when you are in a high stress situation?

Logan: Usually, I perform well in high stress situations because I have this overworking mentality when I'm doing anything. Unfortunately, that was not the best example, but especially, when it comes to my school work, when it's a high pressure situation, outside of public speaking, I am on top of it, I'm handling, and I don't let the pressure get to me, I let the pressure motivate me more and use it as a positive.

You keep saying that you are very passionate about this organization. Can you further explain your passion and why you are passionate and what is a way you can make yourself accessible to the whole student body?

Logan: I had a very rough first semester here and I kind of lost my sense of identity. I didn't know who I was, I felt completely alone, I just didn't know what I wanted to do with my college career, basically, so I joined hall gov and I was like "Oh my God! These people are so nice!" and I discovered what RHSA was and I saw this beautiful organization build a community and continue to grow and sitting on the AC board, I wanted to be a part of that change. I want to fill someone, if not, as many people as possible with the same joy that RHSA has filled me with because now, I have a great sense of not feeling alone and not feeling like I'm not heard and not feeling that I'm not making any positive changes. I do feel that I'm making positive changes and I would like to continue making changes as an RHSA E-Board member. As far as being accessible to everyone, again, I would probably suggest promoting an email or some sort of concern box for everyone to put their concerns in and I swear to God that I will read them all and I would get back to anybody. Also, I wouldn't mind giving out my personal email if someone wants to reach out and if anyone wants to reach out because I do care about everyone's concerns on campus and I would try to do everything to make everyone's voice heard and to make sure the issues are addressed, if not, handled.

Are you fun to work with?

Logan: I think I am. People who know me know that I have these sassy one-liners.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

I have a sassy personality that comes off sometimes that people really enjoy and for some reason, gravitate to and I think I'm also a hard worker, so I know when to have that fun energy and when to be serious, so I think I'm pretty well-rounded.

What makes you so passionate about the treasurer position?

Logan: The treasurer position spoke to me as I thought it was the one that I thought I could do the best at, but then, I fell in love with the position when I did hall gov and I made sure at the first meeting to everyone that there is a folder in the office that's bright pink and you all need to put your receipts and sign-in sheets in there because I don't want to be chasing people and I take this very seriously and I'll let you know when we have those checks immediately, so the

treasurer position sparked a passion in me that I didn't know I had. I knew I had a passion for this org, but luckily, I have discovered a passion for the treasurer position as well.

You said that you hoped to improve RHSA for the better. In what ways do you hope to do that?

Logan: One of the concerns that I had as an AC member was that sometimes the AC members felt disconnected from the RHSA E-Board. I would try to provide better communication, more accessibility to me, so that the AC board does not feel like that because these meetings are practically run by you guys and you guys are such an important part of RHSA and I want everyone to feel included in anything that we are doing. That's how I would improve it. Personally, again, one of my programs was that the first big event to expand the message what RHSA does, about building a greater community and getting more participation from the campus and people that don't know what RHSA is. I didn't know what RHSA is until I joined hall gov and a big event like that could benefit participation.

You mentioned more connectivity between you and the AC. How do you plan on connecting to the AC?

Logan: Engaging with the AC more, I would encourage all of you to either, one, send me an email right after the meeting or I would stay after and you can all talk to me or you guys could even make an AC group chat if you guys just want to bring any concerns up during it. I know there was a group chat made at NPLC that plugged everyone's programs, but maybe we could do something similar to make sure that everyone feels that they are being heard and I would make myself available for anyone that needs to state their concerns while doing my duties as treasurer.

What's one mistake that you made in your time as treasurer on your hall gov E-Board and how will learning from that mistake help you grow and be better at the treasurer position?

Logan: I haven't been treasurer for that long, so I haven't made any technical errors, but one mistake that I made because I'm currently treasurer of my hall is that on my application for this, it says the wrong year in the statement and I meant to bring that up during my speech, but I'm an honest person who owns my mistakes and I will fix them immediately. If anyone saw a mistake on E-Board, I would fix it immediately and have someone look over it again.

