

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 04/17/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:05

**Abby:** Hi, I'm going to call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:05

**Abby:** Mazee has crutches.

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:07

**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    | 1              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | Sun at 7 a dirt cup program   |
| Bliss      | 1              | 1           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Bouton     | 3              | 2           | 0           | 0                 | Tomorrow at 4pm tie dye Picnic  |
| Capen      | 8              | 6           | 0           | 0                 | Flower give away and stressed is dessert spelt backwards program  |
| Collango   | 1              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Esopus     | 0              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Gage       | 3              | 3           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Lenape     | 1              | 1           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Minnewaska | 1              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Mohonk     | 3              | 3           | 0           | 0                 | April 18 <sup>th</sup> pinata program. April 19 <sup>th</sup> movie night 7:30-8:20. April 20 <sup>th</sup> Movie part two. April 21 <sup>st</sup> just dance. April 22 Bridgeton experience 2-3pm picnic Perry quad. |
| Ridgeview  | 0              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Scudder    | 0              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |
| Shawangunk | 0              | 0           | 0           | 0                 | N/A   |

**Faith:** Alright thank you!

SENATE: 9:11

**Ann:** Hey, so the big news this week is that the student association voting opens tomorrow at 12:00pm. It is open until the 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight. You. Vote by going to [mynewpaltz.edu](https://mynewpaltz.edu), the student engagement link, and then you click ENGAGE and you might sign in to vote. There's going to be a link right on the homepage in a yellow banner. It's super easy and it's very important. Your student government does a lot, you're voting on the people who plan your spring fest budget, the people who plan your club budget for the upcoming years, the people who hold clubs accountable if they do something. They address student concerns, that's why we have

the menstrual products in the SUB. They work with administration to handle the responses to hate symbols on campus. All those things hinge on who you vote for in these elections. If we do not have a minimum. Of 500 students vote in the elections we do have to rerun it.

#### NRHH 9:13

**Sophia:** Hi guys, we had a meeting yesterday. Final call to apply! Review applications on Sunday, get inducted in, May 15<sup>th</sup> in this room at 8pm! If you get inducted, you get a bamboo plant. Now is the ideal time to apply because you will not do anything until next year. Enchanted Forest themed!

#### YEARBOOK COMMITTEE 9:14

**Athena:** Hi guys, as you know I chair the yearbook committee and I wanted to let you guys know that if you want to send pictures you take at your programs, I can put those in your yearbook. So, please send them to the Instagram. If you want to help stop by my office hours Tuesday 10am-12pm.

#### OLD BUSINESS 9:15

Motion To Open Old Business: Bouton

Second: Bliss

#### ESCAPE ROOM BUZZ 9:16

**Athena:** Thank you for coming to the escape room BUZZ. Congratulations to everyone who figured it out there were some hard ones in there.

Motion to Close Old Business: Lenape

Second: Gage

#### NEW BUSINESS 9:16

Motion To Open New Business: Mohonk

Second: Capen

#### HALLYWOOD 9:16

**Eddie:** And remember, your full video is due to be emailed to [rhsa@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu) on April 24<sup>th</sup>! With any questions, refer to the Hollywood packet! [Hollywood Packet 2023.pdf](#)

#### CONDOM CASINO 9:16

**Sophia:** Our most loved program is coming back for the spring semester! Condom Casino is back everyone! Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the SUB MPR! Just like last semester, it is essentially a casino, but instead of chips, we use condoms. You can trade them in for some secret sexy prizes (I just bought \$700 worth of prizes) We are going to have a ton of fun games, including some from last semester, but a bunch of new games as well! We are looking for volunteers! This is a really big program, and we would deeply appreciate your help. Specifically, if you know how to run typical card games, we would love some help with that! The link to sign up will be in the minutes (<https://forms.gle/Gg2hyGdggNyU4Fhw6>) sent in the email blast and sent through the remind. You don't have to work the whole night, you'll just let us know what shifts you'll be able to work. On the google form I made half hour shifts, and I am asking you to

select all that apply. You can only work half an hour if you need to or you can work the whole time if you want. It's a great opportunity to volunteer and if you're interested in doing RHSA in the future, this is a great way to get acquainted with how we do programs. Plus, volunteers get a free shirt! Again, it's Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the SUB MPR! Are there any questions?

