

**Asian Pacific Islander Caucus
Monthly Conference Call
Tuesday May 13, 2008
Minutes**

Moderator: Nadia Islam

Participants: Domin Chan, Nadine Chan, Simona Kwon, Jared Maeda, Arnab Mukherjea, Maria Pena, Winston Tseng, Meme Wang

Program Chair (Nadine):

Most sessions are filled up. Need to round up the South Asian oral session with 2 more presenters. In terms of HIV/Work, there's Chicago or Texas, New York, Berkeley. Need to follow-up with API Wellness Center, ManChi with APIAHF, or OMH Resource Center.

Moderators have been identified for all the sessions:

- MH/Substance Abuse – Domin
- Methods – Nadia
- Culturally Appropriate Public Health – Winston
- Poster Sessions – Nadine and Arnab
- Pacific Islander – Alek
- CHIS – David Grant
- South Asian – Neetu

There was lots of Pacific Islander abstracts this year.

On May 27th, the programs go live. On May 28th, APHA will notify all participants about whether their abstract submissions were accepted or rejected. Moderators need to write objectives for the sessions by end of June.

Arnab marriage on May 23rd. Congrats!

Treasurer (Domin):

Made a recent trip to LA to meet Ninez to resolve APIC account transfer issues and was successful. Added Domin's name onto account, kept Ninez on the account, and dropped Karen Rezai's name from the account. Also left a few checks with Ninez for emergency purposes.

Next step, have Chair-Elect sign-on as next step and will work logistics out with Ninez or Domin.

One more outstanding issue is web access to account.

Also, currently for APIC account, just have deposit/debit card, but not with credit option. Would want to get a new debit card with credit card option, to help with making reservations or other types of purchases.

Secretary (Maria):

Have drafted email blast for APIC executive committee nominations and will send to everyone to review by end of the month. And in June, will put call for nominations on APIC listserv and other

listservs. Have voting start in end of June and process the results by July, so for those elected, have time to make plans to attend APHA meeting in October 2008 in San Diego.

Student Representative (Meme):

Nadine sent to Meme the student abstracts to review for the best student abstract award. Will next ask the Executive Committee to help with reviewing the abstracts and give scores to select the winner of the best student abstract award for this year.

Policy Chair (Nadia):

APIC signed on to the health disparities bill. House passed bill on genetic discrimination.

Chair (Nadia):

Sponsors or persons to invite in Southern California for APIC Reception:

- Susan Shinagawa (Nadia)
- Joel San Juan with Operation Samahan
- OCAPICA (Maria)
- APAC in SD (Domin)

Will work on developing a list of existing sponsors and of potential new sponsors and come up with a final list.

Other Updates:

Young Professionals Breakfast

- Gil Gee has offered to give a talk (Nadia will contact Gil to keep him updated)
- Lily will send a survey out to APIC listserv to inquire about the content for the student breakfast that members would want to have.

APIAHF held a health brain trust meeting in early May 2008 to promote CBPR. There's been lots of CBPR work done among AAPIs, but much has not been disseminated. APIAHF has asked APIC to help with dissemination of these studies. What APIC can potential do is to contact potential authors from the CBPR studies and assist them with putting together presentations and manuscripts. Also, APIC can help convene meetings and calls and use the APIC website for dissemination of the results of these CBPR studies.

There's lots of research abstracts submitted to APIC and we should post the presentations from our sessions on the APIC website.

The communications chair is responsible for lots of work and we may need to consider adding an extra executive committee position from next year. One communications position could focus on internet/web communication issues and another position could focus on public/media relations.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Formation of a APIC national advisory committee; should touch base with former APIC leaders to gauge interest

National Library of Medicine Web Portal – developing a proposal to assist with dissemination