Move to Exhaust the Speaker's List Without Additions: Ashokan
Second: Capen

Clare: We will look at the expectations again. Remember that discussion is just things that you heard during the speech, question and answer, or from the candidate's application or resume. Don't bring outside information.

Discussion

- We believe that Jessica's experience as the treasurer in different organizations and her resume is impressive, and the skills and approach she will use will advance RHSA.
- We feel the same way. It seems that Logan is very friendly and nice, but Jessica displayed incredible confidence, was able to talk very distinctly and make the entire room laugh at one point. All of those are qualities we would look for in someone who is in charge of money.

Serena: In terms of the first thing you said, you can keep it in your own mind, but we can't really say a discussion about experience because that is something that can be gained throughout the position.

- We appreciate Jessica's answer about transfer and international student involvement because she seemed to have it thought out and brought up the living, learning community as well as the transfer student union.
- We appreciate the passion and personableness that Logan expressed during his speech.
- Both candidates came out of their comfort to have these speeches and talk to everybody.
- We appreciate the humility and self-awareness that Jessica showed when speaking about her weaknesses and what she is trying to do to combat them.
- We appreciate Logan's idea for spreading the word of what RHSA does and the significance it has on the college.
- We commend Logan's ability to recuperate after some troubling times when he initiated his speech and learned from that.
- We appreciate Logan's ability to be very open to change and learning and as an education major, that's something he is constantly working on.
- We appreciate that Jess wanted to keep an open mind about diversity by moving the program that interfered with Black Solidarity Day so that everyone can attend.
- We believe that Logan's program idea for relieving stress in positive ways can benefit others.

Clare: Point of personal privilege: Let's make sure we are all speaking up.

- I had a question: On the expectations list, we put experience on there, but we can't mention it at this time?

Serena: You can talk about the skills that they can get from that experience, but you can't talk about the experience she said.

- So, it's about the wording that we use?

Serena: Yes, it's on that.

- Point of clarification: Someone mentioned the Black Solidarity Day program, it was actually NPLC that interfered with Pre-Black Solidarity Day.
- Can we go back to the expectations list again?

Clare: Like Serena mentioned, you can talk about how a person's experience will benefit them in the position, but it doesn't matter if I give a list of 15 jobs that I had or one job that I had because that one job could give me more experience than 15 or I could have learned the experience

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

Clare: of all 15 of those.

- We appreciate Jessica's strong sense of organizational skills with her two calendars and her planner.

Clare: The speaker's list is now open. If you are sitting here and know who you are voting for, you should have something to say.

- We feel that both candidates had really good organization skills and although both struggled with public speaking, they both pushed to get passed it in different ways. We acknowledge that although one candidate had more experience with public speaking than the other, from what they said, they were both trying and doing the best that they could.

Serena: You are trying to convince people. I don't think you guys want three rounds of voting like last time. If you have a strong point about one candidate, say it loud and proud.

Shayna: On that point, I haven't heard much about this, but consider the financial aspect as well and the budget that this person is going to be managing because it's very large, so reflecting on what they mentioned in their speeches as well because that's a bigger component to this position. The interpersonal stuff is great, but also consider the administrative tasks that this person is going to have to do.

- We recognize that Logan was very acknowledging that there is a time and place to be professional versus personal.
- We believe that Jess had a lot of good ideas for programs and things to do with RHSA for the next year.
- We acknowledge the humility Jess had to say that she is more of a supportive personality. It's easy to say that you're a leader, but her humility of acknowledging that she usually plays a supportive role on a team is very realistic.
- We emphasize that while it is great to be personable and passionate about this particular position, just the experience is important too. Knowing how to budget and how accounting and money works is pretty important to the job of RHSA.
- Jess admitted that she made plenty of mistakes in her previous time as treasurer, but that she was able to own up to it and try to make up for those mistakes, which we think she made abundantly clear and we would like to drill in the fact that having the ability to do that is a key aspect to be the RHSA treasurer.
- We liked that Logan is very passionate about not organization, but being strict and organized with deadlines and dealing with people by speaking to plenty of previous and current treasurers so he can be up to speed and know what his job will be.

