



Minutes for 11/10/04 Business Meeting  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm EST

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESOLUTION/FOLLOW UP
<p>Convening of the meeting</p> <p>Welcome</p> <p>Report Back on 2003-2004: Goals and Accomplishments</p>	<p>K. Rezai presided the meeting at 6:30 pm</p> <p>Introduction of API Caucus &amp; Current Officers. Introduction of attendees</p> <p><u>Overview/Integration with APHA</u> (K. Rezai)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discussed the possible reorganization of APHA, specifically T-FAIR</li> <li>b. APIC and other caucuses participated in leadership luncheons with Georges Benjamin</li> <li>c. Input to Scientific &amp; Professional Affairs. Overall, the process was not good for APIC and needs a lot of work. Offered M. Ro and G. Gee for technical assistance</li> <li>d. Successful in integrating an Asian American representative, Pam Tau Lee, in Environmental Justice Sessions</li> <li>e. APIC had a call with President-Elect candidate, Pat Mail to discuss Dr. Mail's plans for the future of APHA and issues of importance to the caucus. She was very responsive to continuing hearing from the caucus in the future.</li> </ul> <p><u>Program Sessions</u> (G. Gee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. AAPI community has done tremendous work in the health area.</li> <li>b. APIC sponsored 30 posters and 6 oral sessions (4 presentations per session).</li> <li>c. 70% of all abstracts were accepted</li> <li>d. APIC hosted the first special panel on student activism. Well received</li> <li>e. Thanks to all reviewers</li> <li>f. G. Gee mentioned that the number of abstracts submitted and attendance at these sessions greatly affects the # and size of rooms</li> </ul>	<p>Next abstract deadline is February</p>

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	<p><u>Student Representation (N. Islam)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New student position in APIC Exe. Comm.</li> <li>b. Established “Best Student Paper Award”</li> <li>c. At APHA 2003 meeting, sponsored a session on mentoring</li> <li>d. At APHA 2004 meeting, sponsored a session on student activism.</li> </ul> <p><u>Membership &amp; Communications (L. Hsu Oh)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Extend welcome to new members</li> <li>b. 2 year position; 1<sup>st</sup> year spent listening to concerns of members and learning about what this position should entail</li> <li>c. Goal to expand membership base. Distributed new membership forms during all APIC sponsored activities at APHA</li> <li>d. Explained benefits of memberships. No fee, # of sessions and size of room is dependent on membership base, access to listserv, voting privilege, and eligible for award/session reviewer</li> <li>e. Website will be redesigned this year</li> </ul> <p><u>Policy (G. Daus)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Comprehensive health disparities bill. G. Benjamin active on advocating for bill.</li> <li>b. Renewal of White House Initiative on AAPI. Worked with W. Tsou and G. Benjamin to write support letters. WHIAAPI moved to Dept. of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency.</li> </ul>	<p>Continue special session geared toward student involvement at subsequent APHA</p> <p>Add a box where individual can mark “student” when submitting an abstract</p> <p>B. Hawks would like to work on mentoring</p> <p>Renewal of membership every year (either by hard copy or online)</p> <p>Solicit help from members on website and other volunteer opportunities</p> <p>Ribbon to signify membership in APIC for next year’s APHA meeting</p> <p>Challenge for current members, encourage others from work or schools to join APIC</p>

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	<p>(Policy con't)            New Administration took away almost all funding of WHIAAPI. Very few staff. Eddie Badrino is new head. 2<sup>nd</sup> commission put out report however no distribution plan. Overall, report was not great but it did get people who don't normally talk about health disparities to do so.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report (N. Ponce)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Surplus this year. Carry = \$500</li> <li>b. Reasons for surplus – donors more generous this year, Ann &amp; Emylou from March of Dimes donated conference calls, David provided website services in-kind, and minimal bank fees</li> <li>c. Introduced idea of fiscal comfort</li> <li>d. Introduced idea of reinvesting in APIC in other ways such as costs of promoting candidates like R. Lew for APHA positions</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Events (K. Rezai)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Anniversary event was well attended. Approx. 80 people. Pros - Invited panel were very generous of their time; Nadine's timeline of APIC</li> <li>d. Awards. J. Lin-Fu for lifetime achievement award. C. Ghosh for best paper. Josh Yang for best student paper</li> </ul>	<p>Need to determine how often these awards will be distributed</p> <p>Receiving more recommendations from members</p>

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<p>Member Introductions/ Discussion</p> <p>Plans for 2004-2005</p>	<p><u>General Feedback/Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Challenge APIC to revisit priorities</li> <li>b. Better understanding of history of APIC. Why was it formed? Originally, it was to establish a relationship with APHA w/o being a member (bridge group). N. Chan did a good start on this</li> <li>c. Who can join APIC? Is it open to Asians that are not based in the U.S.? Attendees see APIC as a great forum to bring in “international” public health professionals. Perhaps APIC can explore this area further, especially in program development</li> </ul> <p><u>TFAIR</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Encourage members to review TFAIR proposal at <a href="http://www.apha.org/private/tfair">www.apha.org/private/tfair</a>. Must be a registered member of APHA to access site</li> <li>b. Natalie Raynor is APIC liaison to APHA, and for all the caucuses. She has been very responsive to APIC</li> </ul> <p><u>Strategic Planning (D. Inoue)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Start thinking about strategic planning. Where does APIC see itself next year? 5 years? 10 years?</li> <li>b. Expand relationships with other caucuses such as the Refugee &amp; Immigrant Caucus and other ethnic minority caucuses.</li> </ul>	<p>Talk to other caucuses to get their input. APHA will host a conference call in early 2005.</p> <p>Determine how TFAIR will affect membership, programming, advocacy, and development</p> <p>Ask APHA if members’ can choose caucuses on membership form</p> <p>Priorities will be based on suggestions from members</p> <p>Revisit APIC by laws and possibly redraft</p> <p>Synergizing programming.</p>