



Caltech Russian Club 2003-2004

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Club Mission

To promote an active involvement of the Russian speaking community in the social life of Caltech.

- Participating in Caltech-wide events (e.g. International Week)
- Working with campus organizations (e.g. ISP)
- Working with other clubs
- Representing our culture
- Hosting events for the Caltech community
- Integrating incoming students/postdocs into the community
- Reaching out to greater LA Russian speaking community

Club Resources

- Club email address sovok@caltech.edu.
Use this to get in touch with club management.
- New website <http://www.rusclub.caltech.edu>
- New mailman mailing list rusclub@caltech.edu
Currently 83 members. Non-member posts are moderated.
- New Club account is set up with the CEFCU.

Members

18 dues paying members:

- 10 Grads
- 3 Alums
- 2 Postdocs
- 3 Other

- Many dues paying members are *not* very active in the club
- The club is an umbrella organization. Ideally, we'd like to see more alums, postdocs and undergrads involved.

Current Management

- Tim Piatenko - President.

Will be moving to SLAC at the end of the summer

- Rassul Karabalin - VP.

- Alexei Dvoretzkii – Treasurer.

Will be hopefully graduating reasonably soon

2003-2004 Activities

- Movie nights: 5 Sep, 12 Sep.
- Club Fair: 27 Sep.
- Welcome BBQ: 17 Oct.
- Cats Parties: 7 Nov, 23 Jan
- Food Fair: 16 Apr

- *Russian playgroup for kids.*

We are planning a joint end of the year Cats party with the Caltech Hellenic Society, June 4th.

GSC funding

We applied for (Sep 1st) and got approved for \$250 this year on a reimbursement basis. GSC money comes with strings attached.

- \$100 – welcome BBQ
- \$75 – towards Jan 23rd party
- \$75 plan to spend towards June 4th party

Hiring a bartender makes it much easier to deal with Graduate Office, Housing and Security. Cost is \$23 an hour, i.e. at least around \$100 per party.

Need to ask for more money from GSC next year. We'll try to apply together with the Hellenic Society for GSC quick funding for our joint party.

CAA funding

We applied for (early Jan) and got approved for \$450 this year (cash!).

- \$150 – Board meetings (go, get yourself a beer!)
- \$300 – Alumni outreach (lunches, parties, social mixers)

We need to foster our relationship with CAA.

Need ideas about best format for alumni outreach

Alumni should play a significant role in defining the vision for the club and ensuring the continuity of the club mission.

SIF funding

We applied for (late March) and got approved for \$300 this year on a reimbursement basis.

- \$150 – Samovar (Rassul will be taking care of this)
- \$150 – Subtitled Russian DVDs - to be donated to ASCIT/GSC DVD library

Need input on where to get subtitled movies, which movies to get.

We can revive our movie nights with more exciting offerings.

Foreign film festival are held at Caltech regularly. We should be part of those.

Discretionary funds.

- \$87 – initial balance
- \$90 + \$10 dues + party donations
- \$16.89 remaining

We have burned through most of our discretionary funds.

Need to make sure to collect enough (~\$200) in dues next year.

Should probably raise dues to \$10 a year.

Any other ideas where to get discretionary funds?

Board responsibilities

- Formal oversight and decision making body for the Club
- Appoint Club officers
 - Chair – conducts Board meetings
 - President – day to day running of the Club
 - Treasurer – finances, budget
 - Secretary – meeting minutes
- Adopt and follow bylaws (govern how the Club functions)
- Ensure continuity of Club mission
- Secure future funding
- Get more people involved