Serena: That question wasn't asked to Jess, so we can talk about it, but we can't take that into consideration.

- While both candidates expressed passion for the position, Jessica expressed more confidence in her skills that would be vital in the position.

Clare: I think it's important that we hear at least one comment from each hall. You are the ones voting, choosing whose representing you. I would like to see one comment from each hall. Let's bring up the expectations.

Serena: Really look at these and use them for your answers. If someone mentioned a specific bullet, then say that they mentioned it.

Move to Extend by 5 minutes

Second

- We recognize that Logan seemed open-minded and willing to grow from his mistakes and that even though he may not be the most experienced in comparison with previous experience, there is always room to grow and learn from the position as it's being taken.
- We appreciate that they both know June in the office and have connections.
- Both candidates expressed good time management, availability, and approachability.

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

Clare: I would rather not. Take a look at these things here. Did anyone specifically say, "This is what I do"?

- Logan admitted that he struggles a bit with talking in front of large groups of people, however, he did show that he was able to adapt to the situation and change what he was doing to feel more relaxed about this situation.
- Logan explained his hour by hour schedule and how he changes it on a daily basis and how he has a set routine for which every Sunday he does the same thing over and over so he can make sure that he is prepared.
- We also would like to add that Jessica talked about her time management skills and how she plans her day hour by hour and sometimes by 30 minutes.
- Both candidates can do math.
- While Jess was nervous and mentioned she was not best public speaker, her passion showed through
- Although Jessica seemed somewhat nervous during her speech and she directly mentioned that she is not the best public speaker, we feel that her passion really showed through and she seemed very confident to go into this position.
- We appreciate Jessica's ideas for advertisement and sending mass emails regarding RHSA.
- While both candidates have been hall gov treasurers in the past, Jess was more ready. They both have performed jobs that will help them with this, but Jess explained more of what she learned in those jobs to us and seemed more confident in what she learned out of those jobs.
- We appreciate the relationship that Logan showed with CAS currently, that he is involved and knows whose in the office so on and so forth.
- Logan mentioned that he is proficient in Excel.

Motion to Exhaust the Speakers List Without Additions: Ridgeview
Second: College-Shango

Motion to Open Voting By Secret Ballot: Lenape
Second: Shawangunk

Clare: I will give you your voting options.

Point of clarification: I know when you vote to abstain, you can't vote again. If you vote no confidence, can you still not vote again?

Serena: You can still vote again.

Clare: Abstain means that you came in here knowing who you were going to vote for, you have bias. No confidence is when at first, you think the candidates cannot do the position, but in the second round, someone convinced you that they can do it. You can't change your abstain though.

Serena: I want to stress that now. If someone brings up a no confidence and you feel this way, you should really go for that and not go with what the crowd is saying. Again, with abstaining, if you have any kind of personal bias, you worked on an E-Board with them, you know them personally, I would definitely stress abstaining.

Voting

Jessica Jewell: 18

Logan Bross: 1
 No Confidence: 1
 Abstain: 2

Clare: I would like to congratulate our next treasurer, Jessica Jewell!

Motion to Open Nominations: Capen
 Second: Shawangunk

Clare: First, I'm going to ask these people who have tabled nominations. I'm going to ask if you accept, table, or decline.

Clare: Marianna Oropallo for Secretary.

Clare: Because she is not here, she declines.

Clare: Alyssa from Minnewaska for Historian.

Clare: Because she is not here, she tables.

Clare: Matt Orlander for Vice President.

Matt O: Table.

Clare: Emily Yulo for Vice President.

Emily: Table.

Clare: Cassandra Reyes for Secretary.

Cassandra: Decline.

Clare: Veronica Alvarez for PR.

Veronica: Accept.

