RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING
Date: 5/7/2018
Location: SUB MPR

CALL TO ORDER : 8:14PM
People with dietary restrictions eat first. After that, the first hall to eat is Bliss. Next is College/Shango. Next is Ridgeview. Next is Lefevre. Next is Gage. Next is Capen. Next is Lenape. Next is Bouton. Next is Deyo. Next is Dubois. Next is Crispell. Next is Scudder. Next is Esopus. Next is Bevier. If you are interested in chicken parm or rice, go get seconds!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY : 8:59 PM
Hi there! We’re gonna get started right now so to begin, we have a mystery activity with two parts. The first part is eating and the second part is the RHSA hollywood video, so here is the one and only: Our director and writer Emily Harter!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS: 9:05PM

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NRHH : 9:10PM
Rui - Good evening everybody, so I’m gonna do the NRHH report. So yesterday we had inductions. We had an amazing time at inductions. We inducted new members: Narelys Chum, Jamie Erickson, Kendall Leggett, Toshan Mahabir, Tara Manning, and Emma Ryan!
Catherine - We gave out four awards. The first award, is the Young Outstanding Graduate Award (YOGA) we awarded it to Scott To. The Recognizing Academic Dedication (RAD) to Valentina Orozco, the Students That are Remarkable (STAR) award to Thomas Meyers, and the Program of Excellence (POE) was awarded to the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
Eui - We also gave out three bronze pins. The recipients are Benjamin Schoenfeld, Melyssa Arguello, and Laura Scarimbolo.
Cath - We also have two honorary members, Kaina Rivera and Nicole St Onge.
Rui- We graduated 10 members from NRHH. Benjamin Schoenfeld, Nicole Santa Maria, Laura Scarimbolo, Catherine Callan, Theresa Imbriolo, Alicia McGowan, Allie Weiner, Melyssa Arguello, Rui T. Gomes, and Samantha Becker.

SENATE : 9:13PM
Elections happened. The voting is going to continue for the mandatory student activity fee, so to hear what happens next, make sure you vote yes to make it mandatory if you want clubs. If you hate clubs, why are you here?
Bouton- Where do you go to vote?
Elee - My.newpaltz.edu I think.
Bevier - My.newpaltz.edu

OLD BUSINESS : 9:14PM
Motion to Open: Esopus
Second: Lenape

BUZZ Tie-Dye
Woo! That’s me! Hello everyone! Thank you so much for coming out to Kardashian Buzz Tie Dye, it was a smashing hit. I’ve seen lots of people with Kim Kardashian shirts. I’m real happy. I’m so glad you enjoyed our organization’s spin on Buzz! Tune in next semester for the fabulous things our new E-board will do!

Historian
Hello! As you will see on your table probably, there’s a yearbook. It says yearbook on it. Don’t miss it, don’t throw it away. Lots of people worked on it. If you worked on it, tell your people and let them congratulate you. It’s beautiful and great and if you find any typos don’t tell me. Thank You!

Motion to Close: Bouton
Second: Bevier

NEW BUSINESS 9:16PM

Motion to Open: Ridgeview
Second: Collango

BBQ
Hey y’all! So as you know, BBQ was supposed to be Sunday, but unfortunately rain happened, so now the rain date is tomorrow. We are changing the time, it is from 5-8, it’s in Hasbrouck Quad still, there will be food. It’s gonna be great, you’ll have a grand ol’ time! We have cotton candy, italian ice, snow cones, inflatables, us, New E-board, and a bunch of other things. Come on down, have some fun, be a kid again from tomorrow 5 to 8 pm!

RECOGNITION:

Participation awards

- Emily- Bevier Hall for being my Bevi-Baes and Dubois Hall for being the best Bois on Du-block
- Jennifer-Deyo Hall for Mortal Combatting their way to the top
- Mario-Bouton Hall for Earning Their Stripes and Collango for Hitting the Bull’s-eye
- Sam- Crispell Hall for Clawing their way to Victory and Capen Hall for Making “Hiss”tory
- Jules- Ridgeview Hall for “Rhin”owning my heart and Lefevre Hall for Going Above and “Bee”-yond
- Dariana- Esopus Hall for being Ele-FUN! And Bliss for Leaping into My Heart
- Andrea- Gage Hall for “Gage”ing the Competition and Lenape Hall for being my “MANE” Squeeze
- Elee- Scudder Hall for being “Jaw”some

