



# PRAVDA?

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## Elections Pravda?!

(Platforms posted (mostly) in order of receipt on .political.machinations, followed by order on .soapbox)

A complete list of people running for office is available in the insert provided as part of eformey's platform (theforney!), because yo dawg, etc. Update: npsnyder dropped 2VP.

## labbott (Prez, RecSec, Treas)

Hi there KGB! It is I, Laura a.k.a. labbott! I am running for exec again this year. There are many reasons why you should vote for me. Here is an itemized list for your convenience:

- 1) I have experience! I was your treasurer this year and successfully handled your money. I know how KGB bureaucracy works. Heck, my name is already on the bank account!
- 2) I can be loud and control people! I may be quiet at times but I can be loud and full of energy when it counts. Like directing you guys! Or herding cats!
- 3) I'm responsible! I do stuff when asked! I try really really hard not to forget but when I do, I still do stuff when gently prodded (preferably with something that is not very hot or high voltage)
- 4) I want to do awesome things! KGB is supposed to be fun! I want people to have fun and do awesome things within the constraints of our budget!
- 5) I want to do awesome things that YOU want to do! KGB should be about what many different members want, which may mean new and exciting things! I like new, I like exciting!
- 6) I like duckies! (Hehehe duckies) And other fuzzy animals. baby animals are awesome. =^.^=
- 7) I want meetings to be fun! Random committee ideas that amuse people + a small amount of rules wankery = more satisfaction for your meetings
- 8) I'm not perfect! But I will listen to people and try and do my best to get done what needs to be done.
- 9) I'm not on fire!
- 10) Events are fun! I like to show up to events and have a good time and talk to people. Social interaction may be scary but KGB makes it fun!
- 11) I'll be amusing, but only if you want me to. This platform isn't my most amusing work because I'm trying to make it semi-serious (serious business etc.) And if I'm not amusing you can tell me to stop and I will!
- 12) I play well with others. It said so on my Kindergarten report card. I still can't color inside the lines though.
- 13) I have a car. This is useful for schlepping stuff around.
- 14) I only abuse the English language sometimes. But I know how babby is formed
- 15) Seafoam green is an awesome color. But I won't make KGB do anything with it ever again unless we get an angry mob demanding so.
- 16) I come up with horrible/awesome ideas every day!

tl;dr KGB is awesome. I love this organization I want to do my part to make it even more awesomeer.

I could go on and on but this is getting long enough. You should talk to me and ask me more about why I should be elected. I may post another more amusing platform if I come up with something more worth posting.

So vote for labbott! because she would be spiffy on exec!

(This platform was written on a lack of sleep and a lack of food. I should really remember to eat dinner. Food: it's a good time (tm))

## bswolf (Prez, CorSec)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the KGB, Fellow Citizens and Comrades,

Let me take you back to a more different time. The year is 2007. The month, August. The time, 4:30 pm on a Monday afternoon. It is my first KGB meeting. It is the beginning of my involvement with such a great organization.

Fast forward to now. [Cue the fast-forwarding sound.] The year is now 2009, shortly before the end of my penultimate year at Carnegie Mellon. We've skipped a large

portion of history, particularly my entire involvement with the KGB. And what exactly is that?

Well, I've been to nearly every meeting since I joined, always willing to lend a voice to the discussion (whether serious or not), propose and buy committees, make jokes, and generally participate. I've gone to the events (all but one this year!), sometimes helping carry food and stuff (or Stuff), judged for CtFwS, discussed CtFwS rules changes, taken the fence, painted the fence SEAFOAM GREEN (as well as part of my pants), and helped construct two booths. I acted in the Fall puzzlehunt, and wrote puzzles for the Spring puzzlehunt. Additionally, I am responsible for the largest amounts of money generated by the Useless Person Auction for the past twoyears, first as a person being bought, and second in purchasing KGB Exec.

And, of course, there's the work I've done for booo\*th, both this year and last: MoveOn, design (mostly last year), build, midway and booth shifts. This year I learned how to wire a booth in Electrical Training. You may have seen me on midway this year, holding walls and ladders in place so that people can work without worrying that something (or someone) will fall.

