

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 12/6/21

Location: SUB MPR

CALL TO ORDER 8:13 PM

**Emily:** Hey everyone! Welcome to our last AC Meeting of the semester, our Fall Banquet!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 8:13 PM

**Emily:** We shall feast! I'm going to call the halls up to get their food. If you have any dietary restrictions, please go feast!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 8:46 PM

**Saskia:** 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	8	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Bouton	0	0	0	0	None.
Capen	2	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Esopus	0	0	0	0	None.
Gage	5	0	0	0	Last hall gov meeting of the semester upcoming.
Lenape	5	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Minnewaska	3	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Mohonk	6	0	0	0	Last hall gov meeting of the semester being held next Tuesday.
Ridgeview	2	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Scudder	0	0	0	0	None.
Shawangunk	3	0	0	0	Nothing to report.

SENATE 8:49 PM

**Chet:** Hello everyone, thank you for having me. We had a successful meeting last Friday where we got to induct new Senators and conduct business. We passed a bill recently to lower our quorum to require only one group of Senators in order to conduct business for our meetings. While this means we will be able to conduct more business at most of our meetings and act a little bit quicker, as an advocacy body and a body representing students this also means there's a danger of fewer voices being represented and that's something we're very mindful of. So this is just a reminder that our meetings are open to everyone! You can come if you're part of the student body or if you're interested in what's going on, especially if you're worried about something going on around campus. We'd love to hear your thoughts and concerns and address them as much as possible. Our meetings for next semester are going to be Wednesdays at 5:00pm. This is when we're usually meeting. The EBoard also holds office hours which are changing next semester, but we will be having those out in our office. If you ever see our secretary Beverly out there you can ask her and she can tell you where we are and what we're doing. I just want to thank everyone for letting me be here week after week, it's so nice to report to all of you! It's a highlight of my week, so thank you very much.

NRHH 8:51 PM

**Eric:** For NRHH, if anyone is interested we're still doing rolling applications. I can accept them at any point between now and likely to be January 15th or so, which is a week before classes start. If anyone is interested I can take your information. We'll be functioning back again next semester and I'm excited to see everyone at our programs and meetings. Thank you all for a great semester!

OLD BUSINESS 8:42 PM

Motion to Open Old Business: Gage  
Second: Bliss

Historian

**Allison:** I'm going to announce the winners of our Riddle in the Minutes social media challenge. Can I get a Moose clap? We have two people this week. In second place is Bliss Hall! And in first place is Lenape Hall! Thank you all for participating. If you want to know more, I'm going to pass it to Saskia.

Secretary

**Saskia:** Since we are announcing Hall of the Semester and have counted all the GFPs, there will be no riddle in this week's minutes although they are still going to be coming out. Big thanks to everyone who answered the riddles in the minutes this semester. The answer to last week's riddle was "What is one of the awards given out at banquet?", which is very relevant because we're going to be hearing those in just a second. The answers we would have accepted would be things like EBoard Choice Awards, Liaison of the Semester, or Hall of the Semester. Thank you to those of you who answered, and stay tuned next semester for riddles every single week!

Motion to Close Old Business: Gage

Second: Lenape

NEW BUSINESS 8:44 PM

Motion to Open New Business: Bliss

Second: Ridgeview

**Emily:** We are opening nominations for NCC and President! Next semester, we're going to host elections like the one we held to elect Parker, so we're going to open nominations for both President and NCC. If you're confused about NCC because we don't have one, that is very valid. NCC communicates what we're doing from our EBoard to the regional level we affiliate with as well as the national level. If you think anyone from your hall gov is great and you want to see them as President or NCC, hold up your placard and say "My hall nominates this person to be NCC or President" and then we'll ask for a second. Are there any nominations?

Motion to Open Nominations: Gage

Second: Bliss

**Mohonk:** We nominate Ryan Jones for NCC.

**Gage:** Second.

**Emily:** Now you have to accept, table, or decline. Accepting means you definitely want to run, table means you don't know what you want to do yet, and decline means you don't want to run at all.

**Ryan:** I table.

**Emily:** Sidenote, you have to be on the EBoard first to be President but anyone from your hall gov can be NCC. Any other nominations?

Motion to Close Nominations: Bliss

Second: Lenape

### **Participation Awards**

**Emily:** We would like to start by recognizing all of the halls for all of the work that they have put in this semester. So, we will be giving an award for each hall, and we ask that you come up and take a picture with your E-Board buddy and grab your award!