E-Board Choice

Each semester, the eight of us select one hall government member who we think has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They are active within their hall governments, they’re present at RHSA meetings and events, and they’re always looking to do more to improve the community around them. I would like to invite back up to the podium, Historian Emily!
Emily-
I am fortunate enough to know this person both in RHSA and in ‘real’ life, because let’s face it, RHSA isn’t real. I have never heard so someone who can commit to a joke for so long, they actually start to like the thing they pretended to like? It’s a long story, one that I was told to me by a third party, but one of my favorite facts about this person nonetheless. In relation to RHSA, this person is president of their hall gov, and serves them well. They are a kind, dedicated, person, they are hilarious, and they never fail to make everyone around them laugh. **Zach Freidman**, you are my E-Board choice!

Jennifer-
This past semester, I see this person always smiling, laughing, leading, and lighting up a room at rhsa events and at AC meetings. She’s always the first to make motions at AC meetings and is all around a star. **Emily Downes**, you are so full of life and it's been a pleasure watching you grow and contribute so much to esopus, rhsa, and suny new paltz. Please join me up here at the podium to accept this award!

Mario-
I am giving my E-Board choice to someone who joined their hall government this semester and has already managed to make a gigantic impression on this E-Board and AC. I’ve had the honor of knowing this person from my first semester in College and Shango and we actually were almost roommates. He brings a smile to every situation he is in and his witty personality always draws a smile. I can’t wait to see this person blossom as an RA next year. My E-Board Choice goes to everyone’s favorite T.A.P. **Thomas Meyers**.

Sam-
For my E-Board choice this semester I thought it was only fair to give a send off to an incredibly dedicated short term friend I have made. A very cool AC Rep from Ridgeview Hall government, she’s passionate and brilliant and I am so sad you are leaving to go to Florida. I wish I could have known you longer, come get your E-board choice **Samantha Becker**!

Jules-
My E-Board Choice is going to one of the most kind, most eccentric, and most...messy people I know. I am so proud of how much this person has run with every opportunity given to them, and I am so honored to call this person...my mentee. **Kenny**, I love you to death. Come up here!

Dariana-
My E-Board choice tonight goes to someone who constantly spreads happiness and positivity. Everytime I see this person on campus, their smile infects everyone around them. I first met this person in a class that I TA’d for, but outside of the classroom, I’d see them around at RHSA meetings and BUZZ events where I truly got to see them grow as a leader. Through their insightful comments and discussion points at AC meetings, enthusiasm at BUZZ events and presence in RHSA, this person has made an impact in our organization. I am more than sure that through their constant positivity and dedication, **Ben Jimenez** will make an incredible impact on the SUNY New Paltz campus as well as the world at large. Ben, please come up to accept your award!

Andrea-
This award goes to an actual ray of sunshine. Everytime I see their face passing by Capen B-16 my heart grows three times bigger. I like to say that I started his involvement in hall gov but *apparently* the world doesn’t revolve around me. **Chris Mota,** You are such a kind teddy bear of a human and I look forward to seeing your smiling face every monday during our meetings and thursday during my office hours. You’re gonna do great things with a heart like that. Come on up and receive your award.

**Elee-**
This award goes to an irreplaceable part of our RHSA culture. She began in college/shango hall government where she flourished. Moving onto Scudder hall gov, Emma has really made her mark. We all look forward to her downright incredible jokes at AC meetings and I know she’s gonna do amazing things next year in Bouton. To the girl who keeps us smiling, I’d like to invite **Emma** up to the podium!

**RA Liaison of the Semester**

*RA Liaison of the Semester* is an award we give out to the hall gov liaison who has gone above and beyond what is required of them. They show a clear interest in RHSA and hall government, and they are dedicated to helping their Hall Government reach their full potential.

This next award goes to the hall gov liaison that goes above and beyond what is expected of them and shows a clear interest to rhsa. When we sat down to decide who should receive this award, this person immediately came to mind. Aimee Becker from Crispell hall never fails to be at every program and event cheering on her hall gov. She put every ounce of passion she has into this position and truly transformed the experience of hall government. From holding this position from fall until spring, her dedication and love for her residents and community is like no other. The RA liaison of the semester award goes to **Aimee Becker.**

**Award for the Amazing Race**

Third Place: Ridgeview  
Second Place: Collango  
First Place: Bliss

**Hollywood Awards**

**Audience Choice:**

Third Place: Scudder  
Second Place: Deyo  
First Place: Esopus

**E-Board Choice:**

Third Place: Lenape  
Second Place: Scudder  
First Place: Crispell
Hall of the Semester

President- Hall of the semester is an award we give out to the hall with the most GFPs at the end of each semester. GFP’s or Good Fellowship Points, are earned by putting on program sin your hall, as well as attending RHSA meetings and programs. I would like to invite CCC Jennifer up to the podium to give out this semester’s awards.