I've done all these things because I love the KGB, and I love helping people. This is no exception. The KGB has been great to me, and I have done my best to be great to the KGB in return. You have been great to me, and now is my opportunity to be great to you in return.

I am running for president of KGB so that I can give even more back to the KGB. If I am elected president, I will work even more for the KGB, to make it better than ever! Better than new! It will be so much fun! And together, we shall do great things!

So, comrades, with another great year ahead of us, I call upon you to consider the future of KGB. I know I am.

--Benjamin S. Wolf

## ajkraut (1VP, CorSec, S@A)

KGB, heed my words! This is Mander/Alan/ajkraut, appealing to you for votes for the following offices: 1VP, CorSec, or Sergeant at Arms. Here are the reasons you should vote for me!

tl;dr version:

I love the KGB, and want to be in a position to do everything I can to make it wonderful. You can tell that because I got super involved very quickly. I would be good at doing this. You can tell that because I'm highly motivated for things I care about, and follow through with ideas.

Full version:

Reasons Mander should be 1VP:

- I like people! I have not yet been able to discount the rumors that some people like me!

- I'm relatively good with names. At a previous job I needed to get comfortable with a group of 10ish people's names in an hour of doing games with them once a day. At the end of the week I could usually greet almost everyone from that week by name.

- I like people! I like so many people that you might even be able to say that I don't dislike people!

- I am friendly to newcomers, and can give people a faithful (and exuberant!) impression of who we are, without scaring them off!

- Hi! We're the KGB, and we'd like to know who you are. If you would please tell us your name, your major, where you're from, and something completely uninteresting about you, we would be much obliged.

- Did I mention that I like people?

Reasons Mander should be CorSec:

- I am good at writing communications, and prompt to respond to things.

- I am responsible, and keep track of information well.

- I am highly practiced in the use of a keyboard.

- I once wrote an open letter (where by "letter" i mean "e-mail") to the president of Mudd, detailing the reasons many of the students were upset with one of her decisions,

and sent it to the greater Mudd community. It was not an embarrassment, and contributed to her choice to revoke said decision. (Said letter can be shown to people upon request, if they're curious as to my ability to write clear communications when the ability to express yourself clearly really matters.)

- I can also yell at people effectively when the intent is already known, and clearly expressing yourself is irrelevant.
- I will probably procrastinate on work by fulfilling my duties when there are any communications to send out or Pravda's to compile.
- I include tl;dr versions in long e-mails.
- I try to include enough amusing things to make you want to read the full version!

Reasons Mander should be S@A:

- I can organize stuff. I can organize stuff well.
- I can use physical force to keep people from being obnoxious, and, in extreme cases, psychological force.
- I am deceptively small.
- Though not female, I have many feminine characteristics.
- Though not huge, I have many gargantuan characteristics.
- I know how to treat things well and keep them in good shape.

Reasons Mander should be on Exec:

- I am highly involved in KGB activities. You can tell because I'm almost afraid to let my advisor know how much time I spend with you guys. As a result, I am familiar with how things typically work, have spent time thinking about if they could work better, and very much value the KGB and the time I have with it. I want to work hard to make it as good as possible!
- I switch ruthlessly between first and third person.
- I've been going to exec meetings since I realized I could do that. That is how much I care about the KGB being a well-run organization.
- I know how to stick up for an idea that I think is good, and how to present a case for it in new words, rather than rehashing old ones. I also know how to drop it when the sanity of a group becomes more important than the idea itself, and consider this the more valuable skill.
- I work well with people, and am really quite good at facilitating conversation.
- I know the best thing about an inside joke.
- When I have ideas, or something is bugging me, or whatever, I will take initiative, instead of just complaining about it.
- I bring a viewpoint that the KGB doesn't get all that often: a different, but closely related, undergraduate experience.

Thank you all for your time, and I hope you will all consider your votes carefully. Just not so carefully that everyone turns into a giant pile of stress. Nobody wants that. People piles are excellent, but I'd just as soon leave out the stress.

-Mander "ajkraut" K

## sshropsh (Treas, S@A)

You, the KGB, should vote for me for either Treasurer or S@A! Because I'm awesome!

