

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 3/8/2021

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:03PM

**Matt:** I'm calling the meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:03PM

**Matt:** What's your favorite class that you've taken?

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:04PM

**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	0	0	0	0	None.
Bouton	2	0	0	1	Nothing to report.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	0	0	0	0	None.
Esopus	4	1	0	0	Nothing to report.
Gage	0	0	0	0	None.
Lenape	2	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Minnewaska	3	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Ridgeview	5	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Scudder	0	0	0	0	None.
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.

SENATE | 9:07PM

**Chet:** We're still moving ahead with our menstrual hygiene initiative for this month and I should have more information next week.

NYPIRG | 9:07PM

**Chet:** This is the last week for our petition to stop the tuition hike. The link for this is (<https://bit.ly/No-Cuts-to-Higher-Ed>). I highly encourage everyone who hasn't signed it yet to sign it and spread it around. If there are any groups that you think would be interested in signing it, please send it to the,. We would also like you to join our Call In Drive this week and call your representatives on this issue. (<http://bit.ly/NYH21M>). There are a few sites on this link that will help you find your local assembly person and state Senator. If you're on campus, Kevin Cahill is our assembly person and Mike Martucci is our state Senator. You can go through the links and it gives you a script and everything to say so you can leave a message. That'll be really helpful. The more active we are on these issues, the more likely we will win and the state will hopefully give a little bit more of the budget to state schools. NYPIRG is hosting Credit Cars 101 this Wednesday at 4:00pm. You can RSVP with this link (<https://bit.ly/NYPIRGCC101>). I'll be hosting part of it with my VP for NYPIRG, Adam Winne. Also, if you want to hear me become speechless with rage, we did a talk about this that will be going on tomorrow, Tuesday at 7:00pm, on the Edge radio station.

NRHH | 9:09PM

**Melissa:** I have no new information.

OLD BUSINESS | 9:10PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Shawangunk

Second: Ridgeview

Secretary

**Emily:** Hey y'all! The winners of the riddle in the minutes are Minnewaska in first place and Lenape in second place! The riddle was, "What does RHSA stand for?" The answer is the Residence Hall Student Association. Make sure you keep an eye out for the next riddle in the minutes to earn your hall more GFP's!

Motion to Close Old Business: Lenape

Second: Shawangunk

NEW BUSINESS | 9:12PM

Motion to Open New Business: Lenape

Second: Minnewaska

NCC Fun Fact

**Callie:** The theme of this year's for SLC is Serving Up Leadership! Conference is next week and we're all super excited for it and delegates Emily, Jordann, and Allison are all working super hard!

### Buzz Puzzle Party

**Cassie:** Hi everyone! On Friday, March 26th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm we will be hosting Buzz Puzzle Party on Zoom! \*Who is RHSA's sister organization?\* Keep a lookout for our posts about it on Instagram and Facebook in the upcoming weeks. If you want to come and hang out, we can relax and do puzzles together online, and it'll be a nice time!

10 Minute Break | 9:14PM - 9:24PM

### Election

**Matt:** We should have 7 residence halls present, which means we have quorum so we can process. With that, I would like to have the candidates running for the RHSA Treasurer position for Spring 2021 - Spring 2022 introduce themselves.

**Logan:** Hi, my name is Logan Bross. My pronouns are he/him/his and I'm running for RHSA Treasurer for Spring 2021 - Spring 2022.

**Matt:** Logan, I will be putting you in the waiting room, but we'll invite you back when it is time for you to give your speech. I'm going to share the election materials with all of you and I will have our current Treasurer read off the duties of Treasurer.

