

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 05/01/2023

Location: SUB 409

CALL TO ORDER 9:05

Abby: Hi everyone, I'd like to call this meeting to order!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:41

Abby: Hallywood videos and voting

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	5	0	0	0	Successful prog wed
Bliss	1	1	0	0	N/A
Bouton	2	0	0	0	Wed at 7:30 ice cream social
Capen	4	3	0	0	N/A
Collango	1	0	0	0	Sunday May 7 th field day 4-7
Esopus	0	0	0	0	N/A
Gage	8	8	0	0	N/A
Lenape	3	1	0	0	Had successful bingo
Minnewaska	2	0	0	0	This Sunday event to cook tacos at 6:00pm
Mohonk	2	2	0	0	Game night this past sat
Ridgeview	0	0	0	0	N/A
Scudder	2	0	0	0	N/A
Shawangunk	0	0	0	0	N/A

Faith: Alright thank you!

SENATE: 9:43

Ann: Hey! So, the election for the student association were announced via an all student email. I hope everyone got the chance to look at that and know who your representatives are. On there is also a list of senate seats that will be available next year. We hold senate election... The final senate of the semester is this Wednesday. The senate chair for next year will be elected. If you're interested come up to me at the end of the meeting and I can put you on the email list. You guys will know who the senate chair is for next year at banquet. Lastly, it's spring fest time! Spring fest is this Saturday. Doors open at 6:00pm where you will be able to hear out DJ and see the

student groups perform. Our headliner comes out at around 7:30 and that is when we lose the doors. Anyone who “bought” a ticket can show up between 6-7:30. They’re free to students as long as you show your New Paltz ID. All tickets are sold in 100N. Tomorrow tickets are being sold from 11:00am-7:00pm. On Wednesday 10:00am-11:00am and 3:00pm-4:30pm. On Thursday they will be sold from 11:00am-7:00pm. On Friday they’re being sold from 11:00am-3:00pm. If you are interested in bringing a guest to spring fest, they need to be a student from another university, and you will need a picture of their university ID card and state ID card. If you buy a ticket then decide later you want a guest, you can’t do that. You must know whether you’re bringing a guest when you buy the ticket. The meeting about getting menstrual products in the men’s bathroom is May 10th. RHSA is over by then so I’m not sure how we will update, but any updates will be posted on the student association Instagram.

NRHH 9:48

Sophia: We’re finalizing voting on new inductees, NRHH application decisions are coming out later this week! and are getting excited for our banquet on May 15th, in this room at 8PM! We are also working on the people and organizations we want to award for their great work, and we are lining up a guest keynote speaker! Stay tuned!

YEARBOOK COMMITTEE 9:39

Athena: Hi guys! So, as you know I want pictures from you guys. I am trying to make a yearbook.

OLD BUSINESS 9:39

Motion To Open Old Business: Lenape
Second: Ashokan

CONDOM CASINO

Sophia: We’d like to thank everyone for coming, volunteers did amazing, and all the prizes were given away. It was a very successful event!

Motion to Close Old Business: Ashokan
Second: Mohonk

NEW BUSINESS 9:40

Motion To Open New Business: Mohonk
Second: Bouton

BANQUET 9:40

Abby: Please join us for our end-of-the-year banquet. May 8th 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 9:40

Eddie: RHSA's end of year BBQ is back! On May 12th 4pm – 8pm 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 9:41

Abby: We will now begin the Historian 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 Historian, 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 Historian are:

A. Documents all RHSA programs/events through photography, social media, or another medium at their discretion;

B. Serves as Webmaster of the RHSA website;

C. Manages all social media for RHSA (including, but not limited to: Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook);

1. Facilitates and oversees all social media challenges;

2. Compiles data from Social Media challenges and coordinates GFP allotment with the Campus Communications Coordinator;

D. Regularly updates all archival information on the RHSA Website including, but not limited to: Executive Board information, t-shirt designs, award recipients, and program information;

E. Serves as chair of the Yearbook Committee.

F. Organizes the RHSA SharePoint

Expectations:

- Organized
- Be able to communicate and respond quickly.
- Take clear photos.
- Be charming.
- Be Kind.
- Need to be considerate.
- Ask for consent to take pictures.

Motion to Close Expectations: Bliss

Second: Mohonk

Candidate 1: Fiona

Hi everyone, my name is Fiona! I am a junior here at New Paltz studying history with a minor in law and politics. I have been involved with Hall government and RHSA for almost two years now. I was the vice president of Ridgeview Hall government for a semester and then i was hired as an RA in Capen Hall. In Capen I have had the pleasure of being the RA Liaison for 3 semesters now! I was awarded hall gov liaison of the semester in the fall was such a cool honor. I love hall gov and personally think it is one of the best ways for residents to get involved

on campus and to make friends. I have found it so enjoyable to be an RA liaison and love every aspect of hall government, from programs to AC meetings. I have attended almost every buzz event over the past year, and I admire how much work and dedication that are put into them. I am running for Historian today because I would love the opportunity to serve on the Eboard of RHSA and help create programs that better the student body. I hope to establish connections with other eboard members in order to make programs that connect students to one another and make it so that no one feels alone. I think my time as RA liaison has given me valuable experience and would help in my role as Historian. I am excited about RHSAs future and look forward to working with members to foster a positive environment where students of this campus feel welcome. I now yield to questions.