It's actually sort of weird to be writing a thing about how I'm awesome. Since it feels arrogant to be writing about how I'm awesome. I think that's a good thing? It certainly means I won't feel the need to spend the rest of the year telling you all about how awesome I am! Instead, I can tell you about the cool things I see or funny stories about people I hang out with or other fun things that people actually care about. I promise that, if elected, I will mostly be my bouncy happy self (which I have on reliable authority tends to make people smile, which is good), and not sad or whiny during reports.

But for now, you will have to listen to me tell you about how awesome I am, because those are the reasons why you should vote for me!

First, I'm responsible and pretty organized, and I'm not too bad at motivating a group to do something. You've all probably seen me in booth-chair action, so you know that I can keep track of a bunch of stuff going on around me at any given time, and I'm pretty damn good at figuring out what needs to be done and finding the best (or at least adequate) person to do it. I'm also good at making decisions, or at least helping decisions about things to get made with a minimum of friction.

Second, I'm LOUD. In my years as a small girl (where years means lifetime), I've learned to compensate for my inability to be physically imposing by making it really really hard for people to ignore me when I don't want them to.

Third, I'm really good at corralling people. As anyone who's worked on booth this year, or is a cohort person or has ever been around cohort people will know, I have a knack for getting large groups of people to go in a given direction to a place, or getting them to do something. I think that would be a useful quality for a member of exec.

Fourth, I think the KGB is awesome! And because of that, I want to help the KGB do awesome fun things!

The list could go on, but the rest of what I would say really boils down to that I'm awesome: I'm responsible and organized, but I like to have fun, so I know when to stop

the responsible, organized part of me and do something that's a little silly and ridiculous. I'm stubborn but I know when to give up on something. I am frequently silly and have been known to say nonsensical and random things, but I have no real concept of being embarrassed by my own actions, so you can expect some wacky but awesome things to happen if you elect me. I am committed to making the KGB an even more awesome group than it already is. Plus, I don't think I'm intimidating, and that's always a good thing.

You should vote for me! If you want to hear more about why you should elect me, you can talk to me about it, though if you talk to me about it before the end of build week you'll just hear about how you should come to work on booth!

So vote for Sam!

~ Sam Shropshire

## rhalstea (2VP)

Greetings, fellow KGBers. The platforms already posted feel like a hard act to follow, but here we go...

The KGB is an amazing organization. This year in particmorse codeular, I have become very involved in it. In the fall I started going to exec meetings, admittedly because it was a convenient space-filler between things to do. However, it quickly changed from that to something important to me, and now I consistently go to them. In the process, I developed a desire to give something back to this organization. I may not have been here last year, but I will be here next year, and I see no reason why I can't help make the KGB do awesome things next year.

Thus, I would like you to elect me for 2nd vice president of the KGB. Here are some reasons why you should vote for me for this position:

- 1) I picked this. I'm only running for one one position, because it's the one I want to do most, as well as it being one which traditionally does not have many candidates. All the positions on exec are unique, and people joke about how the president and 1veep don't actually do much while the 2veep does all the real work. To be honest, real work or not, I don't think I could pull off the other presidential positions with the panache I expect of them, and I am sure there are other people who can do the "lower" exec (non-presidential) jobs better than me. However, I think I can do this job sufficiently well to run for it.
- 2) I know events. I think the only event this year I didn't show up to besides puzzle hunt, and that is the one event that 2veep doesn't have a direct hand in besides helping out or acting. I would have participated in that as well if I hadn't loaded myself down with more projects than I can handle in a semester. Additionally, I have been around for awhile, so I have seen a lot of events. While I can't promise I won't do something dumb with my schedule again, I can promise that I won't short you guys simply because I'm feeling lazy.
- 3) I am loyal. If a group of people are important to me, I will do everything I can to help them. KGB is very important to me, so you guys will get top effort. You have seen me at booth. I will admit I wasn't as present on Sunday or Monday, but that is only because of classes and I was recovering from a weekend of both CIA buggy and KGB booth. As soon as I have the other demands on my life squared away, I will be back out helping again.
- 4) As you may have guessed from some of my earlier comments, I am positively crazy. In all my time with KGB, I have rarely found that to be a negative trait among our membership. I am confident I have that good kind of crazy in abundance.