Hall of the Semester:
Third Place: Lefevre
Second Place: Bouton
First Place: Collango

Senior Cords

President- In recognition of their service and commitment to RHSA, we would like to present all those who served on the RHSA E-Board in the past who are graduating this year with cords. If I call your name, please come up to the podium to receive your graduation cords.

Katie Herman: Secretary 2016-2017
Brandon Knowles: National Communications Coordinator 2016-2017
Breanne Casucci: Campus Communications Coordinator 2016-2017
Catherine Callan: Secretary 2015-2016, President 2016-2017

As President, I want to thank you all for all you’ve done for our organization. The impact you’ve made will be long-lasting. As Elee, I want to say that I am so proud of all that you have accomplished. I will miss seeing you around this place but I can’t wait to see the ways you change the world next. Thank you again, and let’s give a round of applause to our graduating seniors!

Bronze Pins

The Bronze Pin is the highest individual honor one can receive on a college campus, and the pins are given out by the NRHH or RHSA president. This pin shall be awarded to individuals who have provided leadership and direction to their campus organizations. The amount of bronze pins awarded each year cannot exceed the number 8, representative of the 8 regions within NACURH. Bronze pin recipients are individuals that go above and beyond what they are required to do, and they show a clear passion for what they do. These are the people who are committed to creating an inclusive and respectful community among their peers. Bronze pin recipients have worked their hardest and have dedicated their time to making their campus a better place. They are leaders, mentors role models, and some of the best people this school has to offer. If you have ever been awarded a bronze pin, please stand now.

Tonight, I will be giving out two bronze pins.

Jules:
What constitutes as going above and beyond varies from person to person. I’m sure to some people, going above and beyond means late nights, early mornings, taking more initiative than you’ve been asked, not giving up until what you’re doing is something you’re really proud of. However, to the recipient of this award, that’s just how they work regularly.

This individual is whole heartedly compassionate and respectful to all others, regardless of who they are. They dedicate themselves time and time again to bettering this campus and this organization that we’re all here tonight for.

They may not know it, actually I’m almost completely certain they do not know it, but they are already a leader and role model. They already have an incredible effect on the people around them. They have an ability to connect to others in a very special way. This ability is what is going to help them continue to grow into the best version of themself.

This award is supposed to go to individuals who are some of the best people the school has to offer. I can say with complete confidence that our recipient is one the best.

When I met this person, I saw that they had passion for RHSA but didn’t really know how to apply it yet. I forever feel lucky that they stepped out of their comfort zone and chose to run for a position on the eboard. At the beginning of our term on eboard together, I had high hopes for them. And yet time and time again, Jules has exceeded them. RHSA is lucky to have them as VP for the next year, they’re going to be incredible. I’ll be cheering them on the whole time. Please join me in congratulating our bronze pin recipient, Jules Robinson!

Chrissy:

When I think about inclusive community, I think about belongingness. A sense of belonging is what makes a place become somewhere safe, it’s what makes this place transform from just a campus into a home.

Here at New Paltz we are incredibly lucky to have some individuals who go above and beyond in their efforts to instill belongingness and create community. While they are all worth recognizing, I want to highlight one individual in particular for their dedication to this mission.

This individual is different from others in a lot of ways. There are a lot of people who make a difference. Some of them make it very clear to you, boasting about accomplishments. This person, however, doesn’t do the right thing for any kind of social reward. They do it because they care. As I got to know this person better and better, I was consistently surprised as to how an individual who could seem at first glance as just another hard working person doing what everyone else does, could be so incredibly special.

The recipient of this pin dedicates themselves every day to helping others. Even when they most certainly do not have time to be doing so, they take a moment to check in. This person is defined in my mind as kindness, courage, strength, and wit. Anyone who is close to me in any way knows how much I admire this person.

She has served as a role model for myself and many others on how to hold oneself, how to be a leader, and how to use the hard things in life to understand, empathize with, and serve others.

