

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10/26/2020

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:03PM

**Matt:** I'm going to call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:03PM

**Matt:** What do you want to dress up as or are dressing up as for this Halloween?

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:07PM

**Emily:** 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	0	0	0	0	None.
Bliss	2	0	0	0	We have two events coming up.
Bouton	2	0	0	1	We have an event on Friday.
Capen	1	0	0	0	We have no events coming up.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	We have our meeting tomorrow. We have a Halloween event for the weekend.
Esopus	2	0	0	0	We have an event tomorrow night where we're making spooky crafts.
Gage	1	0	0	0	We don't have any events coming up but we have some in the works.
Lenape	2	0	0	1	We have some events in the works, but we had 2 very successful ones last week.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	None.
Scudder	1	0	0	0	We had a really successful event yesterday where we were pumpkin painting.
Shawangunk	2	0	0	0	We have two events this week.

SENATE | 9:11PM

**Chet:** My name is Chet. I am the Senate liaison. I'm here to facilitate communication between our two organizations, to let you know what's going on with us and let the Senate know what's going on with you guys. The Senate has been a little slow to get started, but we're here now. Our big thing this month for the rest of the month, we're trying to encourage and educate voters about voter education, who is running in the elections, how people can learn more about the people they're interested in and all of our students being able to vote. Early voting has started. If you're unsure how or where to vote, if you want to do early voting, you can look at your county board of elections page. If you look at the Ulster county board of elections page, they should have it fairly clearly stated where you're able to vote. On Election Day itself, the campus usually holds its own voting place. I hope everyone gets a chance to go and vote. Our other big thing is a larger scale thing. The Senate is remodeling, we're going to a representative model. Our current structure is 25 Senators ideally, right now there's more like 19, and they are all responsible for representing the school as a whole. Our new system is going to be people from different areas of the school, such as different quads and different residence halls, representing those areas. We're going to have off-campus students and online students represented. This is so we can get a better idea of what's going on at the school and get a better representation on the Senate because we've had some issues getting the proper number of Senators. If anyone has any questions about the Senate, let me know.

NYPIRG | 9:15PM

**Chet:** We're focusing a lot on voter registration. We were able to get around 200 people registered to vote on-campus, which we were very happy about. We made sure to social distance and were very safe. We are making sure that people are able to safely get to the polls. We're working on a lot of the same stuff as the Senate, but we're also working on some things for the future, a bunch of environmental events. We're pushing for all of our causes so we don't relapse during this time when there's one very pressing issue that needs to be dealt with. We're making sure that everything else doesn't take a step back because of it. Plastic laws and hunger and homelessness are a big project right now. We're making sure we keep everything up.

NRHH | 9:16PM

**Gigi:** No report for this week.

OLD BUSINESS | 9:17PM

Motion to Open: Bliss

Second: Lenape

## Office of NCC

**Callie:** Hi y'all! As the NCC election is the first one up in election season next semester, I wanted to give a little clarity on what my position entails and how to reach me if you're interested in this position. As NCC I am essentially an A.C. Representative for the whole school to our region and national organization, which is NACURH. Every so often I get to meet with a great group of people from other RHSA's around the Northeast and we talk about our schools, our events, and what our goals are for our organizations. It's so much fun, and I'm even meeting with a couple people from another school tomorrow to play Among Us! This position helps you make a lot of friends who are passionate and care about the same things as you. Another great part about my position is that I get to go to conferences for the Northeast and for the nation, and I choose people to come with me. Next semester, you all should look out for opportunities to apply to conference because I would love to take any of you. Finally, I get to plan the annual New Paltz Leadership Conference. Be on the lookout for that next semester, and whomever the next NCC is will get to see the magic that goes into it. If you wanna reach out to me about this position or just in general, I have a couple points of contact.<sup>1</sup> I also have Office Hours with NRHH NCC Gigi every Friday from 9:00am - 11:00am so drop by to chat about the position or just to say hi.

## Office of President

**Matt:** The President of RHSA Position requires one full year on the Executive Board to be eligible to run. I will not be going over it at this time. If we get to elections and no one is running, I'd be happy to meet with anyone.

## Office of Vice President

**Serena:** The Vice President handles everything contact and contract related for events and programming as well as filling in for the President when necessary. The Vice President is also in charge of Spirit Week and the floor plans of events.