Clare: Are there any other nominations tonight?

Ridgeview: Cassandra Reyes for Historian.

Mohonk: Second.

Cassandra: Accept.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Shawangunk
 Second: Bouton
 Dissent: Ridgeview
 Bouton: We take back our second.

Ridgeview: Logan Bross for CCC.

Second: Mohonk

Logan: Table.

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Ashokan
Second: Esopus

Motion to Close Secretary Nominations Until Spring 2021: Ridgeview
Second: Capen

Clare: Any people in here who are running for Secretary of RHSA, will you please stand up? Please hand out your applications and resumes to everybody and bring me your candidate form and a copy of your unofficial transcript and the other stuff you need to give me.

Clare: PR materials are due next week. If you accepted for PR or tabled for PR and plan to accept next week, you can bring your materials next week, 15 copies of the resume, 15 copies of the candidate application, one candidate form, and an unofficial transcript.

Motion to Close New Business: Ridgeview
Second: Bliss

UPCOMING EVENTS 11:08 PM

- Coffeehouse: An Open Mic Night (Wednesday, March 25th, 8pm to 10pm at College Terrace)
- Student Advocacy Committee Meeting (Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm, RHSA Office, bi-weekly meetings)
- Programming Committee Meeting (Wednesday, March 4th at 5pm, RHSA Office, weekly meetings)

HALL CONCERNS 11:10 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.

Clare: Seeing none.

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 11:10 PM

Matt K: From Esopus, I got a food concern from someone. I spoke to the appropriate individuals and they apologized for any inconvenience. I will be sending an email to follow up. I also got an email about the vending machine in Ashokan. I got it today, I went to CAS, they are sending someone on it, and hopefully, it will be fixed by tomorrow. I will CC you in the email if they fixed it.

STUDENT CONCERNS 11:10 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, or the water), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu.

Ridgeview: If you have a problem with a professor, can I talk to you after?

Clare: You can come chat after the meeting.

OPEN FLOOR 11:12 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 welcome to share your events.

<https://tinyurl.com/nprhsacampusevents>

Kevin: There is a great volunteer and leadership opportunity, CREW, where you give tours to prospective students at the Accepted Students Days. There are training sessions all at 6pm and you only have to attend one of them: March 6th at 6pm in CSB Auditorium, March 9th at 6pm in LC 102, and March 11th at 6pm in SUB 418. You get a shirt and a water bottle and it's a fun time!

Awosting: We have two programs: One does not have a name, but right now it is just chilling and organizing for midterm week, March 9th at 7:30pm and after spring break, March 25th at 7pm, we are going to have a Shrek movie night.

Scudder: If you can only do one of the two open houses, can you still do CREW or do you have to be able to do both?

Kevin: That is fine. Just let them know at the training session.

Shawangunk: Tomorrow night at 7pm in our basement lounge, we are doing a Bob Ross paint and sip. We are going to have cheese and crackers and sparkling cider juice. We are going to play a Bob Ross tutorial and will provide you with paint and it's going to be fun. Bob Ross, himself, will be there.

Mohonk: This Thursday, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the Mohonk main lounge, we are doing our hall gov hot seat and you can enjoy pizza!

Capen: Game night on March 11th, time TBD, we got Uno, Cards Against Humanity, and Twister, and snacks.

Ashokan: REAL fashion show this Saturday at 7pm.

Sarah: College-Shango and Gage are doing an NPAD this Saturday in Gage. It's an ultimate UNO tournament! There will be prizes!

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 11:15 PM

Clare: Molly was a little bit sleepy today, but she will be here next week!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 11:15 PM

Matt K: "You can't climb the ladder of success with your hands in your pockets." -Arnold Schwarzenegger

ADJOURNMENT 11:16 PM

Clare: For next week's mystery activity, we are doing a crazy hat contest! Come with the coolest, funniest, bestest hat you have and the winner will get a prize!

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Matt K.

Second: Jess

Next meeting will be in SUB 418!