Chrissy, I could never thank you enough for all that you do for New Paltz and especially for me. The greatest gift you’ve given me, and so many others, is a sense of home here. We’re lucky to have you. Please join me in congratulating our bronze pin recipient!
Motion to Close: Bevier
Second: Capen

HALL CONCERNS : 10:02PM

STUDENT CONCERNS : 10:02PM

OPEN FLOOR :10:03 PM
Benjy - So the last shabbat of the year is this week on friday at the chabad house. It’s gonna be sad it’s my last one as president but show up it’s gonna be lit. Thank you for letting me say jewish things to you guys every week!
Lefevre - May 9th is the study break breakfast at 9pm in SUB MPR. We have free breakfast for dinner !
Bevier - Remember when I said final Cardio hip hop? I lied we have an extra class on this Wednesday at 7pm. There will be a bunch of dance exercises next monday at 8pm regular time. It’s the real final cardio hip hop ever come thru! I love you all goodbye!
Scudder - Hi so there’s a BBQ for hall gov at 1pm on Parker Quad on Thursday.
Deyo - Hey guys, Deyo is having an event tomorrow from 1-3. Hall gov olympics will have tons of fun and games, it’ll be super fun tomorrow!
Nrrh - Hello, so this is a reminder to please take care of yourself with finals coming up. You’re gonna do great i know!
Bouton - So this is my last chance to say programs so here it goes. So this Wednesday if you have not started studying and need quiet, come to Bouton main lounge. It’s a nice quiet place to get studying done. If you need help with english seminar critical practices, thats a time to do it, this Wednesday from 10 to 8 thats a time. Finally, my last program as TAP is going to be the 15th, Next Tuesday at 8pm. It’s a farewell party, we are gonna be showing a movie it’s good, there are gonna be food, drinks, good people, please come, I’d love to see you all there. Thank you all for having me!
Bliss - De-stress on Wednesday at 7pm, come pie us in face. Please come through T 7pm wednesday!
Gage - Hi everyone, I’m Katie, you probably saw me crying earlier. I just wanted to say thank you to the current E-board and all of the people in this room. RHSA changed my life. I’ve seen these people grow and I know you will do incredible things and continue to grow. I’ve said grow a lot, continue to prosper. Do what you’re doing and you’re going to change the world one day.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE : 10:10PM
Crispell gave her snazzy ankle bracelet and passing her to “who me oh wow me” (Elee)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK : 10:10PM
“It is just an illusion here on Earth that one moment follows another one, like beads on a string, and that once a moment is gone, it is gone forever... All moments, past, present and future, always have existed, always will exist.”- Kurt Vonnegut, Slaughterhouse

SPECIAL RECOGNITION : 10:11PM
Lastly I want to take a moment to recognize a few important groups and individuals with us here tonight.

Thank you to everyone in this room for being so incredible this year. I’ve loved watching you create communities in and out of your residence halls and I feel lucky to have worked with such a stellar AC

To our advisors: I can’t rave enough about how amazing you’ve been.

Amanda, we really appreciate all that you do for our organization. Your care means the world.

Jenn, the humor and joy you bring to our meetings is irreplaceable. Thank you for working so hard this year to make RHSA what it is.

Chrissy, What else could I say? Thank you for the countless hours you’ve spent. We are so grateful for all of you. Thanks for putting up with us <3

To my E-board: I really can’t believe that this is the last time we’re all going to be on eboard together. It’s crazy how fast this year has gone and how far we’ve come. Working with you all has been simultaneously a challenge and a gift and I wouldn’t have it any other way.

Emily-Thank you for your empathy. You’ve helped remind me how much each person who is a part of RHSA in any way should factor in. Your heart is a gift to everyone around you.

Jennifer- Thank you for your honesty. I respect you and your rational and thoughtfully critical analysis of everything we do. Without you, I’m sure we would have screwed up a thousand times. You’re gonna do amazing things with your mind.

Mario- Thank you for your drive. Whenever anything needed to get done, you were on it. Your attention to detail in our discussions have helped us stay true to our mission, and have made RHSA stronger for it.

Sam- Thank you for your spirit. Your joy for all things RHSA shines through and helps create the inclusive environment we aim to. I am so proud of you, but more on that later.

Jules- Thank you for your determination. You are such an integral part of this eboard. You don’t generally put yourself in the spotlight, so people don’t often see the vast amount of work you put in. I am so glad you’re here.

Dariana- Thank you for your creativity. I swear every time we were out of ideas, or if the only one we had was lame, your face would light up, you’d raise your arms like so and say your incredible idea. I can’t wait to see what new ideas you have in future endeavors.

