



**Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health, as recognized by the American
Public Health Association
Agenda for May 19, 2006, 2pmPST/5pm EST Conference Call**

Present: Nadine Chan, David Inoue, Simona Kwan, Jared Maeda, Ninez Ponce, Winston Tseng

Absent: Noilyn Abesamis, Lily Divino, Abhijit Ghosh, Nadia Islam, Arnab Mukherjea, Ninez Ponce

I. Welcome/Announcements

II. Updates

A. Program chair/-elect (Nadia and Simona) 2006 Program

In the process of finalizing sessions (deadline May 30) and will send out a preliminary draft to the Executive Committee for review sometime next week.

B. Communications chair (Lily Divino)

Will get PayPal set up by June conference call.

Resources page is updated. Please review and comment.

Will ask the listserv for suggested resources (local and national) to add to our page.

Executive Committee will review suggestions and post appropriate resources.

Will post old minutes onto website after they've been converted to PDF format.

Need to follow-up with David about making the membership form available online using FrontPage software.

C. Membership chair (Winston Tseng)

Merged all databases and created one master APIC membership list, updated as of April 2006 (not including some of the new members from the April/May list). It includes an individual list and an organizational list. There are about 120+ on the list, and it does not yet include current Executive Committee members.

He will add the Executive Committee members to the list and send out to the Executive Committee members for review. Please send updates or changes or people you know who should be on the list but are missing to Winston.

Please fill out a membership form if you haven't already.

D. Treasurer (Ninez Ponce)

We have 10 new members (7 from March of Dimes) in April/May 2006 and received \$290 in donations. We have approximately \$2800 in the bank.

E. Policy Chair (Abhijit Ghosh)

Signed onto Out of Many One (OMO) letter and faxed separate letter from APIC regarding CA SB 1405 (Soto) to support creating a Task Force on reimbursement for Language Access Services to examine the issue of establishing a system of language access services for California's health care system. Ninez faxed it. Thank you all for your quick response!

David will contact Ruth Perot of Out of Many One (OMO) and invite her to introduce herself and OMO on our June conference call.

F. Secretary (Noilyn Abesamis)

Noilyn is still working on converting Minutes from 2006 into PDFs for Lily to post.

G. Student Rep (Jared Maeda)

APHA-Student Assembly newsletter was published and featured an article to inform students about our Caucus on page 8.

H. Nominations for APHA executive committees

No news yet.

I. APHA 2006 Boston

Will approach South Cove directly before soliciting listserv for other possible sponsors/co-hosts of reception. South Cove is an AAPCHO member. They hosted the last time APHA was in Boston. Winston will ask staff at AAPCHO for both Lowell clinic and South Cove's contact information.

J. Fundraising

Working with Dave on letter to AAPCHO for overall donation to APIC. Dave will see Jeff Caballero of AAPCHO and Lisa Hasegawa of the National CAPACD and will ask them about donations to APIC. Other groups to consider soliciting donations from include SERAC (a Southeast Asian organization) and an association for Indian physicians. Dave will get their contact information for Nadine.

K. Executive Committee summer meeting/retreat

Dave is reviewing an email Nadine drafted to Debra Perez of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Nadine will send it to Debra Perez. She'll also send a copy to Simona, who will bring it up with the Program Director of the Kellogg Foundation, who hosted an Asian health forum.

Still looking at the last 2 weekends in July to be held in the east coast (Washington DC) or possibly New Jersey (where the RWJF is located). We will plan the retreat so that the officers for next year will be able to make it.

Ninez cannot attend the retreat this year.

L. APHA National Movement feedback requested from Caucuses

Our suggestion will be the following:

Caucuses

- * Expertise cultural and linguistic proficiency and knowledge in reaching diverse populations and constituencies
- * Acknowledging and emphasizing diversity of background within constituent populations
- * Strong professional associations (*e.g. SAPHA, APIAHF, NAPAC, OMO, AAPCHO*)
- * Skill in identifying discriminatory or non-inclusive practices and policies
- * Strong connections to other organizations and professionals and *faculty*
- * Credibility and trust with client base community members
- * Public health research, intervention, and advocacy work for and with constituent populations, communities, and subgroups
- * Collaborative agenda setting for improving the health and well-being of constituent populations

III. Other Business

None.