

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 4/13/2020

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER 9:03 PM

**Clare:** I don't have my gavel with me at home, so I have a can of diced tomatoes and green chili, mild.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:03 PM

**Clare:** Anyone who has a pet in the house with you, show us your pet!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:06 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.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	1	0	0	0	No report.
Awosting	2	0	0	0	No report.
Bliss	1	1	0	0	No report.
Bouton	3	2	0	0	No report.
Capen	0	0	0	0	
College-Shango	2	0	0	1	No report.
Esopus	1	0	0	0	No report.
Gage	0	0	0	0	
Lenape	1	0	0	0	No report.
Minnewaska	1	0	0	0	No report.
Mohonk	1	1	0	0	No report.
Ridgeview	4	1	0	0	No report.
Scudder	2	2	0	0	No report.
Shawangunk	2	0	0	0	No report.

## SENATE 9:10 PM

**Chet:** For Senate, we are trying to run as close to business as possible. We are getting our committee set up so we are able to meet and still address the student concerns that are coming up. We are going to keep working on that. Not a lot of big announcements are going to come up in the future, but we are going to act as though we are still on campus and everything is running as usual. I mentioned last week that the E-Board elections are being pushed off until the fall, so that's still happening, except for 2 positions, the Council Chair and the Senate Chair are being elected by those bodies. One big thing we are planning in the Senate is that we want to get a Town Hall meeting, a virtual Town Hall, so anyone with any questions will be able to come to us and ask about what's going on and we want to keep contact with everyone in the community and address everything that is coming up. I'm not sure if people saw, but one of our senators, Tiana, and our VP of Student Activities, held a livestream on Instagram, so we have been trying to stay active on that so the people now what we are doing, so checking the senate Instagram is a good way to see what we are doing at any given point because it might be spur of the moment at times. That's all I got. Does anyone have any questions?

## NRHH 9:13 PM

**Emily:** If you guys love recognition and service, please apply to become a chapter member of NRHH. Applications are due on Thursday, April 30th before 4pm. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to email us at [nrhh@hawkmial.newpaltz.edu](mailto:nrhh@hawkmial.newpaltz.edu). Stay safe and healthy!

## OLD BUSINESS 9:19 PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview  
Second: Awosting

## 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 Shawangunk, second place was Awosting, and first place was College-Shango. I asked you which E-Board member's birthday is next and it's Clare! Wish her a happy birthday tomorrow!

## Historian

**Noah:** Hey everyone!! I have the social media challenge results for the past week, so can I get a conference clap? For Monday's Insta challenge, third place was Ridgeview, second place was Minnewaska, and first place was Lenape! For Wednesday's Remind challenge, third place was College-Shango, second place was Scudder, and first place was Shawangunk! I'll have more for you next week! Stay safe everyone!

Motion to Close: Bliss  
Second: Ridgeview

## NEW BUSINESS 9:17 PM

Motion to Open: Awosting  
Second: Bliss

#itsonNACURH

**Serena:** Thank you to anyone who participated in week one and posted or shared it on their story. This week is week 2 and they are sending out this link. I'll send it out in the chat and I'll probably send it in the minutes. It's a movement that consent is as simple as tea, so they are encouraging people to post a photo of themselves drinking tea saying that, "It's as simple as tea." There's a video that goes along with it. Watch out for that from us, too!

Superlatives

**Noah:** Hi friends! So as you all know, the Yearbook Committee and I have been working through all this craziness, and today I wanted to announce that on Wednesday, you will be able to vote for superlatives! The list will be coming out on Wednesday along with a Google Form to vote, and I'll be collecting those results until Monday, April 27th! Keep an eye out for that email and please vote!

Hollywood

**Sarah:** Quick reminder: Your Hollywood Tik-Tok videos are due to us this Saturday! If you're planning on submitting one please make sure you email the link to [rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu) by 11:59PM on Saturday, April 18th!

Zoom Bingo

**Matt K:** Hey everyone, hope you are having a lovely day: coming up on Friday, the 17th from 7:30pm-9pm, we will be having our Buzz Bingo! That's Friday, April 17th from 7:30pm-9pm. Buzz Bingo, show up B-4 for some puns and jokes. Hopefully, better than that one!

Hall Gov Social Trivia

**Matt O:** We are doing a Hall Gov Social this Sunday at 2pm and it's trivia! Come play with a wide range of trivia with us. It's going to be really fun! Clare has a server that she made and I'm going to drop the link. It's also going to be in the email blast so you will have all that information. I may even send a follow-up email after that. We will get all the information out to you. Come hang out with us and show us how smart you are with your trivia abilities!