President Emily - Esopus and Gage

Treasurer Logan - Bouton and College Shango

Secretary Saskia - Ashokan, Capen, Lenape, and Minnewaska

Public Relations Officer Madison - Ridgeview and Shawangunk

Campus Communications Coordinator Ethan - Bliss

Historian Allison - Mohonk and Scudder

### **E-Board Choice**

**Emily:** Every semester, all of you in hall government put so much work into helping your community and halls grow, but we like to recognize a few people who really shine. Through the

semester we look to see who is going above and beyond in the work that they do for their hall and RHSA as a whole. So now we would like to recognize those eight Hall Gov members who we chose for eboard choice

Historian:

**Allison:** Coming into this year, I was really worried that it would be hard to get people back into hall government. However, there was one person who showed me that my worries were completely unwarranted. Watching this person lead their hall government with such energy and dedication has been truly inspiring. They have come out so many of our events and meetings with so much energy and enthusiasm, and have always given their all to everything they've done! It is clear to see that they always give it a 100% and seeing someone give so much to hall government has warmed my heart in the cheesiest way. Their hard work has shown throughout the semester and I cannot wait to see what they do next. For all their hard work, dedication, energy, and overall goodness, my eboard choice goes to **Sophia from Bliss!**

CCC:

**Ethan:** The recipient of my award is an active participant, filing motions left and right at every single meeting. They are an active listener, always taking the organization's goals to heart and keeping them in mind at both programs and meetings. While their enthusiasm is boundless, and totally warrants recognition just by itself, I want to highlight that at Condom Casino, they volunteered with the setup and put in a lot of work to make sure the event would run smoothly. Combine this with their devotion to RHSA as a whole and that's a winning formula for great success. The future is bright for them, no matter which path they take. There's enthusiasm and devotion to RHSA, and then there's the winner of my E-Board Choice Award, **Caroline from Gage.**

PR:

**Madison**

This e-board choice is presented to someone whose enthusiasm for RHSA has been noticeable from the very beginning. They have always been around to offer help to the e-board, a ray of light when we are very tired, and has been extremely encouraging in a time where we could have easily been discouraged. As we rebuild involvement, we value the AC more than you could know. Thank you for making us want to be better as an organization. **Sion from Ridgeview**, you are one of the true stars of RHSA.

Secretary:

**Saskia:** As part of RHSA, we are always grateful to those who choose to get involved in hall government and become campus leaders- individuals who, on top of their academic and personal responsibilities, still choose to step up and embody innovation and leadership, especially after we've faced so many unique circumstances as an organization and community. The person I feel honored to be awarding an EBoard choice tonight has proved this semester to represent everything we strive for as an organization. This individual brings a constant ambitious and advocative spirit to every meeting and event, and carries themselves with a professionalism that I personally admire. Here at RHSA we love to meet people who show a clear passion for getting involved on campus, ask questions, and push further than is expected or required, and I know

that this person has proved to all of us that they possess those traits and more. Personally, in my interactions with this recipient at AC Meetings and RHSA events I found myself most inspired by their confidence and I know everyone up here has been impressed with this individual's drive this semester, so we definitely look forward to seeing more from them in the future. With that, I'd love to present **Chelsea from Minnewaska** with my EBoard Choice!

#### Treasurer

**Logan** : My E-board choice is going to someone who has been super passionate and participated a lot within their own hall government and RHSA. I have noticed this person consistently at AC meetings for months, always engaged and excited. This person is a treasurer and I know ALL the work that comes with that. RHSA and myself would love to thank and recognize this person for their hard work as treasurer and RHSA REP of Gage's hall government. So my Eboard choice is going to **Ann from Gage Hall!**

#### President

**Emily**: The person I am giving my E-Board Choice to really struck a chord with me in the best way possible. One of RHSA's main focuses is advocating for students who reside within the residence halls and this person has gone above and beyond in their role as an advocate. They are always so present at AC meetings and are always advocating for their fellow students by asking questions and voicing concerns to us. Because of this I'm awarding my E-Board choice to **Madison from Scudder**. I cannot wait to see what your passion and excitement grows into!

#### RA Liaison of the Semester

**Parker**: RA Liaison of the semester is an award RHSA gives out to the hall government liaison who goes above and beyond for their hall gov members. The liaison we are awarding RA Liaison of the Semester is someone who's enthusiasm I remember seeing from day one during RA Liaison Training in August. This person has shown nothing but dedication and passion for RHSA. They not only inspire their hall gov through their positive attitude and always wearing a smile under their mask, but they also assist them in everything they need. This person is incredibly worthy of this award; so **Kalia Weir**, we are honored to award you liaison of the semester.

#### Hall of the Semester

**Ethan**: We give the award for hall of the semester to the Hall Government who has gained the most GFPs throughout the semester. I'm sure a lot of people are tired of hearing me talk about GFPs, so let's get down to business.

**3rd: Minnewaska**

**2nd: Gage**

**1st: BLISS!**

#### Bronze Pins

**Emily**: The Bronze Pin is the highest honor of the National Association of Campus and University Residence Halls one can receive on a college campus, and the pins can only be given out by the NRHH or RHSA president. This pin is to be awarded to individuals who have

provided leadership and direction to their campus organizations. The amount of bronze pins awarded each year cannot exceed the number 8, representative of the 8 regions within NACURH. Bronze pin recipients are students that go above and beyond what they are required to do, and they show a clear passion for what they do. These are the people who are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful community among their peers. Bronze pin recipients have worked their hardest and have dedicated their time to making their 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.

Tonight, I will be giving out two bronze pins.

