

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 12/12/22

Location: SUB MPR

CALL TO ORDER 8:00

Abby: happy last day of classes, and last ac meeting of the semester!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 8:08

Abby: As Mrs. Claus says, "Eat Papa, eat!!" I'm going to call the halls up to get their food. If you have any dietary restrictions, please go up now!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 8:43

Faith: Hey everyone! 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	7	0	0	0	
Bliss	7	1	0	0	
Bouton	9	0	0	0	
Capen	12	3	0	0	
Collango	0	0	0	0	
Esopus	0	0	0	0	
Gage	14	2	0	0	
Lenape	6	1	0	0	
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	
Mohonk	7	0	0	0	
Ridgeview	3	0	0	0	
Scudder	0	0	0	0	
Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	

SENATE: 8:45

Ann: So, the senate this month is focused on basic health and hygiene. We are going to publish an information packet about where to find condoms on campus and how to get to and from a hospital without paying an ambulance fee. Last Wednesday there was a president cabinet meeting, there's not a whole lot to update you guys on as far as that. Make sure to be on the lookout for a student transportation survey. With the first major snow in New Paltz we want to make sure everyone is keeping a look out for their peers who use a disability aid. So, if you're noticing an area with too much salt, not enough salt, really icy, make sure to contact RHSA with pictures, or chair.newpaltzsa@gmail.com. That way we can get that information to facilities. So, the senate has been recovering from COVID, but right now we are at half capacity. I'm going to read the names of the representatives that we need so you can get this information to your friends. So, I'm going to read the names of the representatives we need. We still need representatives from Bliss, Bouton, Esopus, Gage, Lenape, Scudder and Shawangunk. We're also looking for a student to represent the School of Education and a Transfer Student. The Senate is meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesdays next semester. If you're interested, express that ASAP. I think that's it.

NRHH: 8:49

Sophia: I am a chapter member of the National Residence Hall Honorary. We have just planned our last meeting of the semester, which is this upcoming Friday when we are doing application review! Last time I checked we received two applications, we hope that more applications keep coming in before Friday! Throughout the end of the semester, NRHH is hosting passive programs where we are handing out remaining cards and candy canes from our winter wishes programs! If you need holiday cards or a snack, keep your eyes peeled for us because we're hosting these at various times and locations!

OLD BUSINESS 8:50

Motion to Open Old Business: Bliss

Second: Bouton

AC RETREAT / FINAL BUZZ 8:50

Ryan: Thank you everyone who came to our Spa retreat! We hope you all got the chance to relax before the final grind starts! Goodluck to you all, I know I'm going to need it.

Motion to Close Old Business: Gage

Second: Capen

NEW BUSINESS 8:50

Motion To Open New Business: Lenape

Second: Bliss

VP NOMINATIONS 8:51

Motion to Open Nominations: Lenape

Second: Bliss

Abby: Our lovely VP Sion is, unfortunately, moving on to be an absolute legend in his academics, and I wanted to give Sion a chance to share a few words before I announce the rules for running for VP.

Sion: As you heard just now I unfortunately will not be continuing in my position as Vice President next semester. I wanted to take the time to thank the EBoard for taking me in as part of their wonderful RHSA family. The few months that I spent with you all were some of the most enjoyable moments I have ever shared on this campus, with my vision to bring together the entire suny new paltz campus and everyone's enthusiasm backing me up, I felt that I was finally being heard by much of the surrounding community. I have a passion for helping others and the amount of growth I have seen in each and every one of the hall governments has been astounding to say the least. I trust that all of you will continue to inspire and create more memorable moments together because I know that every single one of you will have your moment to shine. Thank you and I love and appreciate you all.

Abby: So we are opening VP nominations! In order to run for a position on the Executive Board, you have to be nominated for that position and you have to hand in your application. In order to be nominated, someone has to raise their placard and nominate the person and the position they are running for and somebody has to second that nomination. When the election season comes around, they will be ready to run. We want to open VP nominations now because it's such an essential role and I don't want to go too long without one. We will open them today, I and close them at our first meeting on the 23rd and all materials will be due the following meeting on the 30th when the elections will take place. If you are nominated you can choose to accept, decline, or table decision. Table means that you are unsure, but we will keep you written down that you are nominated for the position and that you haven't accepted yet. We will ask you at the next meeting if you accept. Anyone who accepts their nomination must complete the Candidate Application and the Candidate Form and hand it in to the RHSA office or one meeting before your scheduled election. You MUST provide 15 copies of the Candidate Application, which includes a copy of your personal resume and answers to several questions. You MUST also provide an unofficial transcript and one Candidate Form to be seen only by the President of the RHSA E-Board to verify your good academic standing. Are there any nominations for Vice President?