Andrea- Thank you for your passion. It takes a hell of a lot of it to do this whole thing for two years. RHSA has gone through a lot of changes since we started, and I’m glad that we’ve seen them through together. You’re a fantastic leader.

Thank you all for your love and support. Being your President has been an honor, and being your friend has been an unforgettable experience. I’d say I’ll miss you, but I hope that y’all stay in my life so I won’t have to. And I have presents! So for one last time, thank you.

**Transitionals**

With that said, for the final time I will invite Historian Emily to the podium.

Emily-

When I first started writing this speech, I was nervous! I know, me? Nervous? Neva! But seriously, it’s hard to hand someone a new position and be like “here ya go, good luck!” Looking back, at every point of Marissa’s training, she was ahead of me: asking if she could take pictures, asking about the social media and the website, wanting to be involved in any way she could. So honestly, it was really easy.
This has something to do with that fact that she is an extremely compassionate, thoughtful, friendly and helpful human being. She is so passionate about everything she takes on, and RHSA is no different. She throws her whole heart into everything she does, and has helped shaped the LeFevre Hall Gov to what it is today. She is so deserving of this position, and she will do great and wonderful things with and for RHSA. Dearest Marissa, I pass this gift on to you as a token of the wonderful pictures you will take this year.

Jennifer-
Alexa, From the moment I met you I knew this position was made for you. When you told me you were considering running for this position, I was so excited for you, and was really hoping you would follow through- and I am so glad you did! I can't wait to see you implement all the great changes you are aspiring to see. You make rhsa feel like home, as you are probably the most genuine and warm person I've met here. Getting to know you throughout the past month or so has been nothing short of amazing and I love all the conversations about Italian food and food in general we've had, and I can't wait to get to know you further. You are going to be such an amazing CCC. Never stop being you, as who you are places such a lasting impact on those around you. There is no one I'd rather pass this position off to. I'm always a text away if you need anything. I would say best of luck to the newest cutie cutie cutie, but you definitely don't need it because you are a superstar. I got you some folders, paper clips and pretty pens to organize your pup sheets and all other paperwork. Alexa Brynne, Please join me up here at the podium

Mario-
Well my final time on RHSA E-Board is coming to a close and Pharez’s time is only starting. The first time I met Pharez was walking back from the second AC meeting from lenape to the RHSA Office when we talked about the NCC position and conference. I then had the chance to take him to regional leadership conference and I’d like to say that we have become pretty close friends since.

As you take on this position there are going to be struggles but there are also great times ahead. My advice to you is to cherish all the moments you have on this E-Board and remember to have fun with the position, it is so easy to become caught up in the long nights ahead of you but in the end remember the reasons you ran for this position.

If you ever need any help at all do not be like me, ask for help whenever needed and even though I'm not on this E-Board I am always more than happy to help. You have a good head on your shoulders and I really do believe that you will do a fantastic job and am glad to call you NCC Pharez.

As a gift I am giving you two things, one is this giant transitional clothespin that has been passed down from NCCs years past and have all signed. And second is for all the long nights you spend planning conference and NPLC, and Travelling I got you this moose pillow pet to keep you company. (Proceed to do the NCC handshake with Pharez and give him the transitional gifts)

Sam-
Clare Starlord Del Grosso, from the moment I met you, I know you were going to do amazing things. You are so passionate, intelligent and incredibly dedicated to the things you do. I knew that no matter where you ended up on this E-Board that you would be full of energy and super excited for the coming year. I see so much of myself in you, the crazy passion for everything RHSA, how goofy we can
sometimes get, your love for pokemon and obviously how you are taking over as Public Relations of RHSA.

You have already done so much for this campus. from Lenape hall government AC Rep to Lenape hall government president, the countless time you have spent working for UPC and your recent hiring as a student ambassador on campus. I am so proud of the work you have already done and the work you will do in the future. I got you a little present so here it is, its an eevee and it glows and its in a pokeball, because its your favorite pokemon.

I am super excited to work with you next year and I hope we become even closer friends. So come up here and replace me!

Jules-
Sarah. I could not imagine passing this position off to a more capable person. You are so dedicated to all that you do, and you bring such a light to everything you touch. You have such a welcoming presence, and it’s going to be an honor to serve on this E-Board with you next year. Every moment with you is a pleasure, and I think you are going to change RHSA for the better. You have already proven yourself to be such a dedicated member of RHSA, and I can’t wait to see what you do with this position. Now, before we officially transition you in, I demand one thing: our handshake.