**Jess:** The duties of Treasurer are:

- A. Responsible for maintaining accurate documentation of the current RHSA budget;
- B. 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)
- C. Works alongside the current President, President-elect, and Treasurer-elect to create the budget for the following year;
- D. Works with the President to review all Funding Requests submitted to RHSA and approves or denies each request; 1. Funding Requests shall follow procedures outlined in Article 13, Section 4;
- E. Maintains communication with the CAS office;
- F. Holds a position on the CAS Board of Directors and attends monthly CAS Board meetings;
- G. Attends all President's Cabinet meetings;
- H. Maintains open communication with the Executive Board and Advisors about the current budget;
- I. Works alongside an Advisor to coordinate the Care Package program through On Campus Marketing (OCM).

**Matt:** That is all of the duties. We're going to have 3 minutes to come up with expectations of Treasurer and we will begin with the first x in the chat.

### Expectations of Treasurer:

- Maintains organization
- Good time management
- Has experience managing money and budgets
- Willing to build a relationship with the CAS Office
- Good communication skills

- Honest and reliable
- Excel or Google Sheets skills
- Adaptability
- Good attention to detail

**Matt:** That is time. I will now be adding the candidate in for their speech.

### **Candidate 1: Logan Bross**

Hi, my name is Logan Bross, my pronouns are he/him/his, and I'm running for RHSA Treasurer. I'm a junior. My major is Adolescent Education Social Studies and a minor in mathematics. My experience Hall Gov and RHSA wise is I've been an A.C. Rep for 2 semesters, I was Treasurer for 1, and the past few semesters I've been the communications coordinator. In Ridgeview, we call it President because it's just easier. I've also been living in Ridgeview for the past 4 years. I also received Clare's E-Board Choice, which is also really cool. My skills for the Treasurer position are I'm hardworking and passionate about whatever I'm doing, which I think is the most important skill to have for any of these positions. I'm super organized. I have great time management skills. I know how to use Excel. I was a former Treasurer so I have handled a budget before, I know how to document one, I know how to fill out the DO's, or Distributing Orders. I have been in a position where I've handled other people's finances before. Why I'm running for RHSA Treasurer is because over the past 3 years, this organization has given me so much and the sense of community really has helped my sense of worth in a way. It's made me feel not alone. I did not picture myself in any leadership opportunity when I was a freshman 3 and a half years ago. The fact that I am here even running for something like this has made me genuinely love helping others in any possible way I can. I feel like this is the next step for me. In order to do that, I get to be part of an E-Board that is so welcoming and community driven. It's something that I love doing. I know all of the duties of Treasurer. I don't feel as if you need me to list them because you just heard them, but if you ask me, I can list them later. I went to almost all of former Treasurer Matt's Office Hours last semester and then went to Jess' Office Hours this semester to figure out how the position has changed since the pandemic so I know I can do this. With that, I yield to questions.

### **Question & Answer:**

**Matt:** We are going to have a 5 minute Q&A that is extendable up to 3 times. The time will begin with the first x in the chat.

Do you have any plans to improve relations with our sister organization, NRHH, and our other sister organization, the Student Association?

**Logan:** I'd love to do some sort of collaboration with them. I think a big step, for my own self to establish some sort of relationship with them, would be emailing them. I'm going to be honest, I do not have a direct plan right now, but that is something I'd be thinking about if I were to get the position,

In your opinion, what is the hardest aspect of the Treasurer position and what would you do to overcome it?

**Logan:** Being RHSA Treasurer is a lot different from being Hall Gov Treasurer, but the same issue has come about from what I've learned. In order for you to fill out DO's and get people the money that they need, you need to receive the sign in sheets and receipts

from people. For some reason though, that's really hard to get. You're always relying on other people to bring the materials. It seems like a simple thing to do yet, somehow, it makes no sense for people to always do that. When I was Treasurer of Hall Gov, every Treasurer report I specified that I needed the sign in sheet and receipts. I even put a folder in big bold letters in our office that said, "Put sign in sheets and receipts in here." I made a big deal about it and I would do the same as RHSA Treasurer. I would repeatedly ask for sign in sheets and receipts as some people forget to do that and without that they cannot receive their money back. That makes our life difficult as well as theirs. I would say reinforcing that to everyone, that's the hardest part.

