

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

Date	September 09, 2011	
Time	1:00 pm EST	
Attendees		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harry Kwon	<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Arayasirikul	<input type="checkbox"/> Lily Divino
<input checked="" 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: Perry, Doug, Corina, Aimee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mona Bormet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Domin Chan	

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chair-Harry welcomed all attending the conference call. Incoming officers, Doug Hirano, Corina Chung and Perry Chan and Aimee were attending the call as invitee.

II. OFFICER UPDATES

Chair- Harry mentioned that there were no any specific updates at this point but would discuss other issues as we move forward with the call agenda.

Chair-Elect-Alek reminded everyone to respond to the doodle request that he sent earlier regarding he APIC retreat date.

Policy chair-Mona shared that policy wise and health issue wise - Congress is back, but for now the focus is on Appropriations. She will let all know if any action alerts go out regarding ways to take action. The super committee has been meeting however more focus will be on Senate Appropriation as September is a big time month for Senate Appropriators.

Program Chair-Elect-Luceli updated that a reminder about the responsibilities was sent to all moderators, as they received an email communication from APHA, recently.

Secretary, Vishnu updated that he is working on formatting the previous conference call minutes and communicate with Harry and Alek before sending for website posting.

Treasurer-Domin updated that she communicated with the incoming treasurer (Perry Chan) about the transfer of responsibilities.

Membership Chair-Jay was absent. Harry updated that he along with Chair-Elect will be taking the role of membership-Chair until the incoming membership chair is on board officially to take care of the operation of membership related issues.

Communication Chair-Elena thanked Jamie for doing a fabulous job on revamping the APIC website.

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Student representative - Felice- updated that she will be sending the abstract for review soon. She also updated that she is working on logistics for young student breakfast session. She mentioned that the topic of the breakfast session is a bit long but would not have any implications. She is currently looking for speakers for the breakfast session and is hopeful that some of the executive committee members can fill that gap.

Caucus Councilor-Kawika-Absent.

Caucus Councilor- Jamie-updated that she is almost done with the new website. Currently, there is a draft of website and some technical issues are being monitored. Will let all know once the website is ready to go public soon. Harry thanked Jamie for her work on website.

Caucus Councilor- Lily – Absent.

III. AWARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Secretary- Vishnu updated that four nominations were received so far for the community recognition award. The due date for submission of nomination is Sept 9.

Regarding the best student abstract, Felice is taking lead and we are about to start the abstract review process.

Regarding the best paper award, we will be sending a call for nomination soon.

IV. APHA CAUCUS RETREAT UPDATE

Caucus Councilor- Jamie updated that she attended the two day long APHA strategic Planning retreat at the end of August. The retreat was well attended by various caucus representatives. Two key ideas discussed during the retreat were 1) caucus collaborative and 2) communication issues. APHA will be providing a summary of the Caucus Retreat discussions around Sept 15. This will be shared with the group as well

V. UPCOMING TASKS: APHA PREPARATION & TRANSITION TASKS

- o Harry asked all to review the upcoming tasks document that he circulated recently and asked all to do their preparatory task as listed in the document.

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VI. OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luceli asked a question about a request recently received by APIC regarding the arrangement of room. Harry and Domin suggested that they would follow up on that request.

✓ **Next call:** Friday, October 14 at 1 PM EST

✓ **Call adjourned at** 1:46 pm EST.