Dariana-
Well, hello everyone. Before I start, I’d like to thank you all for standing by us this past year and for giving me the honor of being your treasurer. I’ll be the first to say that this role has been one hell of a ride, but I wouldn’t change it for anything in the world. I’ve learned so much from all of you, the AC, and the goons that sit by my side during all our meetings. I’m a bit in awe that my time with RHSA is done--my time with all of you has been more than wonderful and I can’t thank you enough [insert heart emoji].

Now, to get down to business!
Juan, There are no words in the English (or Spanish) language to express how proud I am of the leader you are becoming. This past year I have watched you hustle and grow and flourish into an incredible human being. From your humble beginnings as a floor rep for Lenape hall gov to your role as an AC Rep; on top of NYPIRG, SUSAG and the billions of other things you do (by the way, I hope all of y’all know Juan was recently elected to sit on the board of directors for NYPIRG), I knew in my little heart that anything you touched would turn to gold (or be composted and reused). I am constantly in awe at the amount of intelligence, innovation and creativity you have bouncing around in that head of yours and I know they’ll serve this campus good in every sense of the word. Thank you for taking on this task, and leaving me with the utmost confidence and serenity knowing that YOU will be at the helm of this organization with your fellow e-board members.

You are incredible. So, to the AC, I hope you will all join me with open arms in transitioning in the new treasurer for the Residence Hall Student Association, Juan Pablo Molina.

Andrea-
Jules,

My sweet sweet angel Jules. There are so many kind words that come to mind when I think of you and unfortunately, this speech will have to suffice for now. Also, disclaimer this probably won’t be as eloquently spoken or great as Katie’s from last year but I promise the love is all there.
Jules, I admire your sense of responsibility. I admire how driven and hardworking you are. Throughout this year you have always been a helping hand during events and that has not gone unnoticed. You have literally taped so many things up to walls and you are allergic to the adhesive; if that is not a testament to how dedicated you are than I do not know what is. You are mfreaking hilarious and I wish some people heard the things you say under your breath because they’d truly see how amazing you are. Combining your humor, dedication and your ability to laugh at yourself will set you up for success as Vice-President.

Training you has been an easy, breezy treat because you are more prepared now than I have ever been throughout this year. I will never be able to thank you enough for reminding me to that I am deserving of love regardless of my faults. Take care of yourself next year and you will see how some things magically fall into place. You’ve got this and even when you think you don’t- you do.

Elee-

Before I hand off my gavel, I have a few last words to share. The person I was three years ago today, pre-college and pre-knowing anything about myself, never never never could have seen this future coming. RHSA has helped me grow in countless ways.

As an orientation newbie, I took notes during the RHSA presentation given by a certain Rui T. Gomes, because I thought maybe I could get involved in something out of my comfort zone in a minor way. Since then, RHSA has made me learn how not to lead a group, how to take and accept criticism, and all the things I needed to work on to be better. RHSA has helped me become a leader who is proud of the people she works with, who is all about that constructive criticism, who wants to help other people grow in the ways I have.

E-Board is a wild ride and it really can change you. New-Eboard, this year is gonna be full of challenges and opportunities, but I hope you appreciate it, because before you know it there will be a newer group of excited new faces taken your chairs too. This journey has given me so much, and I will take the lessons it, and all of you, have taught me into the next chapter. Thank you for allowing me to be your president.

With that said I’d like to discuss your next president. As all presidents do, during the summer meeting, I looked around the room and wondered who the next President would be. I had no freaking clue. It’s hard to tell when your board is full of dynamite individuals.

However, Sam has really risen to the occasion. I am very glad that he, after going back and forth for a bit, decided to do this whole thing again. I’m glad he thought it through and decided his world would be better with more RHSA in it. He is a natural leader, his incredible dedication to introspecting and bettering himself is going to serve both him and his eboard extremely well. They are lucky to have someone who cares about being good at the head of RHSA.

Sam, I am so proud of you. You’re such a weirdo and that’s what makes you cool to me. You clearly care so hard not just about the org but about the people in it. You’re full of new ideas while respecting all that RHSA has been thus far. I know you have your fears about the next year, but I’m here to tell you that you will overcome them. You have a community of people behind you, supporting you. I’m glad to be apart of it. If you need advice, or to vent, I’m your ex-prez. I’m happy to know I’m leaving RHSA in the best hands I could. Now I’d like you all to join me in welcoming President Sam Halligan up to the podium to adjourn this meeting.
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