In conclusion, I want you to help me help the KGB be awesome by voting me for 2veep.

Sincerely,

-- Richard Halstead

## ehohent (1VP, CorSec)

If you aren't going to read all of this please just read the end.

I really hate writing these things because you already know who I am and what I do so I will do my best to keep it brief but most likely utterly fail at it. I'm running for 1VP and Corsec and I think I would do well at both.

I feel that I would be a good 1VP because I am engaging and outgoing while at the same time not being overbearing, what better way to lure new people into a false sense of security and get them to stay with us? Also I have secretly been encouraging new membership and actively recruiting for years. I have been to every Activities Fair and passed out the little paper hats. I have also had the honor of being your booth chair for the last two years, if we don't get to know each other together better by "accidentally" painting each other, doing questionable things with power tools and staying up for 30+ hours on end I don't know how we do. I actually like people, especially new people; I get a kick out of meeting the new freshmen every year and would like a chance to do it in an official capacity. I sometimes wear a skirt to meetings... no more needs said here.

I think I would be a good CorSec because I am timely at responding to emails, and more importantly I know who I need to talk to in Student Activities to fix problems. My dealings as a representative for both KGB and the other organizations I belong to have given be contacts and sources within Student Activities which makes getting what we need a lot easier and efficient then going through the normal channels. I have contacts

and I'm not afraid to use them. I will take care of the passwords for our accounts as if they were my own and do my best to update the website and make it something that is usable for the future. I will make Pravda's, if you do not send me sufficient contents for them I will fill them with boldfaced lies and whatever Mistresses Abbot and Sawyer tell me to. As you can tell from this platform, I can also write real honest to goodness emails not just bulleted lists. :P

Items of note for either position:

- Two years as both an officer and Booth Chair means I know how the KGB works
- I make cookies
- I don't have to be loud to be heard... but I can be loud too!
- I have been a Booth Chair for two years in a row
- You have trusted me with KGBs money and stuff now I think it's time to trust me with your people or passwords
- I am awesome
- I have organized judges for CtFwS for 2 years now and have judged about a dozen games
- I have a car and will help 2VP in any way I can
- I can write a bulleted list like everyone else if I need to :P

Most importantly: It has been an honor to be a member, officer, and Booth Chair of this organization and I look forward to my last year both at Carnegie Mellon and with the KGB. Good luck to all the graduating seniors with their future endeavors no matter where you go and good luck to all of those running.

Your Current Sergeant at Arms and Booth Chair  
-liz (ehohent)

## cbuckey (Treas)

Greetings to the KGB! Why should you vote cbuckey for treas? Well, let me tell you:

I am probably a really good person to throw stuff at. Ask anyone who knows me. In fact, I have received unsolicited information from my friends that they would really like to throw stuff at me on multiple occasions! And we all know getting stuff thrown at you is the most significant part of the treas's job.

I really understand the KGB as an organization and what our goals in life are. I think it would be really cool if I could prominently confuse all the newcomers by standing at the front of the room while Glisson calls me Suzy and everyone else calls me Caroline. After all, the KGB does love to confuse newcomers.

I'm good at having money. :)

I'm good at spending money. :) (On important stuff, of course.)

I'm good at keeping track of money. :)

If I am treas, money will grow on trees. O\_o

I should be on KGB because I come to KGB events, meetings, exec meetings, boooth,... Also, if I get to sit on the table every week, I just might laugh hard enough to fall off sometime. You all want to see that.

I will make sure people pay their money when they have to. DO NOT MAKE ME ANGRY; I WILL BITE YOUR HEAD OFF!!! Er, I mean, I will send friendly and appropriate reminders to people who seem to require them.

Go vote. Vote as many times as you can. As many times of that as you can should be for me. Vote for me so long that elections take a year.... Actually, now that I think about it, I would be happier if you quickly and decisively voted for me and got me into office in an efficient manner. Go for it!