What's a mistake that you've made in the past, how did you fix it and how would you avoid it in the future, specifically regarding treasurer?

**Logan:** Treasurer wise, I have not made any technical mistakes. However, I would double and triple back all my work. However, Hall Gov wise, I've had some programs completely fall through, have not worked, and had no participation. I went back and thought about what aspects of programs were popular, which aspects of them that people enjoy, and why did mine fail. Was it set up properly? After running a lot of programs, some of them work and some of them don't. That's a mistake that I reflect on and seeing how I could improve with the PR or things and such.

What's your relationship like with the CAS Office and how do you plan to strengthen it?

**Logan:** My relationship with the CAS Office is pretty good. It's been a while since I was Treasurer so I have not spoken to them in a while. I did go to them to get the Treasurer stuff for this semester. As Treasurer, I would reach out more to introduce myself to them by email and be in constant communication with them. Maybe, other members of E-Board could reach out to them so RHSA as a whole becomes closer to them. I would just email them a bunch, especially because we're virtual, and strengthen the relationship that way.

Motion to extend by 5 minutes: Minnewaska

Second: Lenape

How do you manage time on a daily basis?

**Logan:** Normally what I do every week is create a weekly schedule for myself. If anything changes, I will make changes to my schedule the night before. I revolve around my classes and how much I think certain assignments will take. I do have sections of time if I need to extend on something or not because random things do happen throughout the day. I like sticking to a schedule because of some other things.

How do you hope to grow in this position?

**Logan:** Being Treasurer of Hall Gov does not equal being Treasurer of RHSA, obviously. It's much grander and it requires a bunch of other tasks. One thing that I hope I get better at doing is talking in front of people. For some weird reason, sometimes I have trouble with that and there's a lot of PresCab meetings and CAS Board meetings that I would have to go to. That would give me that opportunity. Also, I would like to strengthen my skills as someone who works with Excel, I know how to use Excel. I'm not a genius at Excel so I'm hoping that throughout this and managing a budget, I learn

some of those skills. Budget managing is a skill that I have, but I think it'll vary. There are a few things actually I would love to improve on through the position.

What would you bring to the Treasurer's position that would help others grow around you?

**Logan:** I've been told that I have a positive aura around me and it comes from a place where I like to help others. If someone comes to me with a problem of theirs, I will stop everything that involves me and help them with their problem. Sometimes, it was to the point where I'm sacrificing stuff, I've learned how to balance that out of a bit. I want to be a warm, positive person that anyone can come to and feel a sense of community through the RHSA E-Board or through these meetings to provide someone with a sense of not being alone. I hope I can do that for a lot of people while also doing the technical aspects of Treasurer. That's what I hope to bring to the E-Board.

**Matt:** The speaker's list is now open. Do we have an extension by 5 minutes? We could also have someone move to exhaust the speaker's list with or without additions. Since the time limit has been reached, we are going to be ending the Question and Answer period. Thank you Logan. I will be putting you back in the waiting room and you will be invited back in at the end of the election.

Discussion:

**Matt:** We are going to open a period of Discussion. It will be 5 minutes and extendable up to 3 times. We will begin with the first x in the chat. Does anyone have any discussion points? If someone is interested, raise a point. This is going to be your Treasurer for next year so I would advise that we have some discussion.

- We really liked the speech and how well he answered the questions. He's basically had 3 years of training in Hall Gov and even gathered experiences outside of Hall Gov and Treasurer experiences. He answered the questions well and will be a great fit.
- We really liked the speech and think the dedication to Hal Government for 3 years shows a willingness to be involved on campus and help build a community.
- From being a member of Ridgeview's Hall Government and working with Logan, he is very dedicated, a great advisor especially with myself being new to hall Government when I came to New Paltz. He articulates himself in a way that shows his passion. Also, the fact that he's also willing to go out of his way to make the best environment for everybody. As everyone said, being a Hall Gov member and living in Ridgeview for 3 years, he is a great leader and will be a great leader.

