

Rensselaer Union  
Executive Board

Attendance  
3-9-2017  
Date

Chip Kirchner, President of the Union

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Erica Lane, Class of 2018 Rep

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Chris Hoskins, Club/ICA Rep

John Fantell, Member at Large

Anissa Choiniere, Member at Large

Caitlin Kennedy, Member at Large

Majken Rasmussen, Member at Large

Dan Rogers, UC Rep

Jen Church, GC Rep

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**Guests**

David Spasman

MaryClare Crochiere

David Roub

Jack Wellhöfer

Martha McElligott

Steven M. Allard



**Agenda**  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1. Roll Call @ 8:00 PM
2. RPI Ambulance Reserve Account Request – 8:05 PM
3. Rules and Elections Committee Purchase Request – 8:40 PM
4. Experimental Music and Media – 9:00 PM
5. Reports:
  - a. Director's Report
  - b. Member Reports
  - c. Senate Report
  - d. President's Report

Contingencies FY17 Beginning Balance \$32,500  
Contingencies FY17 current balance \$20,178.65

Contingencies FY16 Beginning Balance \$32,500  
Contingencies FY16 this week \$12,462.88

## Rensselaer Union Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### RPI Ambulance- request to increase scope of their reserve account

- Currently operating out of a Type 2 style ambulance, 11 years old, reserves are only for this kind but Ford has discontinued this model; type 1 and type 3 ambulances are of high quality, able to maintain training with this new model
- Losing seniors is hard so the more room for training, the more members possible
- Type 1 and 3 will be cheaper in the long run even though more expensive upfront because can replace truck underneath it
- Questions:
  - Any numbers that shows how it could be cheaper In the long run?
    - Type 1- \$150k and remounting is about \$30k-40k than buying a new ambulance every 10 years
    - Type 2- \$80k-\$90k every 10 years, maintenance is significant, much smaller space
  - How many people do you serve?
    - Hit 201 calls over the course of the academic year, call volume up; 90% of call volume directly on campus
  - End goal is to up the amount allowed in the reserve account?
    - Also to change the scope of the reserve account
  - What would happen with current rig between now and the newest purchase?
    - Will probably survive; issue now is maintenance is really expensive; engine will die as it gets older
  - Cost of Type 3?
    - Roughly the same as type 1; being discontinued, everything moving towards the type 1
  - How long do you envision the box lasting?
    - Expected to remount 2-3 times; depends on how much medicine develops during that time
  - Why Type 1 over type 3?
    - Type 3 is not as easy to manipulate; if shape of van changes then it cannot be remounted
  - What does higher level of patient care mean?
    - More room means more space and more comfortable for patients; smoother dynamic if Troy Fire has to come aboard.
    - Ex: the call box and caring for the patient does not coincide and the same person does the job
    - Very awkward to move around in the small ambulance; causes safety issue with taking off seat belts
  - What are the area ambulance services use?
    - Troy- Type 3
    - North Greenbush – 2 type 1
    - Mohawk- type 1, type 2, type 3
  - Is type 2 no longer an option?

- Specific one mentioned is no longer an option; would have to basically downgrade
  - Current rig should last about another year or so; expected to last 7 years and has lasted 11 years
- At the point of paying for higher maintenance or new ambulance
- Want to purchase a new one as soon as possible
- How much \$ in reserve right now?
  - \$66k, been working to raise a lot of their money themselves; also get a trade-in value. Last estimate was around \$20k, last year
- if there's a bunch of mechanical issues, we would have a lot of asks for fixes right?
  - Martha-hasn't seen any
  - A lot of it is just people buying little things for it
  - Last year Spring had to replace entire battery
- Current one is only going to last one year, Type 1 costs a lot and would take a lot of time to save up for; what about Fly car? What are your priorities?
  - Fly car is doing pretty well
  - Want to raise money; they aren't going to wait for 10 more years for Reserves
- Does upgrading to a type 1 come with a required expansion of your services?
  - Stay the same service, provide higher quality of care
- Proposal came with safety concerns. Do you get into accidents?
  - Not that presenter has ever heard of, but has happened at other schools
- When you have to replace this again entirely, seems a little unfeasible; how did you expect to get \$150k in 10 years?
  - Haven't gotten all the money in reserves that they ask for; in 10 years it would just be \$30k-\$40k for remounting, not the full \$150k for a new ambulance
- Probably look at documentation before we meet again-reference from a mechanic about where the fly car and ambulance currently stand; list of potential benefits/pros and cons for each type; fundraising plan
- Is there anything else that Harrison was working on we should know about?
  - Mainly fundraising plan
- Is there an option to buy an ambulance now and change scope of reserves for next purchase?
  - It is just the Mercedes; medics who use don't like the Mercedes. Price-not entirely sure, around \$110k (he thinks)
- When did they discontinue the Fords?
  - Either last year or the year before that, cannot buy a used one because it's a special ford specifically for ambulances
- Type 2 would be an entirely new ambulance; can't transfer anything except equipment
- Type 2 used to be top of the line; Type 1 and Type 3 have come a long way and not the state of the art

