

Charge to the Incorporation Committee

The Incorporation Committee is charged to identify the most appropriate form of legal organization for the AILG, consistent with the following goals. Please report back your recommendation to the Board by 1 February 2007, with the intent of presenting the concept to the plenary for approval on 14 February. At a minimum, your presentation on the 1st should include a chart demonstrating how each different organizational structure meets the goals listed below.

1. The organization should reflect the AILG's purpose (see Charter):
 - promote the rights of MIT students to associate freely and to share, explore, and advance ideas, values, experiences, beliefs, philosophies, and other ways of living and learning in furtherance of their academic, athletic, cultural, emotional, and personal development;
 - promote the development of each MIT student's talents and skills to his or her fullest potential;
 - promote diversity of choice of residence for students within the MIT ILG community;
 - promote group responsibility and accountability;
 - promote the economic strength of each AILG member;
 - promote the formation of new AILG corporations and residences for both female and male students; and
 - benefit the local community, the MIT Community, and, in particular, prospective and current MIT undergraduate students.
2. At a minimum, form of organization must achieve the following basics:
 - Create a legal structure for possessing assets, preparing tax filings, etc.
 - Allow AILG to hire employees.
 - Provide personal liability protection to volunteers.
 - Must not preclude the formation of an educational / charitable foundation [a 501(c)(3)].
 - Should allow the AILG to build substantial financial reserves (an endowment).
 - Should not create an onerous reporting burden for either the AILG or AILG members (i.e., Schedule K's),
 - Should not create a potential liability (legal, financial, etc.) that could be passed onto AILG members.
 - Should allow the AILG to lobby and conduct political activities.
3. Membership in the organization, including all costs and benefits, should be mandatory for all ILG's and ILG – like citizenship.
 - Definition of membership: ILG's with an alumni/ae house corporation, and / or undergraduate student groups recognized and advised by the FSILG office.
4. Organization must allow for inclusion of members that provide a substantial advisory role, and not just be devoted to house corporation issues. "House corporation" shall not be used as a definition of membership or description of members.