RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/16/2020 Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:04PM

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

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:05PM

Matt: Name your favorite flower or plant!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:06PM

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 ence Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	0	0	0	0	None.
Bliss	0	0	0	0	None.
Bouton	4	0	0	1	Nothing to report.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College- Shango	1	0	0	0	We had a meeting last week with NCC Callie there.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Lenape	4	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Ridgeview	4	1	0	0	We talked about programming at our last meeting.
Scudder	0	0	0	0	None.
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	RA Liaisons haven't been receiving Jordan H.'s emails.

SENATE | 9:08PM

Chet: Hello everyone. This week we have a lot of events for self care and wellness back at home theme for the month. On Thursday, November 19th at 4:30pm we're having an International Domestic Violence Awareness Day. The dates and times for these events should all be up on our Engage and Instagram (SUNYNEWPALTZSA) as well. On Friday at 4:00pm, we're going to be having a diet culture event, it's going to be informational. On Saturday at 3:00pm, we're going to be having a self care event. If you want to come, draw, and talk about things going on, I'll be running that event. If anyone wants to come and talk, that would be great. The Senate voted recently to cancel our December elections. With everything going on, it's difficult for us to plan and schedule it. We also haven't been able to plan how we are moving to the representative model. We are cancelling elections and all the Senate seats are going to carry over. We are going to work on setting up our representative model in the next semester. Does anyone have any questions or comments? Thank you everyone for having me. Thank you!

NYPIRG | 9:10PM

Sue: I hope you are all doing well! My name is Sue and I'm an intern this semester with the SUNY New Paltz chapter of NYPIRG, which is the New York Public Interest Research Group. If you guys remember me, I was also here earlier this semester talking about getting out the vote among young people and on college campuses, but that's just one of the many campaigns that we work on. We also work on issues, such as environmental justice, fighting climate change, public health, holding our elective officials accountable, making higher education affordable and accessible to all, and we also do work with a hunger and homeless campaign. This week is National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. On Wednesday at 4:00pm we will be hosting a film screening of a PBS documentary titled, "Growing Up Poor In America". It's going to follow 3 families who are housing and food insecure and it's told through the perspective of children. It was released very recently. It was recorded during the pandemic so we will get to see the impact of the pandemic on those families who were already really vulnerable. Right after the screening, we will be hosting a discussion panel at 5:00pm. We will be discussing the realities of hunger and homelessness in America as well as discussing the interdependent issues, such as race, gender, mental health, as well as what we can do as individuals to help those in need. There will also be an opportunity for an open Q&A if you would like to ask the panelists any questions. President Matt will also be featured as a panelist. We hope to have a really meaningful conversation surrounding this really important topic that's affecting so many people today. I included some statistics about food insecurity and here is my email (jiangs3@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu) if you have any questions about the event, any questions about NYPIRG, or if you are interested in joining NYPIRG and volunteering. I hope you guys have a great Banquet!

NRHH | 9:13PM

Gigi: Hey you guys! I just wanted to tell y'all that you did a great job this semester. This is my last meeting today because I'm graduating in less than a month. This upcoming semester, a new NRHH Representative is going to join. Her name's Melissa, if you don't already know her you'll love her!

¹ Here is the link for the <u>sign ups</u> for this event!

OLD BUSINESS | 9:13PM

Motion to Open: Lenape Second: Ridgeview

Office of CCC

Jordan H.: Hey everyone! I am the Campus Communications Coordinator, which means I'm responsible for connecting our organization with other organizations on campus, keeping in touch with RA liaisons as well as the department of ResLife, collecting PUP sheets, keeping updated constitutions as well as contact sheets, and announcing who gets first place Hall of the Semester, which will happen later tonight.

Office of Historian

Cassandra: Hello everyone! In case anyone doesn't know already, the person in the Historian position is specifically responsible for taking and uploading photos at/from events, running the RHSA social media and social media challenges, updating the website, and being chair of the Yearbook Committee, among other general E-Board duties. It's a really fun position in my opinion. If anyone wants to learn more about the position you're more than welcome to join my office hours on Wednesdays from 10:00am - 12:00pm through Zoom and chat with me!²

NCC

Callie: Hi everyone! It's so good to see you! This week's fun fact is that next semester there is another conference opportunity called Spring Leadership Conference! You should all definitely consider applying!

Secretary

Emily: Hi y'all! It's time to list the winners of last week's minutes riddles. The first and only hall that placed was Lenape! The riddle was what's the theme of Banuet and the answer was Garden Party themed! I hope y'all have fun and have a good thyme!

