

Caucus Accomplishments 2010 to 2011

Membership

- Asian Pacific Islander Caucus (APIC) Membership increased by 15% from 2010 to 2011 to over 400 individual members, a new milestone.

Scientific Program

- In 2010, APIC was awarded 10 scientific sessions (6 oral sessions, 3 poster sessions, 1 roundtable session) at the 2010 APHA meeting in Denver.
- In 2011, APIC will host 9 scientific sessions (6 oral sessions and 3 poster sessions) at the APHA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
- In 2011, APIC reviewed the entire APHA scientific programming and endorsed 50 scientific sessions hosted by other APHA sections, caucuses, and SPIGS.
- Many APIC members participated in the review of scientific abstracts.

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Leadership Recognition and Development

- At the 2010 Annual Meeting, APIC recognized leaders in Asian and Pacific Islander Health.
- At the 2010 Social Reception, we had a turnout of over 80 participants, one of the largest APIC receptions ever held.
- Mr. Ignatius Bau, Health Policy Consultant & Former Program Officer at the California Endowment, delivered the keynote speech at the APIC Social Reception. In addition, Dr. DJ Ida, Executive Director of the National Asian American and Pacific Islander Mental Health Association, provided opening remarks.
- At the 2010 Social Reception, APIC also presented the annual Best Published Paper Award to Dr. Ranjita Misra and the Best Student Abstract Award to Aisha Siddiqui.
- In 2010, APIC participated as an ex-officio (non-voting) member on the APHA Governing Council.
- APIC formerly signed and submitted a Memorandum of Understanding outlining APIC's relationship with APHA.
- APIC participated in the APHA Caucus Strategic Planning retreat supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- In 2010-2011, APIC nominated and supported the following candidates for APHA leadership positions:
 - Simona Kwon: APHA Advocacy Board
 - Julia Liou: APHA Committee on Bylaws
 - Sora Park Tanjasiri: APHA Equal Health Opportunity Committee
- APIC also supported nominees from other APHA sections, SPIGS, Caucuses, and Affiliates including:
 - Ann Umemoto (nominated by CHPPD)—Committee on Women's Rights
 - Paul Meissner (nominated by CHPPD)—Executive Board
 - Stanton Wolf (nominated by CHPPD)—Education Board
 - Apryl Brown (nominated by CHPPD)—Education Board

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Mentorship and Opportunities

- APIC hosted a Student Mentorship and Young Professional Networking Breakfast at the 2010 APHA Annual Meeting. Approximately 50 students and young professionals from diverse backgrounds representing a broad range of APHA affiliates attended the event titled: *What does social justice mean to you? How can one rise to the occasion and lead in social justice efforts?*
- In 2010-2011, APIC members participated in a number of opportunities to review scientific abstracts, serve as moderators, and participate in special reviews.

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Communications

- The APIC website (www.apicaucus.org) was redesigned and provides the most up-to-date information on caucus activities and APHA news.
- Since the 2010 APHA Annual Meeting, over 200 messages were distributed to the APIC listserv community via the APIC listserv.

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Policy

- APIC reviewed and submitted comments with support of specific 2011 APHA Proposed Policy Statements on housing, global health, and immigration policy as it related to public health, social determinants, and health disparities.
- APIC forwarded Action Alerts on a variety of health policy issues to members.
- APIC provided and signed-on to letters to Congress, government agencies and other Asian and Pacific Islander (API) serving organizations in support for legislation and initiatives that foster API health and health care. Select examples include:
 - Dec 2010-- CLAS Standards: Comments on Existing National Standards for the Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health Care.
 - June 2011-- AB 1088: Data to Reflect the Diversity of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (CA).
 - June 2011--Community sign on letter to support the introduction of the Viral Hepatitis Screening and Testing legislation in the U.S. House and Senate.
 - July 2011-- Consensus statement drafted by the Health Equity and Accountability Act (HEAA) Community group to address health disparities and advance health equity.
 - July 2011-- Letter to Congress regarding threats to cut the Medicaid program in the budget negotiations.
 - July 2011--Letter of Support of SB 71 to Senator Akaka.
 - September 2011-- Letter to Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction from Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Community.
 - September 2011--Letter of support of AB 1088: Data on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (CA)

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Partnerships

APIC would like to thank the key partners that supported program activities in 2010-2011:

Annual Endowment:

- NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health
- B Free CEED—National Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Hepatitis B Disparities

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Leadership Circle:

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- Center for Asian Health, Temple University
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

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- Asian American Health Initiative, Maryland
- UCSF Vietnamese Community Health Promotion Program
- National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association

Within APHA, APIC works closely with a number of sections, caucuses, and SPIGs as well as APHA governance to support and participate in each other's scientific sessions, meetings/events, and policy activities, particularly pertaining to issues of social justice and health equity across communities of color.