#### BANQUET 9:18

**Abby:** Please join us for our end-of-the-year banquet. May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm in the SUB MPR! We will be announcing Hollywood winners, hall of the semester, E-Board choice, RA liaison of the semester, and so much more! Our theme for this semesters banquet is \*drum roll\* a starry night in Italy!

#### BBQ 9:19

**Eddie:** RHSA's end of year BBQ is back! On May 12<sup>th</sup> (time TBD) we will be in Peregrine Quad! We will have food, music, and inflatables! It's going to be a big event, hope to see you all there!

#### 5 Minute Break

#### ELECTION 9:20

**Abby:** We will now begin the PR elections! Just a reminder that if you leave the room, you cannot reenter and there is to be no verbal communication and no technology. We will have an E-Board member keeping an eye out and if they catch you with technology, they will ask you to leave.

If you are running for PR, please stand! We are going to ask the candidate to leave the room and we will invite you back in for your speech.

**Abby:** The roles for PR are:

- A. Publicizes all RHSA meetings, programs, and events;
  - a. 1. Works with, but is not limited to, the following media: newspaper, TV station, radio station, posters, fliers, social media;
- B. Sends out "Thank You" notes to all guests, RHSA members, and Residence Life Staff when appropriate;
- C. Creates posters, fliers, invitations and/or poster boards for all RHSA programs and events;
  - 1. Posters, fliers, and/or invitations should be distributed to the AC no later than two (2) weeks before the event;
  - 2. Posters and fliers should be hung up around campus no later than two (2) weeks before the event;
  - 3. All posters, fliers, and invitations must be approved by the President before being sent to the Print Shop;
- D. Creates placards to be used at AC meetings for each hall (two (2) per hall), each Executive Board member, the Advisors, and NRHH Representative;
  - 1. Placards must be approved by the President before being sent to the Print Shop;
- E. Maintains communication with the Print Shop.
- F. Facilitates the use of a seven-dollar budget for each halls usage and discretion in relation to RHSA activities.

Expectations:

- Works well under pressure

- Good at organization
- Knows how to use Canva/ a similar service.
- Professionalism
- Tech savvy
- People person
- Approachable
- Creative

Motion to Close Expectations:  
Second:

### **Candidate 1: Ryan**

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**Abby:** We will now have 5 minutes of Question & Answer extendable up to 3 times. We will be using the speakers list and you can raise your placard when you have a question.

#### **QUESTION & ANSWER 9:27**

- How do you feel your position as an RA will help you in this role?

As an RA we have to do two programs a month: Active and Passive. So, with that that comes with fliers which is advertisement which goods into the PR role. Adding the time, the day, knowing how to set up a prepare an event by yourself. That gets me more comfortable and used to having even bigger events.

- What are your current other positions on campus?

I am a part of the outing club; I am apart of circle K. Circle K is about giving back to the community and volunteering. Every week we make different things. For example, we'll make little backpacks with supplies for kids in need. Or we will make little kits for people in the hospital, just giving back to the community. This helps me with collaborating with other people in the community. I also get to meet a lot of people which helps me in general to build my social skills and talking to people. This helps with the E-Board because we are a team.

- How do you feel your job skills will help with this position?

I've learned a lot as PR. I've learned the ins and outs on what it takes for RHSA, I've made flyers, I've made sure other RHSA members see my posters, so everyone agrees. I also know how to work with print shop so you can all get the fliers to put in your halls to advertise it and build community and have everyone come together.

- How are you with time management?

So, for PR and managing everything I have a system of how things go out and when I make the fliers. For example, we have condom casino next Friday. So, I make sure the fliers go out in advanced. I'm very organized I have a schoolwork planner, journal for everything else, and a calendar on my wall to help me with time management. This all helps me with time management because I get to see it written down and I look at it daily.

Motion to extend question and answer: Mohonk  
Second: Bouton

- What is something you would either continue to do or do differently if you do have the privileged of continuing this role next semester?