The Discord

**Kevin:** We have a Discord up now! I will put the link in the chat. It's going to be super helpful for a lot of our events so you can chat and you can use the chat during downtime of events. You can post memes or hang out with each other when you aren't in the AC meeting. Hopefully, you all can talk more. I have a channel dedicated to myself so if anyone wants to post funny pictures of me or talk about me, I wouldn't be opposed.

Election

**Clare:** So we are now going to start our election. We have our second virtual election! Usually, we would ask you all to keep you technology away, but obviously tech is necessary for these AC meetings. However, that doesn't mean you can be texting people during this election,

messaging each other, or using any other source that is not the speech, Q&A, the application, or the resume. Apps and resumes were sent out over email last week, if you would like to pull them up (or should we have the doc available for them).

We will start with an expectations list, where we will ask the candidates to leave the chat until they are invited back in. Then there will be a 3 minutes speech, 5 minute Q&A extendable up to 3 times. After all candidates, we will have a 5 minutes discussion period extendable up to 3 times. After a Q&A the candidate will leave the chat, but sit by ready to come back in.

I'll now ask Casandra to leave chat until invited back in.

The speakers list will be pretty similar to normal. Now Noah, could you please tell us the responsibilities as Historian.

\*Who is the only current member of the RHSA E-Board to receive a Bronze Pin?\*

**Noah:** Documents 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. Organizes the RHSA Google Drive.

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

#### **Expectations of Historian**

- Dedicated
- Creative
- Experience in photography (formal or informal)
- Approachable
- Passionate
- Organized
- Good Time Management
- Friendly
- Relatable
- Careful
- Confident-Able to approach and ask people to take pictures
- Tech Savvy
- Detail Oriented
- Precise
- Innovative
- Swagger (optional)
- Good Team Player
- Good Personality
- Understanding of web design
- Open Minded
- Positivity

- Marketing Strategies
- Inclusive
- Good Communication skills with PR
- Cool
- Flexible or adaptable
- Resilient
- Skills in Outreach

### **Candidate 1: Cassandra Reyes**

**Cassandra:** Hi everyone! My name is Cassandra Reyes, my pronouns are she/her/hers, and tonight I will be running for RHSA Historian. Over the course of my first year at New Paltz, RHSA and Hall Gov have become more important to me than I would've ever thought possible. I have gained so much from every moment with this organization, including leadership, time management, and conflict resolution skills, as well as learning how to collaborate and compromise with my peers on programming. Now you may be thinking, "Well, why are you running for historian"? I'm running for historian because I want to use the skills and knowledge I've developed through hall gov to improve the relationship between the E-board and the AC, diversify programming, ensure that everyone is equally represented, and promote community outreach! I can't even begin to express the love I have for this organization and how welcoming it is, and I believe that my dedication to my responsibilities will make me a relatable, hard-working, approachable, and passionate Historian. The duties of the historian are taking photos 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 (good fellowship points) 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 executive board duties! If I am elected, I can assure you that I would go about these tasks with enthusiasm, and I also think I could offer some great programming ideas throughout the year. Above anything else, I want you all to know that if you elect me as your historian, you can expect passion, dedication, fun, and great pictures! And now, I yield to questions!

### **Question and Answer**

What drove you to run for the historian position above all the other positions for RHSA?

**Cassandra:** I was drawn to this position specifically because in high school I got some experience with some of the duties I would have, if elected, because I was secretary of the yearbook committee and so I would take pictures of any events I could attend and I uploaded them to the yearbook and my social media and I love programming, meeting new people, and promoting community outreach, so I saw historian as a great position for me to run for.

Do you have photography experience or social media presence?

**Cassandra:** My photography experience is amateur, I have to admit, but my social media, I would say I'm pretty good at handling that because I personally have a lot of followers on my own Instagram account and I also had a photography account and I did a Ridgeview Hall Gov takeover once.

How would you plan to encourage community outreach?

**Cassandra:** I would try to have more frequent and meaningful interactions with communities on campus and I would try to...

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

**Cassandra:** promote any or make awareness of any RHSA events through my personal account and hopefully get more people to join.

Who did you talk to about the position and what it requires?

