

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 04/24/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:07

Abby: Hi everyone, I call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:07

Abby: Wordle!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS

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	2	0	0	0	Successful program last night
Bliss	2	1	0	0	-----
Bouton	3	3	0	0	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:30 ice cream social
Capen	4	3	0	0	-----
Collango	1	0	0	0	Friday 9:30 Kungfu panda two outside movies
Esopus	0	0	0	0	-----
Gage	4	3	0	0	
Lenape	1	1	0	0	Thursday 7:30 bingo
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	-----
Mohonk	4	0	0	0	-----
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	-----
Scudder	1	0	0	0	-----
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	-----

Faith: Alright thank you!

SENATE:

Ann: Hey, so I have some not-so-great news then great news. Bad news first; the menstrual product initiative. Last Wednesday the bins, the products, and the signage in the men's room in this building were thrown out as a result of complaints. It has been made clear to us if we tried to put products in those bathrooms again, they would continue to be thrown out. We are having the ongoing conversation about getting those products back in the men's rooms. Which is a positive because just also year that would not have even been a conversation that anybody in the department would think was worth having. So, it is a step back, but it also a step forward at the same time.

Bliss: Who threw them out?

**Ann:** Custodial threw them out, but it's not their faults. They were directed to do it. Custodial was getting directions from higher up. Higher up was receiving complaints from somebody we don't know if that was stuff, student, or who that was. The point is getting the issue resolved.

**Bliss:** What is there to complain about?

**Ann:** My understanding is that there are not as much shelving space and storage space in the men's bathrooms in this building. So, part of the issue was that products were more easily getting wet, getting knocked over, and stuff like that. Another issue there is also a lack of knowledge as to why there needs to be those products in the men's room. It can make some people uncomfortable if. They're there because they do not have the knowledge to understand otherwise. Those were just two of the issues, but I do not know the full breath of the complaints. The point is we will get it. Resolved. Just wanted to update you guys in case people were asking you guys about it. The other thing is the student association elections need 500 students to vote for the election to be considered valid. We got the deadline extended to Thursday at noon. The elections were supposed to close at midnight, but we are rocking at like 250 votes right now. So, we got the deadline extended, but we need everyone's help getting out the word to vote. If these elections fail, we do not have student representation over the summer, and believe it or not the student association does in fact work over the summer. In the fall clubs are going to be asking for budget changes and more money, and if the student association election fails, they cannot do that. Thank you so much you, guys.

**NRHH 9:17**

**Abby:** In process of application review right now, will announce new members when they are all elected! Thanks for all your interest and attention this year!

**YEARBOOK COMMITTEE 9:17**

**Athena:** Hi guys, back at it again with asking you guys to send me pictures of your hall governments. Gage sent me a bunch of pictures today. Both pictures and members, whatever pictures you guys want to send. Send it to [rhasa@newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhasa@newpaltz.edu)

**NEW BUSINESS 9:19**

Motion To Open New Business: Mohonk  
Second: Bouton

**HALLYWOOD 9:19**

**Eddie:** Videos are due tonight! We will be watching them next week! If they're past 11:59 you're done.

**CONDOM CASINO 9:19**

**Mazee:** 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 a lot of prizes, more and better stuff than last year) 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 with 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 9:21

**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 9:23

**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 9:24

**Abby:** We will now begin the CCC 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 CCC, 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 CCC are:

A. Updates all Good Fellowship Points (GFP) information for both semesters [VIA MICROSOFT WORD](#);

1. Distributes GFPs to Hall Governments as outlined in the GFP Packet;
2. Manages and updates all software for tracking GFPs;
3. Manages and organizes all information in the GFP Packet (i.e. ice breaker submissions, PUP sheets, etc.);
4. Updates the Associate Council on GFP updates at their discretion;
5. Announces the winner of Hall of the Semester at Fall and Spring Banquet;

B. Keeps records of all Hall Government contact information;

C. Keeps an archive of all updated Hall Government constitutions;

D. Assigns "hall buddies" for Executive Board members and Hall Governments;

E. Updates the GFP Packet at their discretion;

F. Maintains communication with the Department of Residence Life and National Residence Hall Honorary;

G. Communicates event information with Resident Assistant Liaisons and Hall Governments (i.e. RA Appreciation Day, Hall Government Appreciation Day, etc.);

- H. Serves as a resource and mentor for Hall Government Liaisons regarding Hall Government; I. Maintains the Hall of the Semester and Spirit Weekend plaques;
- J. Updates the RHSA Constitution as needed following any legislative changes or friendly amendments;
- K. Coordinates volunteers for RHSA events.