Something I would do differently; I like how we collaborated with BSU. So, incorporate more collaborations with different clubs and organizations.

Motion to end Question and Answer: Mohonk  
Second: Capen

**Candidate 2: Tarik**

De Ja Vu. It's French for this has already happened or I've seen this all before. This term best describes me as I have stood in front of all of you before and given a speech about how I would be the perfect VP. Life goes on and I am a man who strives to move forward. This is why I am running for the public relations officer of RHSA. You already know about my creative skills, but there is more to me than meets the eye. I'm a people's person, so if you have any concerns or grievances as PR, I will do my best to put your mind at ease. One of my greatest strengths is my creativity as an artist, web designer, photographer, etcetera I have a keen eye for keeping things very lively and bubbly. One of my biggest weaknesses is that I tend to miss the most obvious things in life, and this is a problem I will admittedly need help with. I'm a man of pride and I like to do things by myself, but I also put aside my pride and I am willing to work with others because no one can work all by themselves. Having a team by my side can lighten the burden of the job and life in general. Ask me what I can do for and I can show you. You can always count on me for creativity. Thank you.

Motion to open question and answer: Gage  
Second: Capen

**Abby:** We will now have 5 minutes of Question & Answer extendable up to 3 times. We will be using the speakers list and you can raise your placard when you have a question.

**QUESTION & ANSWER 9:37**

- Do you have any experience advertising for programs on campus?

Yes, well yes. As a member of my hall gov. and the spring concert planning committee I would say I have a good amount of experience holding programs. I'm also an ideas man so I have a ton of ideas for programs.

- What would you bring to the RHSA E-Board if you were elected?

I would bring a more cheery vibe because business is good, but you can make work fun. I'd start with the plaques that have puppets on them. I'd put something more classic, something that everybody would like.

- Are you familiar with any photo or poster editing services?

I am an expert with Canva, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, and Adobe Light. Plus, when it comes to website design, I'm good with HTML.

- How do you work in a team setting and how do you handle potential conflict?

How I work in a team setting is basically I'm relaxed and absorb information everyone says I give honesty back and relay my ideas as well. In terms of conflict resolution, I would look at both sides of the coin, see if we can come to an agreement, and if we can squash it there and then and if we can't then I would find a way to make everyone happy.

- How do you feel you have grown from last time, running for VP, to now?

I'm much more active on campus. School developments and more activity.

- Do you consider yourself to have good time management skills?

As you all know I kind of had to get my materials here at the last minute of the meeting. That was one screw up that I had. I consider myself very manageable for my time.

- While you did hand in your materials last minute, it did also show determination for the goal. I would like to ask, have you learned from that experience?

Absolutely, trust me whenever there is a task that needs to be done, I will do it the second I get a chance to do it.

- So, you said you developed your skills from last time, what skills did you develop?

I developed my knack to take in criticism. I would listen, but sometimes also take in my own judgements. And sometimes my own judgements can be wrong. I would try to get more of a point of view from other people. I also developed my skills for website design. I've only created one website, but if you ask me to create more I believe I could do that in a great short time period.

Motion to end Question and Answer without addition: Ashokan

Second: Bliss

#### DISCUSSION 9:42

- Bliss believes that Tarik has shown determination for this, he did not get the part and he is trying again, and he has shown a lot of dedication towards this role. Yes, he did turn. In his materials last minute, but he handed them in. He sprinted from his residence hall and back. Bliss believes he deserves a shot.
- Mohonk believes that Ryan would be a great candidate for PR because he has organization skills.
- Capen believes this is the role for him. Capen believes this would be an easy transition into the role for Tarik.
- Ashokan believes that each candidate brings a different set of skills to the position. Ryan has proven to be capable of the role in the past, Tarik also brings a different set of skills with all his knowledge of photo editing.
- Gage agrees with Ashokan that both candidates have good skills. Ryan has great leadership skills and Tarik is open to change.
- Capen believes that with Ryan's term in the job that he can continue to bring great work into next semester.