**Cassandra:** I spoke to Clare, Matt Orlander, Kevin, and Noah. They all gave me excellent advice. It was hard for me to choose what I thought was the best advice. So, a few things that I thought that would be really helpful would be to remember that I'm a person first, to never be afraid to ask for help, maximizing the campus community engagement through more meaningful interactions rather it's in-person or through social media.

In what ways do you hope to innovate this position and heavily market for our organization?

**Cassandra:** I would hope to be very interactive on the social media platforms and have lots of activities that people are very enthusiastic about participating in.

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What do you hope to see in RHSA next year? What programs or ideas do you think you might have?

**Cassandra:** I think that in terms of maybe diversifying programs, a few ideas I had was one, Empowering the Pink, it's a program I had when I was in my Hall Gov last semester. This program would spread awareness about period poverty and the tampon tracks. It hopes to advocate for free feminine hygiene products in the bathrooms on campus. Another is a clothing swap, this program I did with my Hall Gov. I think it had a great turnout and I think it would be more impactful on a campus scale for both service and sustainability and also, any clothes that were not donated were taken to Salvation Army in town. I also would be interested in holding a pride program. My idea for this would be to be both informational and interactive, but I'm still trying to work out the details of it and some sort of RHSA dance among other ideas that I had. The RHSA dance, I was thinking, could be formal or semi-formal and I would work to make it more engaging by letting the AC or the halls to choose ideas and the E-Board would choose three that they think are the top ideas and the AC Reps would choose at the next meeting what they want the theme to be. I thought this could be helpful to do for Hall Gov Banquet.

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How would you go about strengthening the bond between RHSA and NRHH?

**Cassandra:** For strengthening the bond between RHSA and NRHH, I would try to have more collaborations with NRHH and more bonding events with them. I would also like to try collaborating with them for my Empowering the Pink program if that works out.

Is there anything you didn't get to say during your speech that you would like to let us know?

**Cassandra:** I understand that I'm only a first-year student, but I can honestly say that coming to New Paltz and joining Hall Gov has led me to experience a lot of personal growth and because of this great organization, I was able to have a phenomenal sense of community and now, I would

love to be able to give back. I've enjoyed every moment of my involvement so far with Hall Government and RHSA and I'm excited and ready to hopefully continue on to the next step.

What is your greatest strength and weakness?

**Cassandra:** I'll start off with my greatest weakness. I think that definitely would be my anxiety, but to improve that, I always try to remain optimistic and by finding alternative ways of coping, if necessary. If I really need help, I would reach out to others and hopefully, allow us to be on the same page. One strength that I have is my communication skills, both interpersonally and in larger settings. I think that's very helpful for overcoming my weaknesses and being the RHSA Historian because it will allow me to better express my thoughts and feelings on any conflicts or programs or anything like that.

What can you bring to the E-Board?

**Cassandra:** I personally think I'm very friendly and understanding and I think that's very important, especially for the historian position because I think it's important to go up to people and be comfortable asking to take their picture. I also love talking to people, which I think is very helpful and just in general, I think my general approachability is very helpful for the E-Board.

What is something you would change about the org and how do you hope to grow personally?

**Cassandra:** I would really like, as I mentioned before, promote community outreach and maximize the community on campus and diversify programming, make sure there are lots of different kinds of events for people to attend and enjoy. And how I would hope to grow: I would like to improve my public speaking skills by talking at meetings and further expand my leadership skills and professionalism.

How would you reach various groups of New Paltz students like transfers?

**Cassandra:** For transfers, I would like to find a way to promote anything about RHSA to them in any types of meetings that they have like orientation or anything. I don't know much about transfer situations, but I would like to learn more about that and figure out how to make that better.

What specific ideas do you have for social media and programming with NRHH beyond just being active on social media, bonding, and being interactive?

**Cassandra:** For social media, I would try to be very active on the Instagram and Facebook and I would try to comment on photos and reply to comments, post on stories and share stories. Lots of things like that, just making a great presence for RHSA. And programming with NRHH, I think I might have mentioned it briefly before, but I would like to try collaborating with them on my Empowering the Pink program, if possible, and any other programs where that's possible.

## Discussion

- Cassandra's honesty showed through her question and answer and she shows genuine passion for the RHSA E-Board, the organization, and the historian position.
- Throughout this election process, Cassandra displayed all of the qualities listed on this chart, or at least the ones we did remember, so she covered all of the boards of what we said our expectations were.
- She did exemplify many of the expectations on the list, but at the same time, she almost seemed inexperienced with the larger organization of RHSA and some of the programs she talked about doing next year.