#### Expectations:

- Quick to respond and quick to communicate.
- Well organized
- Good with computers
- Responsible
- Good with deadlines

Motion to Close Expectations: Bliss

Second: Mohonk

#### Candidate 1: Ange

Who what where and why are the questions you may have for me, and I plan to answer them. Hi, guys, my name is Angeline bailey I am a sophomore here at New Paltz. Some things about me are I'm going to be a RA here next semester and I'm hands down a crazy gym rat!!But I don't think you want to hear about my gym life. So, what exactly attracted me to this position? In seeing the duties of the CCC (campus communications coordinator) I couldn't help but crave the need to join this board. <<How many more meetings do we have including banquet?>>I want to be able to contribute to what this board is doing so well. I want to add on in hopes of making this board as best it can be. Now to where, I am from long island New York and I'm from a town called Coram where I've worked at a camp to playing on the basketball court as a captain. In rolls like these, I've had to coordinate basketball practice times as well as keep a head count of students/campers and players. Why join this role? In being a part of other programs why do I feel the need to be here too? Well, first I don't see it as stretching myself thin rather I see it as involving myself more with other students on campus. Being a voice for them I believe being a RA will help me directly. In having siblings which I am sure many can relate you need to keep a cool head and look at the bigger picture in many situations to plan accordingly. I am used to coordinating times in my camp job where I work from early mornings to late afternoons. Late nights are no new thing. Working to do the best I can is something I strive for in every step I take.

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

- How will you be able to juggle your RA duties and RHSA duties?

Well, I plan to be a sociology and black studies dual major. I believe being an RA and RHSA, a lot of the things I would be doing correlate into each other. I am also great at multitasking.

- So, being a basketball team captain would you say you have a lot of experience with jobs that have a lot of moving parts?

Very much so, I work with post season, past season, welcome everyone from freshman sophomore, senior, I am all over the place.

- What would you say are your greatest strengths?

I think my greatest strength is being able to focus. I am very welcoming person; I like to talk.

- If you were to get this position what's something, you look forward to?

I look forward to being able to plan programs especially with diversity.

- Can you give an example of a program you would like to host?

There is one program I've had in mind for a very long time, it's for February. It's a black history program, talking to the students, reaching out.

- What's something you're looking forward to in your role?

I work with little kids, and I always plan out what they're doing for the day. So, I love organization and planning what they are doing. I'm used to having the mind to be able to step back and look at the bigger things. This will help me in the position.

Motion to Close Question and Answer Without Additions: Mohonk

Second: Bouton

#### DISCUSSION 9:35

- Ashokan thinks Ange is an enthusiastic and dependable candidate.
- Gage loves her confidence and openness to communicate with others.
- Mohonk admires Ange's charm and charisma.
- Bouton thinks they're more than qualified and passionate for the position.
- Gage thinks they're a people person and would work well with others.

Motion to Close discussion period with no additions: Ashokan

Second: Bliss

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Mohonk

Second: Bouton

Votes:

Ange: 13

No Confidence: 1

Abstain: 0

**Abby:** Congratulations Ange on becoming the next CCC of RHSA!

**Abby:** We will now begin the Secretary 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 Secretary, 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 Secretary are:

A. Responsible for recording minutes at all Executive Board and AC meetings;

1. Must post minutes from AC meetings on the RHSA website no later than 48 hours after each meeting;
2. Must email minutes from Executive Board meetings to the Executive Board, Advisors, and Assistant Director of Residence Life no later than 48 hours after each meeting;
- B. Works with the President to create the agenda for each AC meeting;
- C. Posts the agenda for each AC meeting on the RHSA website;
- D. Leads roll call at AC meetings;
- E. Keeps an inventory of office supplies and purchases them when necessary;
- F. Must be familiar with basic computer and typing skills.

Expectations:

- Good writer
- Fast typer
- Attentive
- Good time management skills
- Organized
- Quick to post.

Motion to Close Expectations: Bliss

Second: Ashokan

### **Candidate 1: Jenn**

Hey guys, my name is Jenn, and I am currently a freshman majoring in digital arts. Staying organized is one of my favorite hobbies I use my planner to track literally everything from major events to what assignments I need to submit. I take extensive notes in lectures all organized by topic and separated into separate folders. I have a lot of computer skills my typing skills are like 75 words per minutes, but my record is writing two essay 750 word each in under two hours. As the current co-president of APISA, and the vice president of Capen Hall gov. I have a lot of experience planning successful events. Some of you might have attended out annual gala that had 150 reservations in under 18 hours. Thank you!