## zsparks (Prez, 1VP, CorSec, S@A)

Hey, everyone! You should vote for me for one of the various exec positions I'm running for, and here's why:

- I'm already reasonably familiar with the bylaws, and plan on reading through them more carefully at some point in the near future.
- Leadership! If I'm good enough for CMU to make me an RA, then dammit, I'm good enough to be on exec.
- I play trombone, and as some of you know, that makes me awesome. Sure, there are exceptions, but I'm not one of them.
- Want me to be president? I can be entertaining. Want me to be first veep? I can recruit people. Want me to be corsec? I can write/edit things like nobody's business (people who read my livejournal know I enjoy wanking about various things that are PERFECT\* for pravda?!). Want me to be sergeant at arms? I can perform ambiguous roles and keep track of the KGB's stuff super-well! Want me to be ALL FOUR OF THEM AT THE SAME TIME? Well...rewrite the bylaws and vote next year.
- You like your kneecaps unbroken (note: I will not discriminate against KGB members with broken kneecaps)
- Other things that I can't think of! I am a pretty cool dude - ask the cohort, or ask anyone else who knows me. Will I make a good officer? Hell yes! Will I make a better

officer than the people I'm running against? I THINK SO BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL BABY-HATING COMMUNISTS\*\*!

[insert drama from people who can't tell that I'm joking here]

- That reminds me: I am strongly anti-drama, and will do my best to A) not cause drama, and B) resolve any drama in which I am involved. Because to me, KGB is about fun, and having people bitching at each other about stupid shit doesn't really spell "FUN" for me.

So there are some reasons to vote for me. Or maybe some reasons not to vote for me if any of them offended you, but anyways, there is a list of reasons. I don't think that can be disputed. Or maybe it can! But that's not why I'm writing this, I'm telling you to vote for:

ZACHARY 'Z' SPARKS

"The 'Z' stands for Zarh Spanks"

\*perfect for people who enjoy wankery, that is

\*\*if you are a communist, pretend this says "FASCISTS"

## mdonches (1VP)

As some of you may know, I am running for 1st veep in the upcoming elections and I just thought that I should get my platform out while I'm not @ booth. As first veep I would bring something to the table not often seen in KGB, a great big bushy beard. But seriously, I do feel that I have many of the qualifications needed to be in a place of authority.

1-Leadership Experience= In high school, I started a competitive rocket team, was president of the science club and was involved in a number of organization, since I've come to CMU, I have participated in a number of orgs, including Physics Student Advisory Council, CIA, and KGB. I also started the rocket club, which means that I have experience dealing with the University regarding org stuff

2-Energy= First veep is a position that requires a certain aura about a person. Ideally this entails being very energetic and excited about stuff. Both of which I am, I was also, one of the best actors in my high school which means that I can affect a number of characteristics needed for 1<sup>st</sup> veep that I don't naturally have.

3-Organizational Ability= I have always had a knack for being able to organize large groups into orderly group acting towards one purpose, this is especially important for events such as CTFWS.

4-Demeanor= in many cases, I am very laid back which is basically the thing that keeps the KGB going so I would be able to help that, I am also good at mediating disputes for the few cases when something important is being questioned. This could be helpful in a number of cases, like if it necessary to amend the bylaws, or I could also be the hired muscle for collecting useless people money.

5-Facial Hair= That's right, facial hair is an important part of my platform, because facial hair makes me look older and more experienced, this means that I can infiltrate the ranks of University org overseers, my beard/moustache combined with my back problems lure them into a sense of false calm right before I strike and convince them to allow us certain luxuries that may or may not be accessible to others.

So remember, come election day vote early and vote often, but most importantly vote Rocketmatt, and these are not the rocket . . .

## jwatzman (RecSec, Treas)

Why should you vote for me for KGB office? Because unlike a certain...other... RecSec whom I won't name (but that has the andrewid dbese) I \*will\* wear pants while recording your minutes.

As a matter of fact, if you vote for me for either position I can absolutely 100% guarantee that I will wear pants to every KGB meeting next year. (If you don't, I can make NO SUCH PROMISE.)

jwatzman

terrifyingly creepy (at times) since 2002

who is totally not threatening you

though you might want to ask ekemp about my response to Gilmore Girls

and zsparks about the mental bleach.