- She seemed to be very creative with her program ideas and we think those would be very inclusive to everyone and she seemed very passionate about those.
- She showed a lot of passion for the position and has a lot of fresh ideas that could be really helpful.
- We feel that she is very flexible and adaptable and she is willing to learn more about RHSA and the position as she continues to evolve.
- Although Cassandra doesn't have specific in depth experience, she still does have experience from her yearbook in high school and being a part of Hall Gov as secretary, she was working with her historian in that facility so having even a little of that background and also, the willingness to learn coupled together would lead her to be successful in the future.
- The programs that she mentioned were new and very creative. She was honest on her strong points while also mentioning her weak points...

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

Second

- and how to overcome and demonstrated immense passion for the organization.
- Cassandra admitted that her experience with photography is both formal and informal and is willing to gain more experience through RHSA.
- Cassandra seemed both approachable and friendly.
- We feel that she did a very good job of being open and adaptable to all of our questions as well as wanting to be adaptable in the job and grow from it and being that she is a first-year, we would expect nothing more or less from a freshman who's being newly acclimated to the campus and the fact that she's going to take on this leadership role is very admirable because she's very passionate about the position and I think that the prior skills that she's had are good.
- We know we said that swagger was optional, but we think she has swagger.
- We appreciate that she has her own photography Instagram and although she did admit she is amateur in abilities, she has a real passion in it and would channel that passion into the position really well.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes

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- We appreciate the fact that it's not easy to stand in front of a bunch of people and say a speech, especially if it's online because it's awkward with the face-to-face communication so just props for that in general.
- We appreciate Cassandra's confidence and relatability to the position and the way she talked about her experience. Even though she's just a freshman, she seems passionate about the position and knowledgeable.
- We feel that Cassandra was very open-minded and even though she seems inexperienced, she is willing to learn a lot more new things.

Motion to Exhaust the Speaker's List With Additions: Ashokan

Second: Mohonk

**Clare:** Do I have any dissent? Seeing none. Are there any additions? Seeing none.



**Clare:** I will share with you the link to the folder that has the voting form in it. Make sure you put your name and your hall and what you're voting for. Your options are Cassandra, no confidence, or abstain. No confidence is a perfectly valid option. With abstain, I would encourage anyone who is friends or enemies, who knows the candidate, who doesn't like the candidate, please abstain. I just want to encourage that. If you came here knowing who you were going to vote for, please abstain.

### **Voting**

Cassandra Reyes: 15

No Confidence: 2

Abstain: 0

**Clare:** Congratulations, Cassandra! You are going to be the Historian for the year 2020-2021!

Motion to Open Nominations: Mohonk

Second: Ashokan

**Clare:** Next week is our last election so this is your last chance to nominate people for the 2020-2021 RHSA E-Board. Are there any PR nominations tonight? It's the last one.

**Callie:** Jordann from Shawangunk for PR.

**Lenape:** Second

**Jordann:** I accept.

**College-Shango:** Chris Gillin for PR.

**Awosting:** Second

**Clare:** He declines because he is not here.

**Serena:** If you are on the future E-Board, you can't nominate someone. I didn't realize that before, but that's biased. Someone else has to nominate Jordann.

**Shawangunk:** Jordann from Shawangunk for PR.

**Mohonk:** Second

**Jordann:** I accept.

**Ridgeview:** Sage Aviles for PR.

**Second:** Bouton

**Sage:** I accept.

Motion to Close Public Relations Nominations Until Spring 2021: Ashokan

Second: College-Shango

**Clare:** If you have your election materials to run for PR, Please email them to [rhsa@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu), before Wednesday, April 15th at noon.

Motion to Close New Business: Ridgeview  
Second: Bliss

UPCOMING EVENTS 10:29 PM

- Buzz Bingo (Friday, April 17th at 7:30pm to 9pm, Zoom)
- Hall Gov Social Trivia (Sunday, April 19th at 2pm, Twitch.tv/cdel222)

STUDENT CONCERNS 10:30 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@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmill.newpaltz.edu). We also have a student concerns section on our new Discord so you can send things to us there. You don't need to be on campus to have any student concerns. We will hear them and hall concerns at this time since there aren't too many students on campus.