NCC

Callie: Hi everyone! Thanks to everyone who showed up to Bubble Buzz this past Friday! We had a great time hanging out and waving bubble wands. You're all awesome! Be on the lookout for more programs we have next semester!

Guest Speaker

Marissa; I'm Marissa, I go by she/her pronouns. I'm a senior and I'm graduating next semester. I've been part of RHSA since my first semester here and wholeheartedly, it changed my college experience. This is where I met all my friends, I ran fun events, I made a difference in our college community. It's funny how I heard of Hall Government and RHSA. I was living in Lenape hall my first semester and I saw a bunch of posters around for a sex trivia event with free food and prizes. It easily caught mine and my roommate's attention. We decided to go to the event, we had a lot of fun, and after the event was over I asked the person running it who was the

² Here is the link to our Office Hours! (Meeting ID: 992 4392 5603 | Passcode OFFICE)

President of Lenape Hall Government at the time, how I could become more involved with these events, and exactly who they were. She told me that they're Hall Government and their meeting was that same day and she told me I should come to it. She also told me that their Historian had just guit that same day and they needed someone for that position. I had no idea what a Historian was, all I heard was History and wasn't excited about that. I told her I would come check it out. During the meeting, she introduced me to everyone and she brought up the Historian position again and everyone told me that I should run for it. I asked what the Historian does and I was happy to hear that it had nothing to do with History, but more so photography and social media. I was told I had to give a speech right there and then, which I was very nervous about especially since I was in my pajamas. But I gave my speech, I got voted, and that's how I got started in RHSA. I loved it so much that the next semester I ran for President of Lenape Hall Government and I got elected in. After being President of Hall Government, I wanted to further continue in RHSA so I ran for Historian of RHSA"s Executive Board in 2018 and got elected. After that year, I was contemplating running for President for RHSA or President of our amazing sister organization, NRHH, because I was involved with them too. I decided to try out something new and ran for President of NRHH where I go to experience a whole new chapter of my life. Being a part of both these organizations changed my whole college experience. I got to work really closely with 6 - 7 other members of the Executive Board. Working close with 7 other people, there were good times and there were also some challenges. This is where I learned a lot about other people's perceptions on topics, how to compromise certain situations, and the importance of communication in a group. Both RHSA and NRHH have helped me grow so much as a person. I'll always be grateful for all the fun times and the people I've met along the way.

Motion to Close: Lenape Second: Ridgeview

NEW BUSINESS | 9:21PM

Motion to Open: Lenape

Second: Gage

President Nominations

Motion to Open: Ridgeview

Second: Gage

Matt: We're going to open the office of President. Presidential nominations do have the requirement of having to serve on the Executive Board for at least 1 term, that's counting this semester and they can run in the second semester. To be eligible, you have to have a GPA of 2.6, you must not be in negative standing, you must serve on Hall Government for at least 1 semester, they must be living on campus for at least their second semester at the time of running, they must be living on campus for the duration of their term, they must be a full time student at the time of running and during their term, Everything else are things the candidates have to do. Do we have any nominations for President?

Former President Clare: I nominate Callie for President.

Bouton: Second. Callie: I accept.

Lenape: We nominate Emily for President.

Second; Ridgeview. **Emily**: I table.

Lenape: We nominate Jordan H. for President.

College-Shango: Second.

Jordan H.: I table.

Motion to Table President Nominations: Ridgeview

Second: Former President Clare

Matt: I will ask for all the candidates to provide 15 sheets of their intent forms and applications when that date is due, which would be sometime next semester. Until then, we will be reaching out to you via the RHSA Email Blast.

Awards

Participation Awards

Matt: We will now be doing participation awards. Thank you all for an amazing semester!

- Ashokan Hall
- Bliss Hall
- Bouton Hall
- Capen Hall
- College-Shango
- Esopus
- Gage
- Lenape
- Minnewaska
- Ridgeview
- Scudder
- Shawangunk

E-Board Choice:

NCC

Callie: Hi everyone! I'm so happy to be giving out this E-Board Choice tonight. I met this person for the first time at their election, where they were nervous to join RHSA but honestly I can say they've thrived from what we've seen so far here. She always brings up great points and advocates for her hall and all the students on our campus. Kniya from Scudder, thank you for being such an awesome representative for Scudder Hall and for always speaking up during AC

Meetings. You are such a valued member of our organization and we're so happy to give you this award!