Oh, hey, you wanted a real platform? Well, if I ever run for Student Senate then you might get one out of me. But not until then. :D

## jboning (RecSec, S@A)

Greetings, comrades! In the below paragraphs, I am going to attempt to convince you to vote for me for Recording Secretary (or, failing that, Sergeant-at-Arms). If you do not like being convinced of things, TURN BACK NOW, or CONTINUE AT YOUR OWN PERIL. I am going to try to convince you of the following (this can also serve as the tl;dr version):

- 1) I can successfully fulfill the duties of the RecSec (or S@A).
- 2) I can be responsible in my fulfillment of said duties.
- 3) I care enough that I WILL be responsible in my fulfillment of said duties.

If that sounds like a dreadfully serious platform, well, that's what you get for just reading the summary of important things. Now, onward...

The main duty of the Recording Secretary is to record. I do this already, instantly and flawlessly, which my MIND. (My perfect memory is CERTAINLY NOT an indicator that I am a robot. Go about your business, citizen.) Unfortunately, me having records in my MIND does not help the organization at large. Therefore, minutes need to be taken and posted publicly! I can take minutes and post them publicly! This involves certain abilities, namely: (a) the ability to hear, which I have had for nearly 19 years; (b) the ability to type, which I have had for approximately 12 years; and (c) the ability to post on the wiki, which I have had since I learned of the wiki's existence about 9 months ago.

The duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms are rather more loosely defined by the bylaws; however, I can do the things that have traditionally fallen to the S@A such as taking care of the Kage and making people be organized. I can provide the Kage with the tender love and nurturing care it needs to grow up big and strong. I can coax, yell, threaten, and cajole people into doing what they are supposed to do. I can do whatever else the chair directs! I'm really pretty good at being a minion.

I think I'm a pretty responsible guy, and I think I can be responsible about doing my job. I don't want to blather on about this here; I'd be happy to talk in person, though.

I care about the KGB! I care about the KGB because I care about KGB people. I have to admit that when I first attended a KGB meeting, you all terrified me. But I also saw something in the KGB that made me come back. Over the last semester and a half, I've found that the KGB, for being "an eccentric bunch of nerds, geeks, freaks, visionaries, outcasts, and ne'er-do-wells," is made of some of the most wonderful and amazing people I have ever met. I believe that this organization is worth my time and energy. This is why the KGB is the single biggest use of my time (besides school). And this is the reason I want to be on exec--I want to do whatever I can to make sure that this amazing and ridiculous group of people stays strong as an organization.

So that's most of it. There are some other things that I think contribute to my candidacy, too:

- I have gone to several exec meetings this semester to get a feel for what goes on behind the scenes to make the KGB go.

- I have organized the wiki some! And I want to organize it more as RecSec. In particular, I want to port old minutes into the wiki from their scattered homes across the internet!

- I will carry on the strong tradition of questionable pantsfulness from behind the podium.

Vote for me for RecSec (or [S@A](#)!)

Josiah Boning  
(jboning (my Andrew ID))  
(jblanket (I keep people warm))  
(jbaron (I am the Baron of the Triangular Table in the Kingdom of Kage))  
(jboing (I get called this sometimes))  
(jbaawwning (how "jboning is pronounced. DKAP I AM LOOKING AT YOU.))

## gmichalc (RecSec)

Hi guys

I think I would make a great RecSec for KGB. Through a great deal of participation in booth last year and being a booth chair this year, I have gotten to know many people in the KGB. I would like to continue to become more involved with KGB by being part of exec.

As a booth chair, many of you may have noticed that I have been pretty good about posting important announcements (like shift times) to the bboards. This indicates that I was motivated enough to make a note of the information in the first place, which is something a good RecSec should do. I have also been attending midway committee meetings all semester and have been reporting on relevant parts of the meetings, which means that I am good at condensing a lot of crap into something people might actually be willing to listen to/read.

So, everyone should vote for Greta for RecSec! It will be a good time. It should be noted that I will also wear pants to every KGB meeting if elected. I will also wear pants to every meeting if not elected.

Greta

## djurado (Prez, 1VP, S@A)

So...I'm doing this again, and probably for the last time. So here it goes:

What has it been now? 3 years? I've been rapping for about 17 years, ok? but I've been coming to KGB meetings for at least 3. You may know who I am, if you need a hint: I'm the really tall one, I sit in the back nowadays. But, you might want to know some things about me, so here it goes:

1. I less-than-three the kay-gee-bee. Our Conspiracy of Awesome is always growing and expanding and such and I'd like to think I've helped, just like EVERY ONE OF YOU.