Motion to end Discussion without additions: Mohonk

Second: Bouton

Motion to vote by secret ballot: Lenape

Second: Ashokan

Votes:

Ryan: 11

Tarik: 4

No Confidence: 0

Abstain: 0

**Abby:** Congratulations Ryan on becoming the next PR Officer of RHSA!

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## NOMINATIONS

**Abby:** As a reminder historian material are due next week.

Close nominations for CCC until Spring 2024: Bouton

Second: Mohonk

Abby: Secretary materials<<Riddle: When do Student Association Elections close on ENGAGE?>> were also due tonight, Haley do you accept table or decline?

Haley: I decline.

Capen: Capen nominates Jenn for secretary.

Ashokan: Ashokan seconds.

Jenn: I accept.

Motion to close secretary nominations until spring 2024: Ashokan

Second: Bliss

Motion To Close New Business: Mohonk

Second: Lenape

## LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER 9:52

**Sophia:** This musical just had its closing performance last night, marking the end of its 35-year Broadway run.

Capen: Phantom of the Opera

## UPCOMING EVENTS 9:53

- Condom Casino April 28<sup>th</sup> SUB MPR
- Spring Banquet May 8<sup>th</sup> SUB MPR
- End of Year BBQ May 12<sup>th</sup> Peregrine Quad

## HALL CONCERNS 9:53

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.

Mohonk: Is there any way that Mohonk can turn off the heat.

Abby: So, the thing with the heat. Res. Life does not control the heating, facilities control the heating.

Capen: Could we argue that it's the same temperature inside the building for five days.

Abby: I will reach out and try to figure it out for us.

## STUDENT CONCERNS 9:56

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](mailto:rhsa@newpaltz.edu)

Tarik: Is there any way we can decorate the campus a bit, like decorate the bridge with flowers.

Ann: The campus does have a decorating committee.

Abby: I'll see what I can do.

Capen: There's still problems with the swastika in the elevators. People are continuing to do them even if they keep coming to buff them out.

Ashokan: Is there any way to turn off the heat and AC in the academic buildings. The Smiley Art building boils. I am in there every day for 3-hour classes at a time. The lecture center does not have windows. It's just hot in there all the time. My professor let us out early because she could not even stand the heat.

Abby: I know academic buildings get turned around the same week as residence halls.

Bliss: I wanted to add on to smiley boiling. That's concerning because artists work with temperature sensitive materials.

Ashokan: Those lockers are made to prevent a fire, but I agree.

Abby: Anymore student concerns? 3, 2, 1 seeing none

OPEN FLOOR: 9:59

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?

Mazee: Unity BBQ was created with the intention to bring together people of all cultures and backgrounds and show the New Paltz community that we are and have been rooted in love. The BBQ hasn't happened in 4 years, and this will be the return of a major event. Please contact BSU with any questions at [bsu.newpaltz@gmail.com](mailto:bsu.newpaltz@gmail.com). It will be May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – 5pm at Alumni Field! Alumni field, I will let you know next week.

Ann: Alumni field is the field behind esopus between esopus and the community garden.

Bliss: I have been working with the film club and we are planning on having a screening on everything everything all at once this Wednesday 7pm in the film club student, SUB 430.

Ashokan: I am the junior event coordination for first world graduation we are still looking for volunteers we need them very badly. Please DM on Instagram or come to me after the meeting if you're interested.

Mohonk: So, Alpha Epsilon Phi is hosting a program this Friday. There will be great raffles. This Friday at 8pm in SUB 100N, it's a \$5 entry fee and free raffle ticket.

Ann: This Saturday 12pm-4pm on the park right next to Vandenburg there will be a bunch of people tabling to celebrate earth.

Ryan: On Saturday I am hosting a croc your world program. If you give a recyclable, you can get a gibbet.

Faith: Please come to Lenape next Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> between 1-2 to get NARCAN trained. It only takes 10-15 minutes, and you get a kit to take away and could save a life.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:07

Abby: Who has Molly?

Lenape: Molly had fun with us during the. Heat wave she now has a friendship bracelet and flip flops.

Abby: Awesome! Molly the moose is going to Minnewaska.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:08

Sophia: "I believe that life is a prize, but to live doesn't mean you're alive." - Nicki Minaj



ADJOURNMENT 10:08

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Ashokan

Second: Ryan

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!