Call to Order:
7:06 pm.

Attendance:
Kara took attendance; all the reps names were said, spelled, and e-mail addresses provided. Twenty-six of twenty-seven reps were accounted for. We were missing a rep from Ontario Hall, resulting in bad financial standing for Ontario for 2 weeks.

Introduction to IRC:
A lot happened in the first hour and a half.
1. Reps and E-board a like made name cards to go in front of them, so everyone knew each other’s name.
2. Reps and E-board members went around the room and introduced themselves to each other with name and year.
3. The Executive Board went through and explained a little about their positions and committee if that e-board member has one. (See below for further explanation.)
4. Brock talked about Parliamentary Procedure (this is how we conduct our meetings).
5. Jeremy spoke about how to be an effective rep.
6. It was mentioned that if a Residence Council wants money from us, they must have a Drawing Fund form in to Nancy in the SA office by noon on the Thursday before a meeting.
7. It was also mentioned that all readings for $75 and under are done in one reading, and all those over $75 take two readings.

E-board Position Descriptions:
Eric: Treasurer; he handles the money. Every time a hall requests money, Eric will give you a receipt envelope. Fill them out and return them within 2 weeks and we will reimburse you for the money spent. Just because a hall has a reading for $200 dollars doesn’t mean they’re getting $200; if they only spend $150 then they only get $150. This is why receipts are important. You do not get any money back if you do not give us a receipt.
Also: notice the Drawing Fund Forms in the Agenda. This is how you’re going to request and get money. You can get Drawing Fund Forms from the SA office in the Union or your RD. Those who can request money from us are Residence Councils or other organizations like HealthGuards or NRHH.

**Justin:** NCC; NCC position is to be direct link between SUNY Geneseo and other schools in the area and nation. If we find out about programs that go on at other schools, we find out about it, tell them about cool programs we’re doing, and exchange ideas.

**Lindsay:** Justin’s Co-NCC. Big part of being an NCC is going to Conferences. This year Conferences we’re going to are at SUNY New Paltz, SUNY Buffalo, and Nationals is in Miami. Point of conferences is to meet other schools in the region, go to programs and bring info back to your school, represent Geneseo, and win awards. I’ll pass around this information sheet; the sheet describes conferences in depth a little more.

**Jeremy:** Programming Coordinator; in charge of putting on and organizing programs IRC does. For example, Shopping trips, Coffeehouse, Dave Letterman, etc… Explanation about Nintendo Competition.

**Kara:** Secretary for this year. I keep notes, attendance, and journals of everything everyone says. I also provide Minutes and Agendas for each meeting. In addition, I run the PR committee (Public Relations) that gets IRC’s name out there. Also, this year if as a hall or floor you put on any programs and advertise using flyers or posters, you must have both the IRC and SA logo’s on the flyers. We are now part of SA so we need to advertise the two together.

**Jeanne:** Vice Chair of IRC. In charge of Residence Council Training in the fall and in the spring, and chair any SAC’s (Student Action Committee’s) if through the course of the year students are upset about something and want an issue looked into in greater detail. Issues that have come up in the past have been Snow Removal on campus, conditions of the roadways, and Cleaners on campus.

**Heather:** CRC. This is a new position, recently split from Vice-Chair to meet once a week or once every two weeks with the President’s of each hall. We will be doing fun activities and discussing what is going on in your hall, share ideas, and form a network of help and support.

**How to be an Effective Rep.**

Jeremy mentioned that in order to be an effective rep, it is

- Pertinent to ask questions of the presenters/get as much information as you can from the presenters in order to make an educated decision.
- Important to discuss points that were made or points that you would like to make about a reading once a presenter leaves the room. This is when, as reps, you have time to evaluate the information and decide how you are going to vote. You are a team, so help each other out.
- Important NOT to reiterate a point too much. If it was already stated, it’s out there so don’t keep reinforcing it. Meetings will go much faster if each point is only brought up once.
- As reps, power is in your hands to get as much information as you can and make an educated decision.

