A/V Committee

David Quinn & Emmanuel Tapia

Are you a gadget junkie? Foam at the mouth when you sit through a movie on an oversized HiFi screen with 5.1 digital surround sound? Love running a board with parametric EQ and digital effects? Have no idea what that means and want to find out? Put your knowledge and curiosity to use by becoming part of the Audio Visual committee.

We are responsible for maintaining and updating all the audio visual equipment at S-P. This includes the home theater systems as well as live audio gear for live music events. So, whether you want to learn how to hook up your home theater system or you want to learn how to run a sound board, email the AV committee chairs and find out how to get involved.

Bikes Committee

Antonios Kondis

The Zip-bikes program provides all you need in terms of transportation. Check out bikes for only $1 per day, so you can move around, go shopping or take a relaxing ride. Not only do you make Cambridge and MIT "greener", you also do it at your own convenience! Bike lights, helmets, locks and tools are available at the front desk as well. Also, bike repair classes will be scheduled and the bikes chair is always ready to help anybody repair his/her bike. The Bikes committee is always looking for volunteers, who enjoy working on bikes to maintain our fleet. Of course all of them will receive access to the extensive S-P bike toolbox! Come and join us!

Aquarium Committee

Diana Bernal

Have you ever wondered what makes a saltwater aquarium function? Are you interested in feeding the anemones a little shrimp? Don't hesitate to e-mail me or stop by while I am feeding the fish. We have many characters with various personalities in the tank and this year we will be putting together a few pictures with information so that everyone can get to know them better. We will also be naming them. Whether you have suggestions, or have questions, do not hesitate to write.

Arts Committee

Nicholas Senske

The S-P Arts Committee is responsible for enhancing aesthetic sensitivity and promoting appreciation of the arts. We oversee the artwork displayed in the common areas of the building. We provide information about relevant arts-related events to the residents. We run arts-related events such as workshops, seminars, and art exhibitions to encourage participation and creative expression, and to involve the work of students in art activities. In addition, this year we plan to have an outing to the Museum of Fine Arts (possibly more) and an architectural tour of the famous buildings on the MIT campus.

Music Committee

Lennon Rodgers

If you play a musical instrument (including the vocal chord) and/or enjoy listening to music, consider joining the music committee! The goal of the music committee is to promote musical expression and appreciation among S-P residents.

The music committee contacts musicians in and around MIT and arranges for them to perform at S-P brunches, coffee hours, and BBQs. The committee also organizes concerts where fellow MIT students take the stage to perform. In addition, we have amazing music facilities which help S-P residents vent their musical energy. Contact the music chair to see how you can get involved!

Controller Committee

David Oertel

The Controller's Committee is responsible for day-to-day management and stewardship of S-P funds. We work with the Executive Council to set semester-long budgets with the goal of both supporting current activities and planning for longer-term maintenance of S-P facilities for which the government is responsible. All resident reimbursement requests are processed by the controller's committee through the financial part of SPIDir -- Sidney-Pacific's online database. If you are interested in simple accounting and would like to learn more about S-P's financial system, please contact us!
Inventory Committee

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Joanna Gyory

At S-P we have many items that residents can borrow from the front desk, including movies, cleaning equipment, board games, sports equipment, tools, and music CDs. The inventory committee keeps track of these items on a database with a web-based interface. This allows residents to access their accounts anytime to see what items they have checked out. The inventory committee is also involved in other front desk functions. For example, we have implemented an electronic package notification and pick-up system to deal with the large volume of packages that arrive at S-P (often more than 50 per day!). The inventory committee is also in charge of overseeing the coffee cart in the front lobby, so let us know if you would like to suggest an addition to our selection.

IT Committee

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Dan Stratila

The Information Technology committee is here to maintain and improve the Resource Center, to act as a liaison between S-P residents and the general MIT IT infrastructure, and to facilitate the use of IT related resources. We need people who are both technically skilled and creative to think of new ideas to improve the ways in which we use IT at S-P.

Plants Committee

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Janice Lee

We have an amazing family of indoor plants at S-P. They arrived all the way from Florida, Hawaii and California, and are anxiously looking to us for care and affection. Help looking after these plants will give you a true sense of belonging in S-P. Impress your friends with the lovely plants you care for when they come and visit! If you decide to "adopt" these amazing plants, email the committee chair.

When you become a member of the Plants Committee, you'll find yourself learning more than just caring for the plants. This year, we have a whole bunch of green activities waiting for you. Some highlights are the infamous field trip to the Arnold Arboretum, apple-picking, hiking trip during foliage season, and a lot more! Join the plants committee and share the love for our green friends. Email us and we will love to have you!

Environment Committee

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Elodie Adida

The recycling committee makes sure that S-P is a green place where reuse and recycling are easy. So we are surveying the recycling process at every level, we keep our eyes open, to see where things can be improved and raise awareness with residents.

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