- If the van were to roll, Type 1 and Type 3 are reinforced, they would be safer because not a fiberglass roof. They are reinforced.
- Both type 1 and type 3 are available with harness around the EMT in the back and much safer than the standard lap belt and capable of moving about the ambulance, well on its way to becoming a standard.
- A lot of stuff everyone would like to see; once we have more information we can have a discussion about price
- They keep a list of where they service
- References from mechanic on conditions of vehicles, quotes on prices, quotes on fly car estimated maintenance and ambulances, fundraising plan, documentation on how EMTs feel about the new Mercedes, info on some of the calls, pros/cons of each type of ambulance
- Reach out to Martha and SARP for help and with fundraising; until this has been moved forward don't start fundraising

#### Rules and Elections Committee Purchase Request

- Currently rent laptops for each election, then this Fall the group didn't return the laptops but VCC reduced the cost.
- Instead of having to pay the \$30/laptop for each election, could buy laptops that RnE could use, there's a lot of clubs and organizations that come into Union to rent a laptop
- Or, members use their own laptops but liability, privacy issues, etc.
- RnE is not the group to own the laptops, admin office would be in charge of them
- Joe and Cameron highly advocate for this
- Questions:
  - Would need software licenses for groups who want to do presentations
    - Google provides these services for free
  - One thing that may come up-to a point Google would work. Have the right ports on them?
    - Have HDMI ports on them, could easily get converter if necessary
  - One issue: have to be used on wifi, not offline. Do you see that being an issue?
    - Can't do elections without wifi at all; would have to test it with them or could tether phone to it or could decide outside poll site is too difficult
  - Does quote include case or anything for Chromebooks?
    - No because thinking club would just check out for the day
  - Is 8 enough?
    - Yes, would have RnE laptops there too so enough laptops
  - Cameron and Joe say that lots of people come in needing laptops; Martha borrows one every other Thursday night
  - Enough attention /need for these?
    - Martha-wouldn't make judgement on how many others need it, focus on how RnE needs them

- Sys Admins looking into tracking for training; dotCIO already made that system, laptops could be used for this and RnE has card readers that would be grouped with these
- Could be used at different multicultural events, etc. ID swipe cards on these laptops would be very valuable!
- How long would they last?
  - Probably 3-5 years at least, not a whole lot of demands on Chromebooks, depends on how much use is put on them
- Want for this election?
  - Yes please
- Planning on purchasing protection for each computer?
  - No, because each laptop is so inexpensive, not worth it
  - Even for polling outside, which might or might not happen
  - Cheap case could be investigated, but generally speaking, do not want to put a lot of money into these
- Conrad-looked into specs
  - HDMI, made to be a classroom computer, rugged
- Would like to see some cases on these, add money to the request
- Alumni house does a service like this, works very well. Good to have a bag that you can put amenities in and can carry around
- Kay-Don't want to just get laptops for those two weeks of elections a year; should have a rough plan and doesn't want it to fit just GM week and RnE
- Would people pay to check it out?
  - Any funded club could just sign out, but eboard should probably discuss this further
- Erica-8 laptops for the next 5 years from VCC would cost \$2400, cheaper to get these laptops (presuming these last minimum 5 years)
- Laptops available to all clubs, could act as a great way to record attendance

Motion 1: Approve \$1700 from contingencies for laptops

Wording or language?

