

ASA Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
2004-03-11

Meeting called to order by President at 19:02

Present: Katie, Jason, Arthur, Rob, Tyler, Matt, Sharon, Kaliq, Jon

1. New Group Recognitions

Minority Association of Pre-Health Students <ccasas>

Motion to recognize (2-6-1) ARTHUR will suggest that they work with AMSA.

Team Up 4 Education <tu4e>

Motion to recognize (0-6-2) ARTHUR will suggest that they work with MIT Access (or Educational Studies Program, Graduate Student Volunteer Corps)

Students of Color Committee <jalex, mtulier>

Motion to recognize as a sponsored group. (5-1-3) ARTHUR will email them.

2. Constitution Checks

We discussed a couple of Constitutions. Note that if the 5/50 clause is implicit in the Constitution, it does not need to be explicitly written out. (e.g. If a group only allows MIT students to be members, then the 50% requirement is implicitly stated.) Note also that FSILGs are exempt from Non-discrimination clause.

KATIE will send thank-you notes to the following groups for having ASA-approved constitutions: LUCChA, Australia-New Zealand, SEBC, Societo por Esperanto, Anime Club, Brazilian Students Association.

3. ASA Database (*special visit by Alvar Saenz-Otero*)

Larry Benedict has had problems working with SSIT and would support our move away from the system (which has been accelerated by Alvar's imminent graduation).

Alvar wants to know what we do and don't want from the ASA Database:

We want old reaper info (e.g. President/Treasurer report) to be accessible. (Note that this should not be public.)

We want query capability (e.g. the ability to create lists of groups that are UA-funding and GSC-funding) and the capability to give access to these reports to other people (e.g. Finboard Chair, GSC Treasurer).

If Larry Benedict is moving away from SSIT, we should too. We can get support from IS.

4. Pending Recognitions

Badminton Club paperwork checks out; ARTHUR will send recognition email.

5. Derecognitions

- a. Counterpoint
 - proposal was submitted and presented during Office Hours (included in file).
 - Motion to lift suspension of recognition and all associated restrictions of Counterpoint and grant provisional recognition on the condition that the proposed revised constitution is resubmitted with amendments to bring it into compliance with ASA constitutional requirements. (4-3-1) Motion fails without a majority.
 - Motion to accept Counterpoint's appeal on the basis that their revised constitution will satisfy 5/50 clause. ASA will lift suspension of recognition and all associated restrictions of Counterpoint on the condition that the proposed revised constitution is resubmitted with amendments to bring it into compliance with ASA constitutional requirements. ASA will grant provisional recognition to Counterpoint. (This will become full recognition after the ASA audits the group in the coming year.) (6-0-2) Motion passes.
 - KATIE will contact group alerting them that we appreciate their effort at dealing with the 5/50 issue and that we now recognize that their group meets weekly to discuss issues (information that we did not realize before their appeal) and hope that their group will continue to work to create a product that caters to the MIT community.
 - b. MIT for Dean
 - seems to no longer meet its purpose
- ARTHUR will audit group.

6. General Body Meeting

7 9 pm, 8 April 2004 in 26-100

Agenda:

- Elections
- Constitutional Amendments
- Database Report
- Summer Events
- Amendment to Office Allocation Standing Policy
- Funding Board Proposal

7. Funding Team Proposal

Proposal will be discussed with working group tomorrow.

8. CPW Activities Fair

4 6 pm, 17 April 2004 in Johnson Athletic Center
Katie needs help. Please volunteer to come and help.

9. ASA Official

Draft was sent today; better one will be sent tonight. EVERYONE email Katie with comments NOW.

10. Online Forms

We need to add Treasurer's Name and Kerberos ID to new group petition form.

11. Open Floor

- TYLER will email LUCa as discussed at the last meeting.
- Arthur again (not written in previous meeting minutes) communicated his frustration with rushing through meetings, suggested weekly meetings of the ASA Executive Board; Katie agreed to hold extra meetings to take care of bigger issues.

12. Next Meeting

7:00pm, Thursday, April 1, 2004
office hour: 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 20:02