

ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS (APIC)
IN OFFICIAL RELATION WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (APHA)
MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES

Date	March 11, 2011	
Time	1:00 pm EST	
Attendees		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Kwon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean Arayasirikul	<input type="checkbox"/> Lily Divino
<input type="checkbox"/> Alek Sripipatana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luceli Cuasay	<input type="checkbox"/> Kawika Liu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elena Ong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vishnu Nepal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Lok Weng
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Aromin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felice Le	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mona Bormet	<input type="checkbox"/> Domin Chan	

I. WELCOME

Chair-Harry welcomed all attending the conference call.

II. OFFICER UPDATES

Chair-Harry updated that a request for support was received from New York University's Center for the Study of Asian American Health (CSAAH). Many of the activities of the organization closely tie up with the objectives of APIC. Thus, Alek recently provided a letter of support as per their request. Harry also updated about the strategic planning retreat of APHA that will be held in June. The purpose of the retreat will be to discuss the future direction of APHA caucuses. In the meantime, an advisory group is being formed to planning process of the retreat. Harry also mentioned that he will be developing a time line / road map for the 2011 APIC activities and will be sharing soon. Harry also mentioned that he is working with Alek with regard to the APHA board and committee nomination process. APIC has already received few recommendations for nominations. He also reminded that APIC want to start the executive committee election process a bit early this year so that the new officers will have enough time to catch up the responsibilities well before the APHA meeting. The actual discussion about the election process will be discussed in the next conference call.

Program Chair-Luceli updated that there were a total of 96 abstracts received for consideration. Out of 96, 2 abstracts were returned, thus 94 abstract were finally assigned for review purpose. So far only 12 reviewers have completed their reviews. Eighteen reviewers need to complete the review of assigned abstracts soon. She also mentioned that there were some communications issues related to assignment of abstracts for review and stated that the issues were resolved recently. She will be sending a final reminder to the abstract reviewers urging them to complete the review soon before the deadline. She also informed that the due date for room request is approaching (next week).

Following Luceli's update, there was a question about the effectiveness of roundtables. Overall impression was that roundtables are not very effective, thus, Sean will communicate with APHA to switch the roundtables to oral session that will involve 4-5 presenters as compared to last year's ten presenters in roundtable session. It was also update that APHA is capping oral sessions to only four presenters this year.

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Elena asked about the possibility of getting more sessions for APIC by co-sponsoring. Sean suggested that we could ask for additional sessions toward the end of summer. Elena shared the idea of invited session related to CHPPD.

Communication Chair—Elena thanked Luceli for bringing the email address issues. Jamie and Elena are looking other websites to get better idea of how to improve the APIC website. A discussion ensued regarding communication support committee. Elena also briefed about the API film festival, deadline for submission is April 3rd. Elena also shared information about White House Initiative on Hawaiian fitness day. She also informed the group about the Affordable Care Act day (March 24-25).

Membership Chair-Jay updated that a conference call was being planned to review membership process. Jay will inform about the conference soon.

Policy Chair—Mona shared the policy review process of APHA.

Treasurer—Domin was absent, so no update.

Secretary-Vishnu-- No update.

Student representative—Felice contacted to APHA student assembly. She is trying to contact University of Michigan API health association, looking for someone in this area as a resource person. Harry will follow up on this.

Caucus Councilor—Jamie-- no update.

III. ADDITIONAL ITEMS (MISCELLANEOUS)

- There was no specific discussion about upcoming activities or any other announcement.
- **Next call:** April 8 (As per email on Jan 28, 2011)
- **Call adjourned at** 1:59 pm EST.