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 9:46

- How would you rate your photography skills?

I think pretty good. I like taking pictures, and my family always makes me take the pictures.

- How organized are you?

I am very organized. I have my google calendar that is pretty much hooked up to my entire life. I have it on my phone, computer, and I also have a physical planner.

- How do you think your skills as an RA will help you be historian?

Over the last 3 semester my organization skills have gotten a lot better, and I have also gotten a lot better speaking to people. I also have had a staff for three semester and have loved it.

- Do you trust yourself to stay on top of things?

I do, I'm very organized.

- Do you work with editing tools at all?

I took a photography class in high school. I learned all the software on the computer and stuff like that.

Motion to close question and answer: Gage

Second: Mohonk

DISCUSSION 9:49

- Mohonk believes they will make a great historian because they took a photography class in high school.
- Bliss believes that they are qualified for the position.
- Lenape feels she is confident, but not cocky.
- Mohonk believes that she would work well in a team setting.
- Ashokan thinks that Fiona is an incredible candidate.
- Minnewaska likes her name.
- Mohonk finds her to be very bubbly and enthusiastic.
- Bliss thinks she's a good planner and communicator.
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Motion to close without additions: Mohonk

Second: Bouton

VOTES 9:50

Fiona: 17
 No Confidence: 0
 Abstain: 0

Abby: Congratulations Fiona on becoming the next Historian of RHSA!

Motion To Close New Business: Bliss
 Second: Minnewaska

LIGHTNING ROUND ANSWER 9:55

Sophia: This singer/songwriter recently performed one of his songs live in court to defend it amid a Marvin Gaye copyright battle.

Minnewaska: Ed Sheeran

UPCOMING EVENTS 9:56

- Spring Banquet May 8th SUB MPR 8:00pm
- End of Year BBQ May 12th Peregrine Quad

HALL CONCERNS 9:56

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 9:56

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

Bliss: There are wads of gum underneath every desk in the humanities building. Someone put gum on the railing of the stairs. There's gum everywhere.

Abby: I will reach out about that, I promise. I will reach out to the head of janitorial.

Minnewaska: For students with disabilities on campus. The doors are not as accessible as they should be. The door to element takes a team to open. For someone with MS or some who may not be strong enough to open it, and half the time the button does not work. Maybe we can look into that.

Abby: If any of you ever come across a door where the handicap button is not working email us right away with the location and we will get on it. I can email out, and I can ask them to please make sure all the doors are working.

Ann: Another thing we can do as a community, doors are battery powered, and if you are not someone who needs to use the door button and did not know that previously. It might be time to start limiting your uses, so we save battery for those who do use them.

Sophia: I have seen dead birds outside peregrine again. If we could restate our suggestions to put the decals on the window like they do in the atrium.

Bliss: There was a bird stuck in the humanities building last week.

Abby: There's currently a bird in perry's.

Mohonk: I heard there was a snake outside the health center.

Abby: We're not going to move animals that are native to their habitat, but we can watch where we step.

Mohonk: There's a mouse in bouton.

Abby: Has there been a work order?

Bouton: No.

Abby: Okay, if you see a mouse in your hall submit a workorder.

OPEN FLOOR: 10:01

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. It will be May 10th, 1pm – 5pm at Alumni Field!

Mohonk: Alright guys the spring concert is coming up, and we need volunteers. Follow the @officialspringfest Instagram. If you have any questions.

Ann: If you text the Instagram that you're interested in volunteering.

Mohonk: Also, if you go pick up your

Gage: Gage and RA Sarah are having a hammock hangout. This. Wednesday at 6:00. We're going to meet at Gage then head over to the gunk. We are raffling off a hammock.

Ashokan: As I said for the past three or four meetings. 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.

PASSING OF MOLLY, THE MOOSE 10:04

Abby: Minnewaska where is my moose?

Minnewaska: We didn't have a meeting last week. I did not know no one came last week. I will send someone to bring it. The moose will be brought back.

Abby: Amen.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 10:05

Athena: "Whatever you do, always give 100%...unless you're donating blood." - Bill Murray

ADJOURNMENT 10:05

Motion To Adjourn the Meeting: Ashokan

Second: Lenape

Next Meeting will be in SUB 409!