Mohonk: Athena for Vice President

Abby: Is there a second?
Bouton: Bouton Hall Seconds
Bliss: Bliss would like to nominate Tarik for Vice President
Capen: I nominate Derek for Vice President.
Ashokan: I second.
Lenape: I nominate Fiona for Vice President
Capen: Capen seconds. Capen nominates Jenn for Vice president.
Ashokan: Ashokan seconds.
Abby: Athena do you accept, table, or decline?
Athena: I accept.
Abby: Jenn do you accept, table, or decline?
Jenn: I accept
Abby: Tarik do you accept, table, or decline?
Tarik: I accept
Abby: Derek do you accept, table, or decline?
Derek: I accept
Abby: Fiona do you accept, table, or decline?
Fiona: I table.
Abby: Alright.

PARTICIPATION AWARDS 8:56

Abby: We would like to start by recognizing all the halls for all 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 Abby: Minnewaska and Lenape

Vice President Sion: Bliss

Treasurer Mazee: Capen and Ridgeview

Secretary Faith: Scudder

PR Ryan: Mohonk

NCC Caroline: Gage, Shawangunk

CCC Sophia: Ashokan, Collango

Historian Athena: Esopus, Bouton

E-BOARD CHOICE 9:06

Abby: 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 E-Board choice.

Historian: 9:08

Athena: My E-Board Choice is going to someone who has displayed such genuine dedication for their Hall Government. I see them every Monday night with a smile on their face at our AC meetings and bringing the best vibes! Not only that but I have never seen this person turn down an opportunity to help us out or to go to one of our super funky fresh programs. This individual is driven, professional, and has a passion for bettering campus not just for themselves but for others. My E-Board Choice Award is going to the coolest VP in the room: **Haley from Ashokan!**

CCC: 9:09

Sophia: Ever since I first got a glimpse of their shimmer and enthusiasm at their Hall Government election back in September, I knew that this person was going to breathe new life into the AC. Their bubbly and bright personality is so infectious that it has increased my passion for the job, and I know the rest of our E-board was affected too because when I decided who I wanted to give my award to, everyone else mentioned that they wanted to be the one to present this award to them. From the professionally decorated main lounge to handmade coloring sheets and stuffed moose sized backpacks, I would like to present my award to **Heather from Shawangunk** to thank her for her hard work and smiles throughout the semester!

NCC: 9:10

Caroline: This person is a reliable, enthusiastic, and creative hall gov secretary who proudly represents their hall at every meeting and event — seriously, they like never miss anything. I love seeing the ideas they come up with, whether it's for Molly's outfit, or for yet another successful event. I remember meeting for the first time last year at an RHSA banquet and sitting together. A lot has happened since, but a highlight of this semester was seeing the cute, custom RHSA t-shirts they designed for their stuffed bear. **Sam**, you are always doing the most, and I truly admire you for your dedication to both hall gov and RHSA. Please accept this E-board choice!

PR: 9:12

Ryan: My E-board choice is going to someone who has been super passionate and participated a lot within their own hall government. I have noticed this person when attending AC meetings is always engaged and excited. This person is a hall government president and I know ALL the work that comes with that. They are always advocating for their fellow students by voicing concerns to us. RHSA and myself would love to thank and recognize this person for their hard work this past semester in Capen hall government. It is my honor to present this Eboard choice to **Sarah from Capen Hall!**

Secretary: 9:13

Faith: My EBoard choice is going to someone who has shown enthusiasm for RHSA in many ways. They've gone out their way to help with programs and I know is a reliable AC member. I wanted to pick someone who is always sitting upfront and attentive at the meetings, and most importantly to me has answered the most riddle in the minute questions! Thank you, **Sabrina O'Shea** for being an awesome AC member, please accept my E-Board choice.

Treasurer: 9:14

Mazee: My E-Board choice is someone who goes to all the meetings and RHSA programs even if they are working. They make the E-Board laugh or at least me and a warm smile. They are eager, sincere, very sweet and always offer to help. This person brings a lot of positive energy to AC meetings and our events. The E-Board choice is Isabella **Artz from Capen Hall**.

Vice President: 9:15

Sion: My EBoard choice is one with the ability to make everyone around them smile and laugh. They were one of the leading volunteers at our extremely successful Condom Casino! He has certainly caught my attention in terms of the effort that he brings as an individual to those in Bliss hall gov, and that dedication has translated wonderfully for me. Give it up for my EBoard choice winner: **Jacob Baca!** treasurer of Bliss Hall government!