- Can we say chromebooks or "laptops as attached"?

Motion now reads: approve \$1700 for laptops as attached

- Have to specify fiscal year?

Nope

Merits:

- Inez- address Kay's point: do they have any background numbers? Instead of getting resources just for them, want other clubs to be able to use them.
  - In most cases, we ask people to bring in data but thinks this is a great idea and should be approved, but in the future would like actual data
- Makes financial sense overall; use somewhere else is a perk. Staff will use, too
- Kay wants to make sure other groups will be able to use them
- If approved, would like to see who specifically is going to be using them; there's a lot of ideas of who and where and would like to see a plan, somehow put in defined plan

- Martha- has a lot of equipment that goes out during the day, have a log book, doing a good job so far without swiping IDs. Staff has been talking about getting better data about who goes to trainings and events. More and more assessment is a huge topic in student life.
- Cases will be done separately-club support costs can cover those

Motion passes!

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Experimental Music and Media-looking to be union affiliated club

- Matt Rand presenting
- Avant garde listening group, “out there” genres
- About 15-20 people at any one of their meetings
- Receiving funding through HASS, applying for affiliation status
- Looking to get spaces to hold their sessions and advertising/getting the word out
- Consists of faculty, grad students, and undergrads, reaches a different demographic of people than most Union clubs do
- Where have they been holding their meetings?
  - EMPAC, using their resources, looking to maybe bring artists in the future
- What purpose of Union rooms?
  - Space
- How are they different than Pulse?
  - Just for EDM, this covers all genres
- Relationship with EMPAC?
  - Just use Studio Beta, want to work with EMPAC to bring in artists
- Only qualify for affiliation status because receiving money from HASS department
- Ezra has a fellowship as an artist in residence in Canada this summer; first year student, will make sure that this stays and is a permanent club
- Great for outreach

Motion 2: approve the EMaM club as an affiliated club

Wording?

Merits?

Motion to table Motion 2 until next meeting two weeks from now

Motion fails

5-1-12

Motion passes!

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Reports:

Director's:

- ACHA Hockey is super happy
- Martha will come talk to us about phones eventually; closer to \$20k



- Working with procurement for the purchase of two new cargo vans and truck; no numbers yet, going to come look at trade-in values, maybe someone can purchase our used vehicles
- Erica Lawson will be leaving May 5<sup>th</sup>, concerned about her family, has taken the Mueller Center to a new level, will be a huge loss. She has graciously stayed through the second stress relief day, can never replace what she has done for us.

#### Member Reports:

- Rasika-Collegiate store has opened a marketing position so open to students
- Ananya-GMB is going to Panama tomorrow!
- Conrad- over break is going to be compiling MAP info and where the committee will go moving forward
- Chris-let him know if there's anything else you want to see from Ambulance
- Matt- Policies has finished review of budgeting guidelines, will be sending to E-board mailing, look through it
- Erica- wrote a new policy that keeps track of all the clubs, so look out for that and try not to hate it
- Dan- Listens to WRPI a lot, they have done some FCC violations, need to monitor what goes on the airwaves
  - Tell Cameron about this with time and song
- Paul- Mueller Center just ordered more Broomball stuff
- Jen-past Sunday, went to a workshop called ElectHer, once a year, super cool workshop, covered women in power
  - Willing to do a presentation?
- Inez- Ananya, how's that movie night coming?

#### Senate report:

- Tables discussion whether or not to give school recommendations on qualities they would like to see on new VP Student Life
- Curators of EMPAC will be coming in next week
- Somebody is running for GM through a proxy
- Dean Apgar came in
- Will be figuring out how to work on faculty senate on promotion and tenure committee
- New senator-Parker Reno

#### President's report:

- Two more meetings with Chip!
- Most likely no meeting within GM week, but two week period under new PU
- Start thinking about transition documents, odd structure, big initiatives, describe club and leadership
- Work on documentation about all the stuff we have done this year
- Broomball is Sunday at 5pm, following Broomball, dinner!