## Secretary

**Emily:** Hi y'all! These are the winners from last week's riddle in the minutes!

Second: Lenape

First: Gage

The riddle was "on what day are we starting the Instagram takeovers on?" The answer was on Wednesday! Sign up for the Email Blast to make sure you are one of the first to answer the riddle and earn your hall some GFP's!<sup>2</sup>

## CCC

**Jordan Hennix:** Good evening everyone! Here are the top 3 halls for GFP's.

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<sup>1</sup> You can contact NCC Callie through the RHSA Email ([rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu)) or through the NCC Email ([newpaltznccs@gmail.com](mailto:newpaltznccs@gmail.com)).

<sup>2</sup> To sign up for the Email Blast, you can use this form: <https://forms.gle/4tqws4ErfckVUEyC7>

Third Place: Ridgeview

Second Place: Bouton

First Place: Bliss

I'm hearing that you guys are doing a lot of programs, which is awesome. In order to get GFP's, you need to send in PUP Sheets. You can access the PUP Sheets through the RHSA website and find them there. You can email us and I will send you a copy of the PUP Sheet.

Historian

**Cassandra:** Remember to keep interacting with the takeover polls and questions on our Instagram story, and don't forget to share your fun mask photos with us by 10:00pm on November 1st!

Secretary

**Emily:** Hi again. Thank you to everyone who came to our Ghost of the Past program. It was awesome discussing how some costumes and traditions of Halloween are inappropriate and how we can avoid things that are insensitive. Thank y'all again and be safe this Halloween!

Motion to Close: College-Shango

Second: Esopus

NEW BUSINESS | 9:23PM

Motion to Open: Gage

Second: Shawangunk

NCC Fun Fact

**Callie:** This week's fun fact is that RHSA has been on the New Paltz campus since 1982! How exciting!

Hall Buddies:

**Jordan H.:** Throughout the semester, we've been asking for your hall gov meeting times because this Wednesday, I'm going to be emailing you guys your E-Board buddies. For those who don't know what an E-Board buddy is, one of the 8 of us will be meeting with you a couple of times throughout the semester to be an extra resource in case you need us, to give you more insight to RHSA, or ideas about hall gov. \*What is the first position elected during our election season?\* It's to make sure everything's running smoothly and if you need any extra support, we're here to support you guys. We're not going to be running the meetings, we're here as an extra resource. After this meeting, I'll be reaching out to a couple of you guys because we still don't have your meeting times. If you're one of those halls, expect an email from me.

### Buzz Escape Room

**Jess:** Hey y'all! We are having our BUZZ Escape Room program Friday, November 6th from 7:30pm to 9:00pm on Zoom. We hope to see you there!

### Halloween Scavenger Hunt

**Jordann M.:** Hey, everyone! All day Halloween, which is this Saturday October 31st, we have an ongoing scavenger hunt all across campus for Molly the Moose. Find Molly in 8 different halloween costumes! To participate, all you need to do is scan the QR codes with your phone and fill out the form. To safely follow Covid Guidelines, it is a little different this year than our previous moose hunts so please do not take the mooses down. Just scan the QR codes and complete the form. Each moose type is worth a different level of GFPs. There will also be a special golden moose worth extra points so keep a lookout for the golden ghost moose! There are 50 mooses total that could be found! Wear a mask, social distance, be safe, and happy moose hunting!

**College-Shango:** Are all the mooses outside or are they going to be inside buildings?

**Matt:** They will all be outside and socially distanced so you don't have to go inside buildings.

### Scareyaoke

**Cassandra:** Hi everyone! Along with the all-day moose hunt, we are having a spooky season themed karaoke night on Zoom and you can find the meeting ID and password on our Instagram page. We hope to see you all there for a fun night of talking and singing halloween themed songs together!

### Black Solidarity Day

**Emily:** Hey y'all! Black Solidarity Day is next Monday, November 2nd. We're not going to have an A.C. Meeting that day. We are currently working on a document full of resources for all of you to look over that we will send in the Email Blast. Just a reminder that your professors cannot give you any assignments, quizzes, exams, etc. on that day as well as can't count your absence on that day against you. If they do, please contact the head of the department and if you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. please feel free to email us!

### Bubble Buzz

**Jordan H.:** Hey everyone, on Friday November 13th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm we will be having our bubble buzz event. Please sign up for our event through our form that is made available through the RHSA Email Blast and on the RHSA instagram page.

<https://form.jotform.com/202928407026049>

Motion to Close: Gage  
Second: Scudder

#### UPCOMING EVENTS | 9:30PM

- Halloween Scavenger Hunt | Saturday, October 31st throughout campus!
- Scareyaoke | Saturday, October 31st at 11:00pm on Zoom!
- Buzz Escape Room | Friday, November 6th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm on Zoom!
- Bubble Buzz | Friday, November 13th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm on Old Main Quad!