**Ridgeview:** I'm not sure there's much you can do because everyone is sort aware of this issue. It's not just me. Sometimes, I'm having trouble with Blackboard Collab Ultra and some of my professors are having trouble with it as well. One professor took an hour because they were having technical difficulties. I don't know if the administration is aware of how big of an issue it is because it's getting a little out of hand for some people.

**Clare:** Was it technical difficulties or was it a professor not necessarily knowing how to use it?

**Ridgeview:** It's been technical difficulties lately on a lot of events. Sometimes mine crashes, sometimes theirs crashes. The last time I experienced it was on Friday.

**Chrissy:** Kathryn Bohan has been running Blackboard workshops and IT has been doing satellite work with professors for their Blackboard things like that and if it's a performance issue, most of the time, it's brought to their attention immediately and they're working through it as quickly as they can.

**Ashokan:** The Snack Shack doesn't work at all so we don't have any access to food outside of food from the SUB or it kind of works sometimes.

**Clare:** When was the last time you experienced it not being fully functional?

**Ashokan:** Today.

**Clare:** Is it not functionally at all or was it the concern last week that it doesn't accept dining dollars?

**Kevin:** With the Snack Shack, it has worked every time that I have used it with dining dollars, just swiping the card. You don't have to select the option for dining dollars, you just swipe your card on the reader and it will take the money out of your account. If you are ever having any issue with the Snack Shack, you should try to report it to management in the SUB. They have so many people there and they aren't going to know that it's not going to work. The most direct way would be to tell them instead of going through this. It would be much easier since we are here.

**College-Shango:** I wanted to talk to Logan on Blackboard Collaborate. It has a lot of issues and it's pretty well-known with people who do online learning. They are trying their best from what I know, but the only way it's going to be a permanent fix is switching to a different medium.

**Ridgeview:** I understand that not much can be done, but I didn't know if it was advocated and it sounds like it definitely has been so I'm good with my concern.

**Clare:** Question for Kevin: Should they email or go directly to the SUB to bring it up to them?

**Kevin:** I would say go into the SUB and bring it up to them if it's not working because obviously, depending on the time that you are doing it, they are servicing it every single day from what I've seen. They are going in and filling it and making sure that everything that wasn't showing up on the options correctly starts to, but I had an issue at one point and told a staff member who worked there and they were actually able to go outside and fix it.

**Clare:** If you don't want to talk to them in the SUB, you can email Kevin Dicey, he's a manager at services. I might overwhelm him if I give you his email, but I think it's a good way for you guys if you want to social distance while also bringing up that concern to him.

[kevin.dicey@sodexo.com](mailto:kevin.dicey@sodexo.com) Say your name and that you're living on the New Paltz campus.

OPEN FLOOR 10:37 PM

**Clare:** If anyone has any other digital events going on that they know about or would like to share with the AC now is the time to do so!

**Minnewaska:** I had mentioned last week that the school of fine and performing arts is doing a big collaborative Tik-Tok and we are still currently accepting videos for that. So, if you are someone who is majoring or minoring in fine and performing arts, whether that is music, theatre, painting, metal, whatever, you can be in it, so you can DM the school of fine and performing arts on Instagram and I'll drop my email in the chat: [dudinyaal@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:dudinyaal@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu) You can email me a video. It's a video of you passing from one end of your mirror to another playing either your instrument, dancing, singing, covered in metal if you are a metal major. We essentially want to see different representations of students across the majors. Another thing we are doing in the post that was posted today is that we are calling for people to interview. If you are willing to be interviewed, we want to see a photo, either your makeshift studio space, your practice room, any of those, and we are going to feature individual students. We will have you answer 3 questions if you are comfortable. It's a great way to unite that community and spread awareness for how those hands-on majors are dealing with social distancing.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:39 PM

**Clare:** We are continuing the passing of Molly the Moose. This week it is with Bouton, but last week, College-Shango decorated our nice digital Molly. I'll screen share it for you. Molly has a mask so she is staying healthy with RHSA on it. Bouton has it now so Bouton, you are going to send it to us by Friday. I still think we should chant, "Pass the Moose!" Bouton has this picture and will send it to the RHSA email and at the next meeting, they will tell us who they want to send it to so we can send it to the next hall and that's going to continue for the rest of the semester.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:41 PM

**Johnathan:** "Only by speaking out can we create lasting change. And that change begins with coming out." — DaShanne Stokes

ADJOURNMENT 10:41 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Noah  
Second: Cassandra

Next meeting will be on Zoom!

Drake where's Jesus