After this, at approximately 7:50pm, we began regular meeting procedure with the Approval of the Agenda.
Approval of the Agenda
Passed 26-0-0

Approval of the Minutes
There were no minutes to approve.

Reports:
Eric: Reported the Budget passed (YAY!) and that he was "batman" in his hall because he helped capture a bat.
Lindsay and Justin: None.
Jeremy: None.
Kara: None.
Jeanne: Fall Residence Council Training was a success and we're all looking forward to Spring Training.
Heather: None.
Brock: Article in the Lamron addressing the change in IRC. Over the summer, the Student Association and the college authorized a change and moved IRC from being a division of Residence Life to being funded by the Student Association. Since we now need to follow SA financial policy, this means that RA’s can no longer come to IRC for money for RA purposes; their Res. Councils have to come to us if a floor/RA wants funding. This will strengthen the bond between RA’s and Residence Councils. Also, SAFE cars no longer exist; the college took that over and is now calling the service KNIGHTRIDER (lots of laughs from reps). GOLD Leadership Certificate Program—Gold has developed a leadership Certificate Program in which you can attend a certain number of GOLD programs and receive a Leadership Development Certificate for recognition. "Kinda neat;" if you have any other questions we have further information on that. Last Wednesday was the first official Central Council Meeting at 6pm in the Hunt Room. Each funded organization from Council has to have a rep there. SA calendar was recently put out, so make sure you get your hands on one; they’re pretty cool.
NRHH: Camba, Kevin, and Dave introduced themselves. Spoke about having an “NRHH Moment” once a month.
• Brock also introduced Emily Spilman, our HealthGuard Representative at this time.

Open Reports:
None.

Announcements:
Eric: Welcome Kits went over well; they should all be out by now. If your hall still has welcome kits that people haven't picked up, please email me their names and I'll do something about it.
Lindsay and Justin: There is a Regional Conference that is coming up Oct 20-22 at SUNY New Paltz. Applications are being handed out now and are due September 18th. If there are any questions, please contact Lindsay or Justin (Co-NCC's).
Jeremy: There is a Nintendo Competition coming up tomorrow. It is being put on by IRC in the Union Lobby between the hours of 12 and 3pm. This competition is open to the public and will be run for 3 days (Tues-Thurs). At the end of Thursday, the winners will receive the Nintendo 64 games that were used to play the games as prizes. Please sign up for a time you will be present and helping; as IRC reps and e-board, these are our programs and we make them successful! There will also be a "Coffeshop" Program (entitled "Coffe Talk") put on by IRC on Sept. 29th. More info on that to come.
Kara: This year I created a new format for the agenda. Give me some feedback and let me know what you guys think, OK?

Jeanne: None.

Heather: CRT meetings will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

NRHH: We provided you guys with food and drink!!! We hope you enjoy. We are hosting the 2nd annual Memory Walk for the Alzheimer’s Association Sunday, September 24, 2000. It starts at the College Union Patio. Registration begins at noon, the walk begins at 1:00, and ask NRHH later if you have any questions.

Open Announcements:

Stacy Costigan: This year I am a Student Representative for the Middle States Accreditation Committee (we need to be accredited to be a college in NY State). We have an open forum on Thursday at 12:45 in Newton 214 about curriculum. This meeting includes discussion about the core requirements, syllabi, and other important issues on schoolwork. **We need student input to complete our chapter on curriculum so that we know what is important to students.** Please email szc1@geneseo.edu for more information.

Emily Spilman: The HealthGuards are a group of peer health educators on campus. We are interested in health and wellness issues, and develop and present programs in the residence halls and other organizations. If you are interested in becoming a HealthGuard, please stop by a meeting (Thursdays during all-college hour, CU 325) or talk to Sam Summers (summers@geneseo.edu) who is the health educator on campus.

Treasurer’s Time:
Currently: $8,000; next week: $7,900; in 2 weeks: $7,670.

Old Business:
None.