Secretary

Emily: I am incredibly excited and honored to give out this E-Board Choice tonight. I also first met this person at their election and even though they didn't know what RHSA or A.C Rep was, she seemed ecstatic to learn and get involved with RHSA. Throughout this semester, this person never missed an A.C. Meeting and is overall a great advocate for their hall by following up with us on any concerns they brought up during the meetings. **Faith** from Bouton, thank you for your positive and professional attitude during our meetings and for representing your hall incredibly well, especially during Roll Call and Hall Report. On behalf of the RHSA E-Board, we are thrilled to give you this award and cannot wait to see what you do next semester!

RA Liaison of the Semester

Jordan H.: The RA Liaison of the Semester is an award we give out to the Hall Gov Liaison who has far exceeded the expectations of what is required of them. They show a crystal clear interest in RHSA and their Hall Government, are phenomenally committed to supporting those around them, and are always helping their Hall Government maximize their efforts and reach their fullest potential. When the E-Board and I all sat down together, there were quite a few names that came up, however one individual stood out to us above the rest. No speech could ever encompass the tremendous passion that I see in this person! Jaden Robinson, you are passionate, caring, honest, very optimistic, and self aware. I've had the pleasure to watch your radiance not only take a life if it's own, but positively impact the lives of many people here at SUNY New Paltz. Your passion, poise, grace, and sincerity is unparalleled. Your talent is incomparable, and most of all, I appreciate you taking the insurmountable endeavors in your position and as a role model. Love you King, and please accept this award!

Hall of the Semester

Jordan H.: GFP's are what get you to first, second, or third place Hall of the Semester. Before I announce who placed, I would like to congratulate every single hall for participating throughout the semester. All of us on E-Board recognize how challenging it has been considering Zoom fatigue and sense of isolation so we appreciate everyone fostering this amazing community that we try to bring together. With that being said, it's been a very tight race. Can I get a conference clap?

3rd Place: Bliss Hall 2nd Place: Lenape Hall 1st Place: Bouton Hall

Bronze Pins

Matt: A Bronze Pin is the highest honor of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls one can receive on a college campus. The pins can only be given out by an NRHH or RHSA President. This pin is to be awarded to individuals who provided leadership and direction to their college campus. The number of Bronze Pins awards each year can not exceed 8, representative of the 8 regions of NACURH. Bronze Pin recipients are students or faculty who go above and beyond on what they're required to do. They show clear passion for what they do.

These people are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful community among peers. Bronze Pin recipients have worked their hardest and have dedicated their time to making campus a better place. They are leaders, mentors, role models, and some of the best people this school has to offer. If you have ever been awarded a Bronze Pin, please stand now or type "B" in the chat.

Jennifer Slader

I did not do much in High School and going into college and starting a leadership journey. I spent 2 years in Hall Government, I spent 2 years in RHSA, I was in Emerging Leaders, I didn't really find my place. I eventually became a mentor and helped others. I really learned a lot about what it was to be a mentor for students, not realizing I had mentors of my own. I did the same thing with Stepping Into Diversity and became a mentor in that program as well. In all parts of my personal journey, there were always those mentors looking over me who during my darkest hours and brightest successes have always been willing to lend a hand and be there. There was always an Obi Wan to my Luke; a Gandalf to my Frodo; a Major Monogram to my Carl. I am not the only President to give a pin to an advisor, far from it actually. I am surprised to learn that one of the most involved members on our campus has gone without recognition. They're not often in the public light and I do confess that many here may not know who they are, should they hear their name or recognize their person. They're responsible for some of the best decisions made by our organization and are always willing to lend a hand so much so that this person in my view earns themselves the Professor McGonagall. For being the rock that Presidents can turn to in times of need and always willing to help empower students' voices. My first Bronze Pin goes to Jennifer Slader. Miss Slader is always there to aid Presidents, whether reaching out to the President's Cabinet Meetings, handling anything having to do with the Executive Board, and all around helpful in providing feedback. She has gone above and beyond for multiple Presidents and it's only fitting that in a time, such as this, she is recognized for all the work she has done for the organization. She has similarly met with me as President multiple times over this summer, more so than any of the past Presidents. She oversaw the amendment process and is a staunch advocate for my Executive Board and all that we have accomplished. If I had to sum up everything she has done, we would exceed our Zoom time. She knows when to lend a hand and knows when to let the Executive Board take over. If it was not for her leadership and guidance, we'd have an organization that would never be able to land on its feet and hit the ground running or even get back up when it needed to. I would like to award this Bronze Pin, to Miss Jennifer Slader, the Associate Director of Residence Life.

