

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

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| Date | May 13, 2011 | |
| Time | 1:00 pm EST | |
| Attendees | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Kwon | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Jay Aromin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felice Le | Invited: Anne |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mona Bormet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domin Chan | |

I. WELCOME

Chair-Harry welcomed all attending the conference call.

II. OFFICER UPDATES

Chair, Harry updated that he received an email from APHA liaison about (i) leadership appointments made recently by APHA, (ii) In 2011/12 executive board will focus on membership and (iii) Georges Benjamin (Executive Director of APHA) will be on sabbatical for the next year for teaching purpose.

Harry also updated that he received another communication from APHA about the strategic planning retreat being planned for mid summer. The purpose of the retreat will be to find ways of strengthening capacities of APHA caucuses. He also received the needs assessment survey, which he intends to circulate among the executive committee members after working on the response to the survey along with Alek. Only one response can be submitted on behalf of APIC.

Harry also updated that Alek, chair elect of APIC, was selected to be in the advisory group, which is not formally finalized, thus, information will come along as the things get materialized.

Harry also updated that he submitted three nominations for leadership positions of APHA board and committees on behalf of APIC, out of which, two of the nominees were finally selected.

Policy chair-Mona-absent-no update.

Treasurer-Domin updated that as of April 18, 2011, there was a total balance of 8484.00. She is looking for 2007 budget breakdown and will work on that.

Membership chair-Jay –absent- no update.

Student representative - Felice-No update.

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Communication chair- Elena updated that Jamie put a package together for communication plan. She mentioned about the conference call of the work group on communication. She stated that by October of 2011, the work group will come up with website. She is also thinking of working on APIC blog page.

Invited-Anne of EHOC updated that EHOC is working on a letter of support to Georges, APHA chair, asking for a discount on the cost of exhibit for special populations such as APIC during the APHA events.

III. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Luceli, **Program Chair**, updated:

- All accepted abstracts have been assigned sessions.
- All sessions have been assigned time slots.
- There are a total of 6 oral sessions: 3 on Monday and 3 on Tuesday, each with four presenters.
- There are 3 poster sessions, each with 10 posters.
- Abstract submitters will hear from APHA by June 1st.
- She will start looking for moderator starting June; will draft a letter to request moderators.
- Luceli is thinking of using non-APIC members as moderators because the APIC executive committee members are all busy during conference with specific tasks assigned to them.
- Harry suggested that brief worksheet worked fine last year.
- Luceli mentioned that August 15 will be final program deadline; late abstract – August 12 and letter to pre register –July 29th.

Finalized oral session titles:

- I. Hepatitis B: A Community Health Problem and a Community Solution
- II. Identities, Institutions and Investments: Social Determinants of Healthy Asian & Pacific Islander Communities
- III. Advocacy and Policies for Change in Asian and Pacific Islander Communities
- IV. Deconstructing Differences and Disruptive Discrimination: Social Etiologies and Opportunities for Change
- V. What Box? Innovative Research and Practice Methodologies
- VI. Grey Matter: Examining Mental Health in Asian and Pacific Islander Communities

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IV. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Vishnu, **Secretary**, updated that a call for nominations for the executive positions was drafted and revised incorporating the feedback from all members. The call will be sent out to list serve on May 19th.

Domin suggested that the incoming treasurer may need to be ready to serve for more than two years because of the fact that it takes some time to understand the budget issues.

Also suggested to change the wording in call for nominations.

Elena raised a question about the participation of new executive members of APIC asking if someone can send surrogate to attend the APIC planning retreat that will be conducted during APHA conference.

Overall suggestion was to be explicit in the call for nominations about the need of attending the APIC planning retreat during APHA conference.

V. SOCIAL RECEPTION PLANNING

Harry updated that there is now a social reception committee that includes Jamie, Mona, Alek, Lily and Harry. The committee will be working on planning the event while addressing key priorities:

- Key note speaker,
- Will have conference call next week.

VI. OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need to work on:

- Work plan for APIC for APHA event.
- **Next call:** Friday, June 10 at 1 PM EST
- **Call adjourned at 2:01pm EST.**