New Business: (8:25 pm)

01-0001—The reps looked over the Constitution included in their binders, corrected the agenda for this reading to be the “First of 2” readings instead of the “First and Only,” and passed the Constitution with no discussion. Brock advised the reps to look over the constitution this week and come prepared to next week Monday’s meeting with questions. Reading passes 26-0-0.

02-0001—The By-Laws were approved 26-0-0.

03-0001—Eric passed out a copy of the budget to the reps. Dave Hunter asked why it was $50.00 travel expenses to go to New Paltz and $0.00 travel expenses to go to SUNY Buffalo. Eric and Brock explained that we can get from Geneseo to Buffalo and back on one tank of gas, and we can get from Geneseo to New Paltz on one tank of gas, but we will have to fill up once we get to New Paltz to return home. This is why New Paltz costs $50.00 and SUNY Buffalo costs nothing. The Budget was approved 26-0-0, and the correction was made that “First/Second Reading” should be changed from the “First and Only” to the “First of 2.”

04-0001—Many of the E-board spoke up and informed the reps that we need an Advisor, that Jenny is a very good advisor, and she has been working with us since May of last year. Reading 04-0001 passed 26-0-0.
05-0001—Neil and Danielle presented the reading for Jones Hall. They asked for $130.00 for their Homecoming Float. The hall will use this money to buy paint, decorations (this includes candy), kazoos, and costumes. Neil mentioned that Jones is purchasing t-shirts for the float, and though this item is not being funded by IRC in any way, the t-shirts will bear the IRC and SA logos to advertise our organization and in appreciation for the funds donated. (Much applause from Reps and E-board.) Laila from Niagara asked if the candy indicated on the back sheet was to go to Hall members or if it was going to be used in the parade. Danielle answered the Parade, to throw off the float. Dan from Steuben made the point that the t-shirts should have the IRC and SA logos on them anyway. Janelle from ‘Daga said the word DORM; she was immediately reprimanded for this by Brock, and he proceeded to explain why we live in Residence Halls and not dorms. The main point is that the word dorm comes from dormitory, which means to sleep, and that a Residence Hall, which is what we have, cultivate community, life, and a will to get to know one another. We do a lot more than sleep in our buildings, and being Inter-Residence Council Members, we provide the money for this community to be cultivated. Therefore, we, along with RA’s, RD’s, and Residence Life, should call dorms Residence Halls. It was agreed that if the word dorm sneaks out again, that person would need to get up in front of the room and sing, “I’m a Little Teapot.”

The reading passed 26-0-0. This was the First of 2 readings, and it was requested by Victoria from Wyoming that for next week, Neil and Danielle inform the congregation what would happen if they didn’t get as much of the money as they requested. Would they cut out a program, cancel the entire thing, or spend money from elsewhere?

06-0001—Melissa from Onondaga first stated that they no longer need $50.00; that they only need $40.00. Arthur from Nassau motioned to amend the reading; Dan from Blake seconded the motion, discussion on the amendment from Kelley from Nassau—“Let’s amend it because it’s less money,” and the motion passed 26-0-0. The reading is now for $40.00. Melissa stated that the purpose of the Pizza Party is to bring everyone on the floor together to get to know each other’s names and faces, and to begin to build a community. Victoria from Wyoming asked if other floors were going to be invited, or if it was only Melissa’s floor. Melissa answered that it will only be their floor and this is the reason for the “floor” pizza party. Jeanne asked how the rest of the cost of the party will be paid for. It was answered “out of the floor fund.” The reading passed 25-0-1.

