

Board Meeting Minutes

Residence Life Professional Association

RLPA December Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 17th, 2025 @ 2:30pm MST

1. In attendance: MK, CZ, AP, FT, PV, SB

2. Call to order @ 2:36PM

3. Approval of Agenda

a. 1st: PV

b. 2nd: FT

4. Approval of past minutes

a. 1st: FT

b. 2nd: CZ

5. LEAD 2026

- a. CZ: Established a date! Hoping for October, but the center is not available. Svati and I consulted. Elected to pick November 13-15. We communicated that we don't need the retreat centre because we're not hosting the FBM. Set Joshua up with the Drive and the document. We're meeting on a regular basis in January. 49 responses on the feedback form. Will have more to share with the Board meeting next month. We are going to advocate that in September we do a call out from community assistants be the social committee, someone on the LEAD committee, then it's the students planning the social events for each other. Students involved with the organization and delivery of the conference. Their voices are at the table.
- b. SB: I like this plan that students are planning their own socials. Christine's genius idea. Learn, be a leader, part of LEAD. Professional development, career prospects. Pilot.
- c. FT: I love it.
- d. SB: Dates, it is a bit later. But we're trying to find what works. Hopefully it gives people time to get everything figured out.
- e. CZ: AGM, we should revisit location. We should decide on the 2027 dates. Then we won't have this issue in 2027.
- f. SB: curious if Gull Lake has 3-year contract dates. We can bring this to the AGM.

6. Hallways

- a. SB: I was going to see if Hallways was working, if the format is good, but Rita and Nadine are not here. Table this for January.
- b. AP: I like how it's working so far. SHOs, they need to remember to send it to staff. The only inconvenience. But I like it.
- c. PV: I can't remember why we aren't sending it through the ListServ?

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- d. SB: Institutional contact, format changing instead of through the email. Something we can look at for the new communications person coming in. The information is going out!
- e. CZ: Is there any way to incorporate the newsletter into our website?
- f. SB: I can look into this, that's a great idea. I'll chat with Rita.

7. AGM (SB)

- a. Planning is underway. Rough schedule. Keynote Nicky Arnault. Involved with RLPA, conduct, now at MRU, really nice for her to come chat. She has a presentation on the 7 lessons of leadership, her current research on care, moving up and moving out, and navigating the field. She's open to combining, or doing one presentation. What are your thoughts? What would resonate?
 - i. PV: Leadership. I like the last two. Especially for those starting out in the field.
 - ii. FT: I like the third option
 - iii. CZ: I like the leadership one, or combining two topics in some way.
 - iv. SB: She is open to facilitating an activity. I will bring this back to the planning committee.
- b. SB: After this we will have a blanket making exercise. It will be facilitated by Dion Simon. We will then break for lunch. Call for presentations. Then break, come back for dinner, then socials. Gin tasting, line dancing, Cougars game. Wednesday night, tour of beer place. Brewery. Events are optional for folks. Friday morning AGM, Coffee chat, round table, presentations. Rough schedule.
- c. SB: Accommodations
 - i. 4 hotel units. 4-bedroom units.
 - ii. Marriott, hotel block.
 - iii. UCalgary hotel spaces (SB in talks)
 - iv. SAIT: Andrew in talks
- d. A website that people will have access to
- e. Registration cost. A month of open registrations.

8. FBM 2026

- a. SB: Not happening with LEAD.
- b. FT: UFV?
- c. CZ: No updates yet, sent info about hosting FBM. Preoccupied about the new building.
- d. FT: Just keep me updated.
- e. CZ: I think his hesitation is how much of the building will be full. You'll have your answer mid-January
- f. MK: I will poke again about hosting AGM at RDP and circle back to you soon.

9. NWACUHO (AP)

- a. (SB) Registration is still open!
- b. Still promoting conference, discount available. Close to ratifying the conference statement in Orlando. Statement in the works. Meeting weekly.

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10. CoP Updates (AP)

- a. (SB) Svati will start gauging interest for a new chair
- b. Will hopefully send out thank-you cards soon.
- c. Successful meeting last week, new member from UCalgary.
- d. March meeting with Laura Hoff. Working with the presidential trio and Rita to promote this.
- e. Sending thank you cards!
- f. Closing in on finding a successor.
- g. Drafting an impact report from my term, highlighting attendees, involvement, helpful for record keeping.
- h. SB: Andrew help his first Mentor/Mentee meeting, 6 SS and PS. There are resources in the drive with job descriptions. I'm thinking about making another email for this CoP. There were difficulties sharing that folder, but I'll keep thinking about this.

11. Board member updates

- a. CZ: I'm exhausted, excited about getting into the new building! We're moving into the new building tomorrow. Appies and mulled wine and movies night is planned and
- b. FT: Catching up with evals, student stuff applications, holiday plans, excited to not work. I love Christmas, going home to be with my parents and my siblings and my dog.
- c. PV: Eval and hiring season. Team socials. Busy time this week, on-call a few days, looking forward to spending time with family and friends.
- d. SV: Work is a blur, i took time off and it was a bad call. Hiring. All of the student things. Looking forward to not having to work.

12. Happy Holidays!

13. Motion to adjourn @ 3:13

- a. 1st: CZ
- b. 2nd: PV