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Minutes for September 22, 2006

1. Attendance

Noilyn Abesamis, Nadine Chan, Lily Divino, David Inoue, Simona Kwon, Jared Maeda, Arnab Mukherjea, and Winston Tseng.

2. Welcome/Announcements

3. Elections

We received at least one nomination for each position. An email announcement will be sent out to the membership when ballot opens. If individuals are unsure about membership, they must sign up prior to voting.

4. Report back on APIAHF Conference

APIC was well represented at the conference. There was a lot of mention of how to capitalize on the work of APIC in furthering work around mentoring future researchers.
Follow up: Brochures will be developed in time for the NYU CSAAH conference

5. Communications

The Dreamweaver purchased is a single user license. Lily will find out how to get an organizational license for the Executive Committee.

Website updates. Additions include Howard Koh's bio and links to the reception co-sponsors to the APHA session page.

6. Student Representative

Jared gave updates about student breakfast. He reached out to several individuals that the Executive Committee suggested to serve as panelist. The breakfast will be held at on Wednesday, November 8 from 6:30 am – 800 am at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel - The Douglas Room.

Follow up: Confirm speakers for breakfast

First student scholarship award winner: Nabil Ahmed from John Hopkins is the winner. APIC will cover the costs of attending APHA for the winner (e.g. registration, hotel, and travel). We received applications nationally and internationally.

Simona, Nadine, and David volunteered to review student abstracts to select this year's Best Student Abstract Award. The winner, as usual, will receive a \$100 award check. This year, APIC will also cover the costs of attending APHA for the winner (e.g. registration, hotel, and travel).

7. Program

APIC still needs a moderator for the Pacific Islander session. Ninez recommended Alek Cripatana, a Native Hawaiian Doctoral Student. A request was made to switch Nadia and Ninez as moderators of their respective sessions. Two abstracts were withdrawn.

Follow up: Ninez will contact Alek Cripatana and CC Simona on the email.

8. Media at APHA

Arnab will develop a timeline of when to send out press release for APIC sessions at APHA. He will also create the media advisories and send out the blast.

9. Membership

APIC has 23 new members from July until September. Executive Committee decided that membership will be “for life” unless individual indicates that he/she will like to withdraw.

9. Treasurer’s Report

APIC spent \$3,160 on the retreat. There is approximately \$10,000 in the bank account.

10. Reception

APIC will ask each co-host/sponsor to donate \$1000. AANCART has promised \$500 (f/u with Thoa at UCSF).

Follow up: APIC will negotiate with the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel to bring the price per head down to \$30-\$35.

Our next APIC conference call is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2006 at 2pm PST/5pm EST.