### **Callie Shaye Quinn**

My first bronze pin is going to an exceptional student leader who goes above and beyond in their many roles on campus. This person has such an energy to them that I can only describe it as contagious happiness and excitement. They have never failed to make a connection with students in their roles as RA, SRA, and OL. I had the pleasure of working with them last year on the RHSA E-Board. They took on possibly one of the most difficult positions to keep up with, NCC, however they conquered it amazingly well. They made so many connections with people from our region and moved on up to become a member of the Regional Board of Directors. From first hand experience, I know how difficult it was to be excited and cheerful when online but they never showed anything but glee and joy. I'm sure most of you will remember her hilarious jokes and Saturday Night Live routines. Callie Shaye Quinn, you are one of the most hardworking and inspiring individuals I have ever met. It's incredible how much you have done for this campus and I would be honored to award you this bronze pin.

### **Cam Collichio**

My next bronze pin is going to someone who has helped me so much this semester and I do not know what I would do without their guidance. Since last year was all virtual, it was very difficult to adjust to a year of being back in person. I felt like I was not prepared at all to take on such a daunting task, but after each one on one I had with them I always felt reassured. No matter what conundrum I came to them with, they always had such a professional yet optimistic and inspiring response. Not only have they been such an amazing advisor, they are also an exceptional leader. I know being an RD is probably one of the most difficult jobs there is, however, this person faces it with no hesitation. They create such an amazing inclusive and respectful environment that more than half of the E-Board right now was once their resident. Cam, you have taught me so much in the time you have spent as our advisor. Thank you so much for everything you have done for us and RHSA. It's my honor to present to you this bronze pin.

### **Special Recognition**

**Emily:** Now, I would like to take some time to recognize the many people who have made this semester so successful.

First, I would like to thank everyone who is in this room who have worked hard putting on programs, or attending our. It is because of you that we sit up here today, and so we want to thank you for your passion.

Next, to the **Associate Council**. Thank you for always coming to our later monday night meetings and dealing with our little shenanigans. I'm so grateful to have such a passionate and outgoing AC this semester. Y'all are the best and I know that all your hardwork and dedication is very appreciated by us and everyone within your halls. I can't wait to see y'all next semester. We love and appreciate you so much!

To the **Commuter Students**, I know there are not too many who visit our meetings and events, but that doesn't mean we appreciate you any less. Thank you for a great year!

**NRHH E-Board**, Thank you so much for an amazing semester, and for all of your help at several of our events. The work you do for this campus does not go unnoticed. I am so excited to see all the great things y'all do next semester. Thank you to especially Eric who has done so much for our campus and NRHH as a whole.

For unbelievable support that our advisors give us, thank you. The three of you have led us through some lows, and hyped us up through every high, and we couldn't be more grateful for the incredible work you do for us.

Motion to Close New Business: Gage  
Second: Bliss

#### HALL CONCERNS 9:10 PM

**Emily:** 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 CONCERNS 9:10 PM

**Emily:** 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@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu).

**Lenape:** Will the hours of the dining hall be modified to have earlier and later hours?

**Emily:** I don't know, but I can check for you.

**Bliss:** During finals, will the library hours be extended? Is there a discussion to make that happen?

**Allison:** I work at the library, and there's been a lot of talk about that. As of right now, the issue isn't that we don't have enough students working. The problem is finding enough supervisors, and you have to be certified for that but the test hasn't been administered for a few years now. They're actively searching because, trust me, the library absolutely wants to be open later, but it's just not possible right now. We are open until 12:30 on Thursday nights, and I work there on

Thursday nights so feel free to say hi, but as of right now there's no update on that. But trust me, they are absolutely working on it.

**Gage:** There were two student parking spots that were painted over in the parking lot by Capen, Gage, and Scudder. I was wondering if anyone knew why they had been painted over.

**Emily:** Is it more toward Scudder or Capen?

**Gage:** It's more right next to the pathway between Cape and Scudder.

**Emily:** I'll check on that. Any other student concerns? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

#### OPEN FLOOR 9:13 PM

**Emily:** 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! Are there any open floors?

**Logan:** Since this is open floor, I'm going to need all of you to give the loudest cheer for our President Emily!

**Emily:** I appreciate you all so much! Are there any other open floors? 3, 2, 1. Seeing none.

#### PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:13 PM

**Emily:** I know Scudder has my moose. We might have to infiltrate Scudder to get our moose back, but we will get her back!

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:14 PM

**Parker:** One thing you will all get to know about me in the upcoming semester is I absolutely love Declan McKenna, so it is only fitting that my first quote of the week is from him which is: "The world will keep on turning even if we're not the same".

#### ADJOURNMENT 9:15 PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Gage

Second: Bliss

Next meeting will be Monday, January 31st in SUB 409!

**Thank you all for making this such an amazing semester! It has been a joy to work and have fun with everyone on campus this fall. Thank you all for bringing such spirit to our meetings and events, and we can't wait to see you again in the spring! Good luck on finals (you're all going to smash it) and remember to take care of yourself! See you in the spring!**

**<3 Secretary Saskia & the RHSA EBoard**