Mr. & Mrs. Eaton

RHSA had its own beginning. We were founded in 1982 and since then we have added Executive Board positions, multiple amendments, and residence halls. We hosted conferences, won many awards, became more active members of student advocacy. RHSA is the only one of its kind, at least in name, to most schools as they go by RHA or RH. Our founding original members are mostly unknown at least by the modern boards. Much of our history is still being refound. Once such a member, however, is still on campus working diligently everyday to try and advocate for students. It may sound strange to hear that a founding member is and was and still presents a very crucial role on campus. This person has the temperament, critical thinking, compassion, and passion as many members of the Executive Boards I have seen in my 4 years at

SUNY New Paltz. Were they were our peers, they most likely would be regarded as one of the best. They served on the Campus Auxiliary Board, often as the Parliamentarian and partially as my mentor during that time, and they're always willing to have students come in and speak their minds. They provide insight and never shy away to tell things straight and truthfully and are always honest and respectful towards students they work with. This is also the last year they're on campus and they have served more years than my predecessors and made a profound impact on the campus community. To our beginnings, we have our endings. In the words of Irish poet, Seamus Heaney, "Since when we asked, are the first line and last line of any poem where the poem begins and ends." Many may not know this person either, which is truly a shame as conversations when RHSA still met with administration in person were truly some of the best interactions I had with administration and that's saying a lot. Not only did this person serve on campus for years, but so did their wife who is also far from the scarcity of accolades. If I were to present on both of them, we would be here mostly likely to the end of our Zoom meeting as well. I see it fitting then how I will present this Bronze Pin to the both of them as is only fitting and yet, we don't really recognize a lot of administration as general student bodies or bring them into recognition light. I think it's only fitting that before they leave us, we may give them their long overdue recognition from RHSA. It is only fitting that I would be awarding the Peter Parker and Mary Jane to Mr. and Mrs. David Eaton. Their work has led our organization to reach for the ends of the Earth and beyond. Where we can always return to the past to look for answers, we may not forget the actions of those who constantly move us forward, whether it be 10 years from now, since our founding, or currently in the present day. I personally would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Eaton on all they have done this year and for their retirement coming shortly.

Clare Del Grosso

Dear Clare, you have done a lot for me in the past year. Typically Presidents only give out two, but how could I follow up with having an advisor who's advised the past couple of Presidents and our founder. I think it's only fitting that someone who has been through the first semester of Covid-19 online, struggling with all that it comes with including working with Zoom, setting up a lot of digital links, and working with our organization despite being many miles apart from one another. It truly is an insurmountable feat and it is difficult, even for myself. Even though I am on campus with most of my staff here and I have had one semester of experience prior with an already existing board. I figured it was only fitting to give you a Bronze Pin at this event. That said, I would like to present you one of the higher awards to be presented is the Spyro the Dragon award, which as my E-Board knows is my favorite video game. Spyro is a dragon that goes on many quests. He has to go on different adventures, collecting gems, fighting bad guys, saving friends, and at the end of the day sometimes going to the beach. A President of RHSA encompasses all those things. Sometimes you have to do your duties whether or not it's on rainy days or sunny days. You have to go across many different offices, events, and meetings dealing with many different people, having to face those baddies who come up every once and again those problems that we constantly see, whether they're the normal problem or whether they're atypical for a semester. Unfortunately, you didn't have time to give out your two Bronze Pins in person at the last event. I unfortunately cannot give your Bronze Pin in person this semester and I don't know when the office will open. I think it's only fitting that as a leader, such as Spyro and yourself who embodies him, it's only fitting that I give you my third Bronze Pin of the semester, my last Bronze Pin of the Banquet.

Special Recognition

Matt: I would like to thank everyone for everything that you have done this year. It has truly been some trying times for us all. I would like to thank **Hall Governments** and the **Associate Council** for making all this possible and sticking with us when we were handling Zoom conversations. As well as those of you on campus and putting on programs for students, it really has made an impact. I would like to thank and recognize all of you.

I would like to recognize everything that **Commuters** are going through, whether it is at home or trying to come back and forth between campus. They're still welcome to our community and I hope when everything opens they will come back into the fold or they can at least participate in Hall Government and always be recognized as brilliant members of all that we have to offer.

I would like to thank especially, **NYPIRG**, **Senate**, and **NRHH** for coming to our Monday night meetings, sending representatives to keep us informed, and allowing us to build those connections across campus that could make this build a better place one brick at a time.

I would like thank to **Mr. Harvish** and **Ms. Analysia Arroyo** for being our advisors for this year. I have had meetings with the both of them, sometimes all three at once. Thank you coming to our events, like Bubble Buzz, they truly are beacons of light that could provide an inspiration to the Executive Board, and are there for all students. Thank you, we truly welcome you and we're looking forward to meeting with you whether it is tomorrow at our last Executive Board meeting or over winter break.