2. I'm not gonna lie, I know a lot of people. I've been late to class on occasion because people kept stopping me to chitchat. It's a mighty power some of you have seen me

employ in the past, some examples include but are not limited to: that time we got like 285 people to come to CtFwS (yeah, Randall Munroe didn't really help bring in that many people, I did) or filling the Chosky theater for a friend's production of Dr. Horrible (which many of you were at!). So yes, I know a lot of people, I do my best to meet as many of the incoming freshman as I can and drag them to KGB meetings.

iii. Those puzzlehunt things? Have you been to one of those?! WASN'T IT AMAZING?! Did you know, that I've been behind the scenes for at least half of those. Putting together puzzles, trying to make sure everything runs smoothly, etc. Some people say it may be done (let's call them...nay...sayers), they're wrong, we make the puzzlehunts more awesome every semester. I've seen it with MY VERY EYES.

IV. I remember faces. Better yet, I'll remember names, and spell them correctly too! No Darnell's or mixing up my bswolfs and my bblums. I can keep all of these names in my head and I'll even notice when someone new walks into the meeting and I'll say "HEY YOU! STRANGER! TELL US YOUR NAME, YOUR MAJOR, WHERE YOU'RE FROM, AND SOMETHING ABSOLUTELY STUPEFYINGLY BORING ABOUT YOURSELF THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY OF THE PREVIOUS THINGS" and they'll be shocked at first, sure, but weren't you?

e. you need me to be loud? I CAN DO THAT TOO. As I've said before, I don't claim to be anywhere as loud as the beloved Ed Ryan but I will sure as hell try.

6. I am not tall at all. Last I checked I was 5'20". BUT WHAT DOESN'T THIS MEAN TO THE PARTY?! I suppose it means I won't be able to reach things in high places, nor carry people on my shoulders so that they could say they stood on the shoulders of giants. None of that. It also means I will never have to stick my head out of a sun roof in order to fit into a car. Why should you vote for me for KGB office? Because unlike a certain...other... RecSec whom I won't name (but that has the andrewid dbese) I \*will\* wear pants while recording your minutes.

vii. I come highly recommended. 5 out of 4 mathematicians agree that I am an improper fraction. To this I say, well...sometimes I am improper...but! I have been known to be fairly proper also. With your mother...last night. This is not one of those times.

VIII. I'm all for bringing fun(k) and bringing the noise!

So, on April 20th, I encourage you to go and vote. Vote when we tell you to and vote often (pay your dues multiple times!) but vote for me. This may be your last chance! I can fulfill all of these duties!

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Dannel Jurado

-is so not bitter about last year

better be on nomcom's slate this year

-can do a good job, he promises

-hopes you will vote for him, regardless of slate

-I mean, what is slate useful for anyway? roofing?

-will hold an umbrella over your head instead

-has attached a promotional campaign picture



## mglisson (Prez, 1VP, 2VP)

First off, let me start by saying I adore the KGB. I think it is a wonderfully unique organization and offers something special to its members. I cannot really put my thoughts on it into words, but I will say I am so glad I stepped into A14 my freshman year. KGB has provided me with a wonderful social group during my time at CMU.

I would love to have the opportunity to do what I can to help this organization. I'm very motivated to do a good job, and whatever the organization decides to do next year I want to see it be a success. I want to help make Friday night activities fun and enjoyable, and if the KGB wants to do something new, I will do my best to come up with the the planning and resources to do it, and do it well. I am very good at motivating people and coming up with interesting ideas. If things get serious, I am a very good mediator, problem solver, and I promise I will listen to anything anyone wants to tell me. If things get silly, well, I'm pretty good at that too.

What it comes down to is that the KGB is more than a series of jokes and references. It is a framework that allows like minded people, wonderful people, to come together and interact in a way that I have never encountered before. This interaction has produced some of the funniest and the most intelligent experiences of my life, and I am dedicated to helping these experiences continue for another year for anyone that wants or needs them.

Yours, sincerely,  
Matthew Glisson .