

August 2022

# Major Initiatives Report

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## **Society Events**

July	August	September
<ul> <li>Board of Governors         Meeting</li> <li>Society Update Email         Thread</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Convention 2022-B!</li><li>Society Update Call</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Most undergraduates return to campus!</li> <li>Recruitment begins for most chapters</li> </ul>
Bowdoin Chapter     Reunion!		<ul> <li>Board of Governors         <ul> <li>Meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>Strategic Planning         <ul> <li>Session 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



## Society Update Call Attendance (8/25)

#### **Present:**

- James Aykit (PENN '21)
- Ally Bonhaus (CAP '23)
- Emery Miller (BING '22)
- Kate Homes (FLNT '25)
- Mike Blitstein (BRN '03)
- Kari Dahlen (BRN '96)
- Alison Errico (BRN '06)
- Alanna Kwoka (BRN '10)
- Isa Martinez (BRN '17)

#### **Emailed report:**

- Thom Clark (BDN '99)
- Jim Sabo (BDN '92)



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You can see all committee projects on our website under the "Leadership" tab then "Active Projects". Here's the direct link: <a href="https://airtable.com/shrvuw4x8flCoSv8Q">https://airtable.com/shrvuw4x8flCoSv8Q</a>



## **HQ/Operations**

### Reported by Mike Blitstein & James Aykit



#### **Completed**

- Renewed insurance
- Updated the database with new member information
- Convention 2022-B



#### **In Progress**

- Collect missing New Member Bio forms
- Mailing badges
- Fix 3-4 spelling mistakes in the SELEF Grant Request



- Clean up Convention minutes
- Draft a contract for the ExDir position for the Board
- Attend NGLA conference in February 2023



## Accessibility (+Diversity Survey)

### Reported by Mike Blitstein and Alison Errico



#### **Completed**

 (no major projects reported recently)



#### In Progress

- Diversity survey was sent out to the Board and officers. So far we have 24/31 responses
- Jeff Yaus reached out to Alina and offered to do a website audit!



- Ask undergrad govs to fill out the diversity survey
- Meet with Jeff and have him do the audit



### Reported by Kari Dahlen



#### **Completed**

Committee
 members attended
 a training in the
 summer



#### In Progress

- Member in Good Standing policy
- Chaplain training materials
- Working through reports of harm that may come in



#### **Next Steps**

Harm Systems
 Reduction training
 in November



## **Chapter Services**

### Reported by James Aykit



#### **Completed**

- Asked Chapter Presidents
   how they want us to
   communicate with their
   chapter
- Approved grant request for Ursinus
- Populate the public CS Google Drive folder



#### In Progress

- Chapter visits
- Revive undergrad Discord
- Review grant requests as they come in
- Compile a list of resources alumni can help undergrads

- Re-establish chapter liaisons –maybe include governors?
- Invite undergrad governors to CS meetings
- CS now meets weekly (every Tuesday)



## Communications

### Reported by James Aykit



#### **Completed**

- Xaipe Summer 2022 was published!
- Advertisement for this committee went in the Xaipe



#### **In Progress**

- Post-convention newsletter
- Keeping social media pages active
- Updating various website pages



- Help Noms Committee with any advertising they need
- Start planning Winter 2023 Xaipe



## Development

### Reported by Alanna Kwoka



#### **Completed**

- Sent an email during Convention that raised two donations!
- Advertisement for this committee went in the Xaipe



#### In Progress

- Mike is gathering resources from major donors
- James is sending thank you cards to Tim and Mulch
- Include a donations ask in the Convention newsletter



- End-of-year fund appeal
- Thank you cards for donors to be sent in early 2023



## **Finance**

### Reported by Alison Errico



#### **Completed**

- Finally filed 2020 taxes after so many issues!
- Also finally filed
   2021 taxes!! Woo!!



#### In Progress

- Convention reimbursements
- Onboarding QuickBooks
- Meetings with chapters who requested budgeting assistance



#### **Next Steps**

 Keep working on QuickBooks so it's ready to go in 2023



## Grad Org Support

### Reported by Thom Clark



#### **Completed**

- Sent the Grad Org
   Playbook to specific people for review
- Talked with Ashley Taylor about how the Granite grad org is doing



#### In Progress

 Incorporate feedback from Convention into the Grad Org Playbook



- Turn the Grad Org
   Playbook into a
   more user-friendly
   document (vs. the
   brainstorming doc it
   is currently)
- Try to revive Granite with Ashley



## New Chapter Development

### Reported by Isa Martinez



#### **Completed**

 Kettering had its initiation!



#### **In Progress**

- Two active efforts: Wright State and Life West
- Kari is taking point on Life West
- Mike is taking point on Wright State



- Kari will meet with admins at Life West
- Mike will respond to contact at WS
- Will need to get the Board's approval if we move forward with either/both



## **Nominations**

### Reported by Jim Sabo and Kari Dahlen



#### **Completed**

- Had two meetings already. Mimi and Mulch are interested in this committee
- No major decisions just yet.



#### In Progress

 Working on ways to increase diversity in the nominations pool



- Clarify election run-off procedure at the next Board meeting
- Use social media to encourage nominations
- Next meeting is on 9/29



## **Undergraduate Governors Reports**

# Ally

**CAPITAL 2023** 

- First chapter meeting on Sept. 4
- Ordering merch
- Doing Blind Date with a Book soon
- Hosting E-board office hours

## Kate

**FLINT 2025** 

- Classes don't start until Oct. 3rd
- Having weekly meetings to plan for recruitment
  - Many members are living together in the Fall

## **Emery**

**BINGHAMTON 2022** 

- First chapter meeting on Sept. 4
- Not recruiting in the Fall
- Having a sleepover to promote member bonding!

# Sophia

**BROWN 2025** 

• (not present)



#### **Next Society Update Call:**

# September 22, 8pm Eastern

Questions, comments, or concerns? Email me at aykit@sas.upenn.edu

<3 James



