

Asian Pacific Islander Caucus (APIC)
September Conference Call
Friday, October 8, 2010
1 PM EST

Minutes

Present:

Arnab	Luceli
Felice	Mona
Harry	Sean
Jamie	Vishnu
Lily	Winston

I. Welcome and Introductions

Harry welcomed all participants and discussed briefly the purpose of the conference call.

II. Officer Updates

- Harry updated the progress about the election of Communication Chair.
- Then, Harry floated the idea of cancelling the survey monkey since it was not being used recently. Everyone agreed.
- Addressing other wrap up activities, Harry stated that he would send relevant documents to folks for uploading in the website.
- With regard to governing council of APHA, Harry updated that Alek and he will be attending the session.

Alek

No update.

III. APHA Annual meeting Preparation Updates

Evening reception and program

- Harry (for Lily) mentioned that they have been coordinating with DJ Ida who helped to locate a venue for the evening reception and programs. Welcome speech will be by DJ. Ignatius Bau's keynote theme will be *Environmental contexts and Health Care Reform* among APIs. He will also address historical events regarding APIs. Will also talk about future research. The topic suggestions put forth on the last month's call were well received. The duration of the key note will be 20 minutes.
- Winston discussed on the possibility of video recording the key note. A key issue was consent as discussed and it was agreed that video recording option will be further examined.

- For promoting the key note speech, Harry will email all the relevant recipients. It was also planned to send invitation to all list serve members and all leadership of other caucuses.

Sponsorship

- Harry-Currently we have \$1800 in pledges, and another \$900 in pledge will be soon.
- Goal was \$5000.
- We haven't heard from several organizations, yet. So, need to follow up.
- As a way forward, we may focus on individual donation.
- We need to focus on membership drive or donation drive.
- Raffle can be an option.
- Luceli followed up with Dr. Beverly from MDACC regarding potential sponsorship from Asian American Health Coalition but was unsuccessful.
- Harry reminded all to look for sponsors.

Best Paper Award

- Alek updated that feedbacks from only two reviewers were received and hoped to receive feedbacks from all reviewers by tonight.

Student / Young Professional Breakfast topics

Arnab suggested that the topic could be “social justice and call for leadership”. He also discussed the idea of offering some kind of incentive, for example one day pass. He stated that he will follow up with the logistics.

Student Abstract Award

Arnab shared that the retreat will be held in Hyatt regency hotel room # 5.

IV. Miscellaneous

- As a way of **promoting APIC** during APHA, a general consensus was to use raffle by offering I-pod. The entry ticket will cost \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.
- **Gift for key note speakers:** A proposal of offering electronic photo frame to the key note speaker was floated for discussion. Last year, it was a tea pot. Everyone agreed to explore the cost of photo frame.
- Lily proposed a need of finalizing the programs at least 2 weeks prior to the events.
- **Conference call:** It was updated that because of the expiring sponsorship from March of Dimes, the conference call will no longer be available through March of Dimes. Harry stated that he will work on finding other places.
- **Next call:** Not decided.

Call adjourned at 2:01 pm EST.