President:

Abby: My EBoard choice is going to someone whose enthusiasm for RHSA has been very noticeable since this semester started. They are always helping out at events whenever they need to. Plus, they make me laugh during AC meetings with their dedication to speaking during our open floors. So, my EBoard choice is going to **Eddie from Bliss!**

RA LIAISON OF THE SEMESTER 9:17

Abby: 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. As well as earning the honor of the award, they will also be receiving a \$15 Dunkin giftcard! The liaison we are awarding RA Liaison of the Semester is someone whose enthusiasm I remember seeing from day one during RA 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, but they also assist them in everything they need. This person is incredibly worthy of this award; so **Fiona Mackay from Capen Hall**, we are honored to award you liaison of the semester!

HALL OF THE SEMESTER 9:18

Sophia: 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. As well as getting bragging rights, our top three halls will be receiving prizes as well!

3rd: For a \$15 tops gift card we have **Mohonk**

2nd: For a \$30 tops gift card we have **Gage**

1st: For a \$50 tops gift card we have **Capen**

BRONZE PINS 9:24

Abby: 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 number 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 make 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 one bronze pin.

Sean Gloeckner

My Bronze pin will be going to someone who has honestly saved RHSA multiple times this semester. We hit a steep learning curve this semester due to none of the EBoard having been on the EBoard prior to this semester, and this person was the secret glue to keeping every event from falling apart. Whether it be bringing a speaker, carrying heavy boxes when the rest of us could not, or even getting in a car to find more glow sticks when they weren't even asked, they were there to save us. So, for one, thank you, RHSA could not have succeeded this semester without you Sean. So, my bronze pin will be going to **Sean Gloeckner from Bouton!**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION 9:26

Abby: 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 ours. 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 especially to Sophia who has done so much for our campus and NRHH as a whole.

Senate, thank you so much for attending all of our meetings. We love working with you and are very grateful for all that you do for this campus. Special thanks goes to Ann for coming to all of our meetings and making advocacy that much easier for our council. We couldn't be more grateful for all of the work that you do for campus.

For the 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.

Last, but absolutely not least, my **E-Board**. You are an absolute power house that has helped us do so many great things this year. I love watching you all grow as student leaders, and you have helped me grow so much as well.

Motion To Close New Business: Bliss

Second: Mohonk

HALL CONCERNS 9:28

Abby: 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, now is your time to tell us.

STUDENT CONCERNS 9:28

Abby: 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@newpaltz.edu

Ashokan: This relates to what Ann was saying before. There's ice everywhere. They didn't start shoveling until later and people had 8 ams that they had to go to. They should probably start shoveling earlier.

Ann: Thank you for letting me know.

Abby: Any more student concerns? 3,2,1 seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR: 9:30

Abby: 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?

Bliss: An international student in my club in an app called locals is a way for them to adapt and meet new people here. Basically it's an app where you can post something like "lets go hiking"

and anyone who wants to go hiking can like that post and join your thread. I know it's someone from Turkey who started it. I have the link, I can send it anywhere.

Athena: If you wanted to send that to me I can send that out in the remind.

Ashokan: Ashokan on Thursday is having a self care program. Hope you guys can come out.

Abby: Amazing.

Ann: You guys should have all received an email regarding spring fest. Spring Fest used to be an annual concert at the end of every spring semester, but because of COVID and issues with funding we haven't had a Spring Fest since 2018. So, this year we are attempting to put one on again. I think we plan on hiring two, an opener and a headliner. Make sure you guys go cast your vote. It's to celebrate your accomplishments. Thank you guys!

Abby: I'm so excited.

Reymar: Good Luck on finals everyone. Again, to RHSA thank you for all that you have done especially Madam chairman Ann. Speaking of Capen hall, I love you all very much. Congratulations on the numerous awards you received this evening. To the three new members of AC who have replaced me, thank you for carrying on what I left behind. I love you all, I can't wait to see you all in the second semester and beyond.

Ann: I wanted to do this when Abby was doing the thing. Can my senators that were recruited from RHSA stand up? We love you, thank you. Shoutout to these folks! I just get to be the face of the senate, but these people standing do the hard work.

Abby: Are there any more open floors? 3,2,1 seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 9:35

Abby: Molly is going to get some much needed rest over break. I hope none of you mind. She also matches us with our pajama pants.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 9:35

Abby: "Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do and, at some point, you will." - Venus Williams

ADJOURNMENT 9:35

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Bouton

Second: Mohonk

Next Meeting will be on Monday, January 23rd in SUB 100N!

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 (all of us will do amazing) and remember to take care of yourself! See you in the spring!

President Abby & the RHSA EBoard