Motion to Open Question and Answer: Mohonk

Second: Ashokan

**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 9:47**

- What skills can you apply to this position?

I have a lot of typing skills, so I can type very quickly, and I can process information very quickly. I am also very good at organizing; it is a hobby of mine.

- You enjoy organizing. Would you say this is a job you would enjoy?

Yes, it's a lot of fun.

- What are your weaknesses and how do you plan on moving through them for this role?

I feel like, maybe it's a half and half, but sometimes I plan too far in advanced. I want to move toward letting myself have more time so I can go to events.

- Based on what you just said, what if in the role RHSA wants to have an event only a few weeks in advance, and you already have your month planned. How you fit that into your schedule?

I think. The difference is next semester I am leaving my current job. It's off campus, 15-20 hours a week, and a commute. By eliminating that I can have more time on my hands to be attentive to RHSA matters.

- Why do you want to be the secretary?

It's a role I see myself fitting into. Just because I think it's typically a role, I'm more comfortable in being able to listen, take notes, and organize.

- You're widely involved throughout the campus. How do you see yourself in RHSA balancing those events?

I feel like RHSA has always been different from my other SA activities and stuff I am doing. Hall gov. does not allow me to split my time. So, I think I would transfer my hall government time to RHSA time.

Motion to close question and answer with no addition: Ashokan  
Second: Mohonk

#### DISCUSSION 9:51

- Bliss feels she has a lot of energy and is qualified for the position.
- Mohonk believes she has a good head on her shoulders and handles herself well.
- Lenape thinks Jenn has the necessary technological knowledge and typing skills.
- Mohonk feels she is very well organized.
- Mohonk believes her decision to quit her job for more time shows good decision-making skills.

Motion to Close discussion period with no additions: Ashokan  
Second: Scudder

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Bouton  
Second: Gage

Votes:

Jenn: 13

No Confidence: 1

Abstain: 0

**Abby:** Congratulations Jenn on becoming the next Secretary of RHSA!

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#### NOMINATIONS 9:56

**Abby:** We're now going to go into nominations, historian materials were due tonight.

Motion to Close nominations for historian till spring 202: Ashokan

Second: Scudder

Motion To Close New Business: Lenape  
Second: Capen

#### LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER 9:58

Sophia: While rumors circulate about Taylor Swift and her long-term boyfriend Joe Alwyn breaking up, rumors started circulating around a budding romance between these two stars:

Bouton: Kylie Jenner and Timothee Chalamet

Mazee: Yes!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS 9:58

- 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 9:58

**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 9:59

**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)

Gage: Elevator in Humanities is broken. It's technically in JFT.

Bouton: There's a strange ooze between the walkway from CSB to Wooster.

Abby: Send that in an email to us.

#### OPEN FLOOR: 10:00

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!

Bliss: I've worked with NYPERG, and we are currently having our elections for the statewide board of representatives, and I am currently a candidate. So, if you think I would do well with the job vote for me, or if not vote for one of my opponents. Vote however you feel.

Ashokan: This Wednesday Hall gov. is collaborating with RA Ryan for a communication disorders kahoot. We're doing a quick. PowerPoint and kahoot based on what you learned with prizes.

Gage: Senate is having gunk day on Wednesday.

Ann: So true I will send you guys an email about that.

Mazee: I have a friend that's a design major and they need more people to fill out this survey so please see me after.

Ann: Starting this Thursday. The 27<sup>th</sup>- May 5<sup>th</sup> the spring fest tickets will be sold.

Ashokan: On the 4<sup>th</sup> floor!

Ann: So, if you follow officialnwepaltzspringfest on Instagram you will see that we've announced the DJ and we've announced some student groups that will be performing. The artist will be announced super soon.

Tarik: We also have the volunteer poster on the Instagram.

Ann: This is the first spring fest in years everyone needs to go.

Gage: If anyone is interested in Greek life alpha phi omega is a coed community service fraternity on campus. They are having their pre rush events this week for the fall semester.

Scudder: If anyone is interested in live music there is a concert on Friday 23

Ashokan: You guys know what I'm going to say. 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: Don't miss the graphic design senior may thesis.

Eddie: I hope you guys treat yourself well, do as best you can. Goodluck on finals y'all.

Capen: Stressed is just desserts spelled backwards event! Date and time will be announced eventually.

#### PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 10:07

**Abby:** I think Molly got moose-napped. Molly is taking a break we'll find her she'll be back next week.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:08

Faith: "Try Again. Fail Again. Fail Better." - Samuel Beckett

#### ADJOURNMENT 10:08

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Ange

Second: Jenn

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!