**Callie:** That was absolutely lovely. The only thing is that it's personal experience and not something brought up in their speech. It's fantastic information, but it's not technically valid. You can bring up that from his speech, you gathered that he would be a great leader.

Move to Vote by Secret Ballot: Shawangunk  
Second: Ridgeview

**Votes:**

Logan: 6 votes

Abstain: 0 votes

No Confidence: 1 vote

**Matt:** Congratulations to Logan for being elected Treasurer!

Nominations:

**Matt:** Similton from Lenape was nominated for NCC.

**Matt:** They table because they're not here.

**Matt:** Ella Rose from Lenape was nominated for Public Relations Officer.

**Ella Rose:** I decline.

**Matt:** Are there any other nominations? Seeing none.

Motion to Close Secretary Nominations Until Spring 2022: Shawangunk

Second: Ashokan

Motion to Table Nominations Until Next Meeting: Minnewaska

Second: Lenape

**Matt:** The Secretary materials are due at tonight's meeting and next week, the materials for the Public Relations Officer will be due. We'll be sending out the Secretary materials in the Email Blast.

Motion to Close New Business: Ridgeview

Second: Minnewaska

#### UPCOMING EVENTS | 10:04PM

- Buzz Puzzle Party | Friday, March 26th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm on Zoom!

#### HALL CONCERNS | 10:05PM

**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 | 10:05PM

**Matt:** Ridgeview, did the lighting issues get resolved?

**Ridgeview:** The lighting is good but the water fountain is broken again.

**Matt:** Is it the same water fountain?

**Ridgeview:** Yes, it's on the second floor that points to Lenape. Rooms 244-273.

**Matt:** I'll make a note of it and reach out again.

**Matt:** Did anyone use the vending machine and are their chips being dispensed? I know they're working on it but I don't know if they actually fixed it yet. I'll reach out to them again.

#### STUDENT CONCERNS | 10:05PM

**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

rhsa@hawkmil.newpaltz.edu. You can fill out this Google form for both hall and student concerns: <https://forms.gle/j7qrziK2aWq9guyt5>.

**Esopus:** I was in the Roost the other day and I was talking to the woman who works there. She said there was no heat and she was freezing. She had no access to heat and in order to keep herself warm, she had to have a cup of hot water for her hands so she could hold it and keep her hands from being frozen. She said she tried talking to somebody about it but they told her that it shouldn't be a problem, but there is.

**Matt:** Is it just the Roost that's losing heat?

**Esopus:** Yes because she said that the heating is separate from the living areas of the building.

**Ridgeview:** It has been fixed! It was on and warm in there today!

**Matt:** Are there any other student concerns? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR | 10:08PM

**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:** Every Thursday night at 7:00pm I read bedtime stories on the Ashokan Hall Instagram (@npashokanhall), so come watch because they're so much fun!

**Ridgeview:** We can't make it to your bedtime stories because our meetings are on Thursday's at 7:00pm. You did say that it wasn't the only time that you read them. Are there also alternating times?

**Callie:** I do them on Mind, Body, Spirit Days so that people can refresh on one. The next Mind, Body, Spirit Day is March 24th so I will do one then. Sometimes I do them in the week if I feel like doing it.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 10:11PM

**Matt:** Where's my moose?

**Chet:** I put a tattoo on RHSA that says, "SA & RHSA 4EVER".

**Matt:** Who's getting Molly?

**Chet:** I'll return Molly to the RHSA E-Board!

**Matt:** We'll come out with a new Molly the Moose with RHSA swag on her!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 10:13PM

**Cassie:** "Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching." - C.S. Lewis

ADJOURNMENT | 10:13PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Jess

Second: Logan

Next meeting will be on Zoom!