07-0001—Katie Decker and Megan from Onondaga Hall informed IRC that the $100.00 we would be giving them would be used for materials for the float like tissue paper and chicken wire. Megan commented that their hall is really excited about this event, they have 3 pages full of signatures of people interested in participating in the float, and have even begun a website featuring their float and Onondaga Hall at [www.geneseo.edu/~onondaga](http://www.geneseo.edu/~onondaga). Russell from Monroe asked if the money Megan was asking for would all go to the float. She replied, “Yes, all of it.” Katie Decker then chimed in and said that this year, Onondaga, as well as a number of other FYE buildings, were really pushing Homecoming and the Float this year. In the past, Homecoming/the Float has really been passed over and been made less of an important tradition than it used to be. This year, many of the FYE buildings and especially Onondaga Hall is pushing Homecoming to bring the Hall together, get the students to know one another, and cultivate a sense of community. Pushing Homecoming will also hopefully create a domino effect, so that in years to come when Freshman become Sophomores and Juniors, they will continue to participate in Homecomings. Katie continued to state that it would do a lot of good if Onondaga was awarded this money because then they could make Homecoming that more elaborate, a big deal, and to get the Residents that much more enthusiastic. The reading passed 26-0-0 and this was the First of 2 readings.
08-0001—Melissa Camba presented for Livingston Hall’s Homecoming (Float) reading. Camba stated that they need the money to build the float and to use in the Homecoming Parade. The question was asked, “What are you going to use the money for?” Camba stated “for supplies to build a float.” It was also asked what type of building Livingston was, whether it was FYE or mixed. Camba responded that Livingston is a mixed hall, but that there were portions reserved for freshman to come in, therefore there are a number of freshman in the building. The ratio is 60/40 freshmen to upperclassmen. The reading passed 26-0-0.

09-0001—The Midknight Madness presentation was made by Kyle Orton and Melissa Camba. Kyle handed out t-shirts, foam hands, and Mini Mega-phones to the reps. He stated that Midknight Madness was probably one of the largest events Geneseo will put on this year. Camba pointed out and spoke about the packet Kyle handed out earlier to the reps, entitled Midknight Madness 2000—IRC Presentation. She commented on how if you go to this program and enter Kuhl Gymnasium, “It is packed.” What happens is that each winter sport team shows up, walks around, shows their faces, and at Midnight, show off their skills for the Geneseo community. Kyle stated that Midknight Madness, being held October 20, 2000, offers a non-alcoholic campus event on a Friday night; it is an alternative to drinking. Midknight Madness also builds school spirit, brings the campus and community together, and is a LOT of fun!!! Last year there were approximately 2,000 who attended this program. “That’s 2000 people in one gymnasium for one night that they’re not going to forget” (Kyle). (For more information that was covered by Kyle and Camba, see the Midknight Madness 2000 IRC Presentation packet.) Kyle stressed “It’s a lot of people, and not a lot of money.” He also mentioned that last year, ALL the t-shirts purchased for give-a-ways at the door were depleted. Rebecca from Steuben asked, “If we pass this reading, do we get to wear one of those orange Midknight Madness t-shirts around campus?” Kyle responded that those t-shirts are often given to highly visual people, such as RA’s, RD’s, professors, and the occasional student. Kyle added, “Maybe if you’re lucky, you’ll get one.” He also mentioned that anyone who wants to be a part of this could. Kerri from Suffolk mentioned that she knows this is a great event, it brings in a lot of people, and we would only pay for 17% of Midknight Madness’ budget, but that they’re asking us for 75% of a part of our budget. Kerri proceeded to ask, if we need to amend the amount of money we give to you, how much would it hurt? What would you cut from your program? Kyle’s answer: “It won’t hurt us, it’ll hurt the people attending the program.” (Lots of OOOH’s and laughing from the reps.) And, since Midknight Madness is held for “the whole campus, we feel that taking the money out of the Wellness Fund aptly applies.” Kyle informed us that 170 organizations, including the HealthGuards, come to this program to advertise. Amazingly enough, Midknight Madness even promotes becoming a more involved and informed student! It was asked, “How long does the event usually last?” Kyle answered that between everyone arriving, the entertaining activities, give-a-ways, contests, shows, and the introduction/practices of the winter season sports, about four hours. With this, the discussion ended. The Reading was passed, 26-0-0. This was the First of 2 readings.

Open Discussion:
Brock thanked all the reps for coming out. They were informed to leave their nametags on the tables, pick up the NRHH Memory Walk pamphlets, and Brock said to everyone, “Thank you, good job, and I am incredibly impressed.”

Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.