#### HALL CONCERNS | 9:31PM

**Matt:** 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. 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

#### STUDENT CONCERN FOLLOW UP | 9:31PM

**Matt:** In regards to UPD and wearing masks, I followed up with the Assistant Director of Residence Life who's bringing this up to administration. I'm currently waiting on a response. I would like to thank you and appreciate your patience and understanding as it might take some time to hear back. We're currently working on UPD and the relation between that. I'm going to try to be as transparent as possible, whether it's in the Email Blast or at these meetings once I hear back from them.

**Matt:** In regards to Hot Chocolate with the President, I follow up with that as well. I recommend bringing any questions to the Town Hall meeting this Thursday.<sup>3</sup> It's with the President of the campus and the President of the Student Association. There was an email sent out about it. If there's anything else you'd like to bring up, you can always reach out to us on the topic, we do hold meetings with the President, his cabinet members, and SA Executive Board so will discuss it then if it's a student concern.

#### STUDENT CONCERNS | 9:33PM

**Matt:** 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), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at [rhasa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhasa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu). You can fill out this Google form for both hall and student concerns: <https://forms.gle/j7qrziK2aWq9guyt5>. Are there any student concerns?

**Bouton:** We were concerned about the sex offender emails and why they're all in the same place near campus.

**Matt:** I could follow up with UPD on that.

**RD Cam:** I'm not sure if there's some sort of program for past offenders. I've noticed they're in the same hotel location but I don't have any additional information to give you all.

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<sup>3</sup> If you would like to view more information on the Town Hall Meeting, you can click [this link](#)!

**Matt:** I'm going to reach out to UPD and hopefully they can give me some more information on the topic. If I get it soon enough, I'll pass that information along that way Secretary Emily can put it in the Email Blast so everyone has it. You can also email us or you can wait 2 weeks, unfortunately, for us to do it at the in person meeting. Feel free to email us at [rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu).

**Bliss:** I was wondering if we potentially get a club of Pokemon for next semester.

**Matt:** If you want to start a club, I could forward you the information for it. That would be through the SAUS office. I believe it's through Student Engagement. I know you have to speak with Mr. Patterson's office and Secretary Shawn.<sup>4</sup>

**Jordan H.:** Are you talking about a video game club or a Pokemon club specifically?  
There are video games clubs on campus.

**Scudder:** I would really like to join the Carribean Student organization, but I don't think it's active. How do I find out how the club is active and if it's not active, is there anything I could do about it?

**Shawangunk:** It is but in the spring.

**Matt:** If it's a club, you can try contacting the SAUS office to see if they're ongoing. You can try reaching out to their Instagram or the E-Board of the club.

OPEN FLOOR | 9:39PM

**Matt:** 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 typing an x in chat. If you would like your Hall Gov programs and events to be advertised on the Hall Government Google Calendar, please fill out the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/LrwXyzJfyvX8SXby5>. Are there any open floors?

**Callie:** This week, October 30th on Peregrine Quad, Ashokan, Minnewaska, and Shawangunk RA Staffs are putting together a big fall fest. It's from 5:30pm - 7:00pm on October 30th. There's going to be apple picking, carnival games, and pumpkin picking. Our rain date is November 1st and the posters will be out soon so keep your eye out for those. You should totally come down because it's going to be a lot of fun! Also stream the Golden music video by Harry Styles.

**Marissa:** Hi I'm Marissa! I was part of RHSA 2 years ago and was part of NRHH last year. For my senior class, I have to do a survey for RHSA and I have to interview around 20 - 30 current RHSA or Hall Government members. I'm working with someone else on it and we'll have the survey ready in 2 weeks. I wanted to see if anyone was interested and if you could get back to me, that would be awesome.

**Matt:** Do we have any more open floors? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 9:42PM

**Matt:** Bliss put a cute lizard on Molly. Bliss, you get to pick who gets Molly!

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<sup>4</sup> If you would like to know more information about starting your own club, please click on [this link](#).



**Bliss:** Bouton will get Molly!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 9:44PM

**Jordan H.:** You may not always have a comfortable life, and you will not always be able to solve the world's problems at once, but don't ever underestimate the importance you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own. - Michelle Obama

ADJOURNMENT | 9:45PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Shawangunk

Next meeting will be on Zoom!