I would also like to thank the **Executive Board**.

Historian Cassandra, I appreciate the way you always post on social media everything that we need to have. You're very punctual, passionate, and on top of things. I appreciate all that you do and thank you for being on the Executive Board.

CCC Jordan H., I know it's a little different reaching out to campus organizations this year. That said, you have gone above and beyond working with the department of Residence Life and starting to work in your own ways through this position and improving campus one day at a time. I am truly proud of the passion projects you have created and you have my full support when they come to presentation.

NCC Callie, what we've accomplished at conference is entirely on the burden of your shoulders, the delegates, and the NRHH Representative Gigi. I am truly proud we have won that many awards at conference. You have managed to ease my stress going through NACURH and NEACURH Conferences and manage to lead both teams to success. You truly are an inspiration to us all and thank you for the work and winning our awards.

PR Jordann M., thank you for all the posters you make for us, they truly are a work of art and that is coming from someone who used to not understand art. They really are beautiful. You also made my placard and showed off some of your best skills. You truly are one of the best people when it comes to making posters or any digital design and you're always willing to lend a hand. I appreciate all that you have done for this Board and I look forward to what designs you bring forth in the future.

Secretary Emily, there's a lot to be said for all that you have done for me. Whether it's setting up Google Forms, managing the calendar, or pretty much doing anything Google Docs related. If it wasn't for you, I would probably not be able to keep track of everything I was doing, keep constant tabs on minutes, and be as attentive in what I'm doing. Thank you for all the work you have done, you truly have been doing a lot of the grunt work going forward and I appreciate all that you do.

Treasurer Jess, I want to thank you for sticking through with CAS. I know it was off to a shaky start and not having a budget was really tough, trying to figure out what to do with Hall Governments when we heard there wasn't going to be a budget ws difficult, especially considering how we heard they would have one. You constantly rolled with punches and came out on top in truly a way I think cannot be captured by anything made by Hollywood, even in the Rocky movies.

Vice President Serena, I'd like to thank you for sticking with me for a third year in a row, we're halfway through this one. I would like to thank you for doing behind the scenes work, registering everything through Engage especially during a difficult time such as these where we had to be cautious and attentive to every little detail to keep people safe.

Jordan H.: I want to say that we appreciate you, Matt for going the extra mile throughout this entire semester. Whether it's us going around campus and setting up Messe and you being told by a doctor you shouldn't be walking but you disobeying doctor orders just to be with us. Whether it's you staying up until who knows how late talking to us about whatever that's going on in our personal lives. Whether it's you running across campus just to make sure I don't pass out because I got a concussion today. We all deeply appreciate everything you've done, from going to administrative meeting after meeting after meeting, every single thing you do we greatly appreciate. Thank you, you're amazing.

Motion to Close: Former President Clare Del Grosso

Second: Shawangunk

HALL CONCERNS | 9:53PM

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 | 9:53PM

Matt: I've been reaching out to the AWC about the basketball courts. It is going to be winter so that's why they're closed as of right now. I'm hoping that I can receive an email on it as well as you could also let Secretary Emily and CCC Jordan H. know so we can present it to our two respective bodies that we visit.

STUDENT CONCERNS | 9:53PM

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

<u>rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu</u>. You can fill out this Google form for both hall and student concerns: https://forms.gle/j7qrziK2aWq9guyt5. 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR | 9:55PM

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: With Thanksgiving and everything going on with everyone moving out, remmer to have a good break in general. We're always here for you, if you want to talk to us over email or in our Instagram DM's. We'll miss you all so much! I'll see y'all next semester!

Jordan H.: For those of you who have sent me PUP Sheets after the deadline, I decided to not rip up your PUP sheets but what I am going to do is count those PUP sheets towards next semester. Also throughout our break, me and Cass are going to do a lot of social media challenges to continuously keep you guys engaged. As what Callie said, if you ever want to talk to us we're a text away. Don't be afraid to reach out, even if some of us have mild concussions.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 10:00PM

Matt: Where's my moose?

Jordan H.: Fun fact, apparently I had the wrong email for them for a while so they did not receive Molly the Moose. Next semester, that hall will be the first one to get Molly the Moose.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 10:02PM

Matt: "It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." - Aristotle

ADJOURNMENT | 10:03PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: The Entire Associate Council Second: The RHSA Executive Board

Our next A.C. Meeting will be on Monday, January 25th!

