

**Asian Pacific Islander Caucus  
Monthly Conference Call  
Thursday July 10, 2008  
Minutes**

**Moderator: Winston Tseng**

**Participants: Domin Chan, Nadine Chan**

**Program Chair (Nadine):**

We have asked moderators for APIC sessions to sign a conflict of interest form and also fill out the session objectives and to submit by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is one outstanding issue pertaining to the abstracts. There has been one abstract (about adolescents and Native Hawaiians) that has not been placed into any session yet. Currently, we only have one extra slot available in the South Asian oral session, but the topic of this abstract does fit. We have also contacted the NH/PI caucus to inquire about whether they might have an open slot, but they don't. Also, we tried to see if a presenter that has 3 abstracts for the PI roundtable session might be willing to give up a slot, but declined to do so. Also, there might be early cancellations of abstracts in case someone decided they will not be able to attend APHA. This issue will be addressed soon. Worst case scenario is to ask the abstract author to resubmit for next year. However, most likely we will be able to fit this abstract into a slot.

**Treasurer (Domin):**

Applied for a check card for the APIC account in early June, but have not received it yet. Will follow-up with bank to see if they sent it out already or will have to request again.

This month, participated on the Global Health Connections conference call (as APIC's rep to Int'l Health Section). The call was about how to increase collaborations across sections, assistance for international colleagues with networking and research, and increasing exchange between international health sections members in the US and abroad. These regular conference calls may not be relevant to APIC's priorities. However, it may be useful should Domin wants to be more involved with the Int'l Health Section. Otherwise, it's up to Domin in terms of whether she wants to continue to participate on these regular conference calls.

**Student Representative (Winston):**

Reminder that reviews of student abstracts due by July 25<sup>th</sup> to Meme.

**Policy Chair (email update from Jared):**

- House and Senate Appropriations Committees have begun working on FY 2009 Labor-HHS-Education appropriation bills. The House bill includes a \$225 million increase for HRSA and a \$156 million increase for the CDC over the FY 2008 enacted levels. The House bill also includes \$7.5 million in new funding for CDC climate change activities. The Senate bill provides an additional \$88 million for HRSA and an additional \$76 million for CDC.
- Pres. Bush signed a bill a war supplemental bill that includes a moratorium, through March 2009, on six Medicaid regulations proposed by the Bush administration.
- The House approved the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. Unfortunately, a move to end debate on the bill and bring it to a vote in the Senate was blocked.
- An amendment to the ADA has passed the House to specify the definition of "disabled" as any person who has—or is perceived to have—a mental or physical impairment that "materially restricts" one or more major life activities, including caring for oneself, eating,
- sleeping, breathing, and walking.
- The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health approved by voice vote the PRO(TECH)T Act of 2008 that aims to encourage nationwide adoption of an electronic health record (EHR) system.

#### **Chair (Winston):**

Sponsors – Nadia and Winston developed a list of potential sponsors (past and new) to seek support from. The list includes 20 organizations and we have divided up the work evenly between the two of us to email or call them to support APIC for 2008. We will suggest a contribution of \$500 or \$600 per organization, but will suggest a range. An incentive we can use is to offer special sponsorship recognition (in addition to the usual recognition as sponsor at APHA reception). We could also consider asking some of them to sponsor the student breakfast.

#### **Other Issues:**

Reception – Sora Park Tanjasiri (WINCART PI) proposed a joint reception between the AIANNH caucus and API caucus and that she would sponsor and facilitate discussion for such an event. There will be a conference call on 7/21 to start the discussions. Nadine suggested if WINCART would like to sponsor this reception, they would likely contribute the most dollars. And we could consider deciding in advance a total \$ figure for the cost of the reception, when can then divvy up the rest of the costs through asking for support from various other sponsors. Also, should we decide to have a joint reception, we should also let our sponsors know in advance about that.

APHA Advocacy Forum (Sun. morning) – Chair-elect should attend the event. Another executive committee member could also attend if interested. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Out of Many One (OMO) meeting is coming up next week on July 17-18 in Houston. Winston will be representing APIC at this meeting. The original MOU between OMO and APIC was signed by David Inoue. It would be helpful to learn from the meeting what OMO is doing currently and for APIC to play a supportive role. Also, the meeting is a place for networking and seeking additional sources of support for APIC.

35th anniversary of APIC is coming up in 2009. Plan to organize a planning committee of no more than 10 members consisted of past APIC leaders and other AAPI health community leaders that APIC would like to be more engaged with. Preliminary candidates to consider inviting to join the committee include Gilbert Gee, Ann Umemoto, Sora Park Tanjasiri, Rod Lew, and Butch di Castro. For the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, APIC has a first ever keynote speaker (David Takeuchi) and also invited the APIC founder Ted Chen (Tulane U.). Nadine at the time also interviewed a number of past APIC leaders to help develop the APIC historical timeline. Originally, APIC was called The Health of Asian American Workers or something like that.

Plan a next APIC conference call in 2 weeks. Nadia or Winston will help to organize it.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

- Retreat
- Reception
- Student Breakfast
- Business Meeting
- Student Abstract Review
- Best Paper Award
- Keynote for Reception