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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 4:30pm

McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12<sup>th</sup> floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk\*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

- Accepted 3/9/2016 meeting minutes
- Corrections are to be made. Chris motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Mabel. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Item #2 - Introduction of new commissioners: Pralhad KC

- Commissioner Pralhad KC was appointed by the Governor. He is a Consul General of Nepal. He is also a Commissioner of ORI (Refugee Program) and worked for the State Department

Item #3 - Executive Director's monthly report:

- 1) Last month's primary focus was on Asian Traditional Medicine (Registration form created, and flyer was posted to all social media and email blast was sent)
- 2) AAPI Mental Health Forum (Contract signed)
- 3) Unity Dinner (Website updated, Email blast sent, VIP's, Scholarship Package, Eventbrite registration created and shared with all Commissioners)
- 4) Resource: Prepared for two resource fairs (Lowell and Lynn)
- 5) *Meetings and Events:*
  - Met with Alayna Van Tassel, Deputy Treasurer
  - Site Visit to South Cove
  - Attended Equal PAY DAY (April 12<sup>th</sup>) both at the Omni Place and the State House

Item# 4 - Elisa gave an overview of the written Executive Committee Report.

Item # 5 - Subcommittee update on the Unity Dinner:

- Sophy reported the Sponsorship on-line form was completed and published on the website
- ALL Commissioners were asked to secure sponsorships and to assist with ticket sales
- All Commissioner were responsible for contacting three potential sponsors
- Discussions on inviting VIP's (Governor, Treasurer, Auditor, and etc.)
- Confirmed speakers: Boston City Council President Michelle Wu, Former Mayor of Fitchburg Lisa Wong, and Founder of Mass Challenge Mr. Akhil Nigam
- Unity Dinner planning meeting will be every Wednesdays, 6 – 7pm
- Each Commissioner will be asked to purchase 2 tickets to the Unity Dinner. Ticket price is \$100 per ticket.

Item # 6 - Discussion and approval of the following policies:

- Policy #1 for AAC logo use (Chris motioned to accept policy #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay and motion approved)
- Policy #2 for citation requests to the AAC (Chris motioned to accept policy #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay and motion approved)
- Policy #3 for AAC sponsorships (financial support from AAC) – Wingkey suggested to remove “for provisional decision” from policy, suggestion accepted and language removed. Pralhad motioned to accept policy #3 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mable, and motion approved



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- Policy #4 for AAC support of community organizations' fundraising (also removed "for provisional decision"), Kay motioned to accept policy #4, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris and motion approved

Item # 7 - The June 2016 Commission meeting date has been changed to Friday, June 10, from 4pm-5pm. Location will be at the Immigrant Learning Center (ILC) 442 Main Street, Malden, Massachusetts, 02148. Following the June 10th Commission meeting (4pm-5pm), there will be a Commissioner's Appreciation event from 5pm-7pm. This will be a festive opportunity to celebrate and network with other current and former Commissioners.

Item # 8 – Elisa reported on AAC Health and Human Services Committee event on Traditional Asian Medicine with a Community Listening Session in Quincy, MA - Saturday April 30, 2016, 9am-12pm - We have Representative Chan, Representative Wong, Quincy City Councilor Nina Liang, as confirmed event attendees for the Community Listening Session

Item # 9 – Tabled to next meeting

Item # 10 - AAC Resource Fair and Khmer New Year celebration in Lynn, MA - Saturday April 30, 2016. ED (Bora) would appreciate assistance from any Commissioners who can also attend this event, for even a portion of the time.

Item #11 – Elisa reported out from meeting with Director of Problem Gambling. We've made great connection with the Director and the AAC concerns will be made a priority. Discussion will be on-going.

We are playing key role in two upcoming events:

- A Breakfast Celebrating the Asian Small Business Communities of Massachusetts" – May 16, 2016 – Secured Treasurer for the event, offering opening remarks, and Nick will be on a panel
- We are a sponsor of the Seventh Annual Asian American & Pacific Islander Mental Health Forum, "Weaving Our Many Identities into Well-Being", on Friday May 20, 2016

### Announcements:

-All subcommittee chairs are asked to submit written report to ED (Bora) prior to each Monthly Meeting

- For all Commissioners who are invited to any speaking engagement, in your role as Commissioner, and/or to represent the AAC, it is requested that you contact Bora, and the Executive Officers, as soon as possible, upon learning about your invitation to speak.

- Guidelines for communications among Commissioners: Requests to promote/publicize/support non-Commission community organization fundraisers by Commissioners:

- Individual Commissioners may NOT publicize such fundraising events via any official or formal AAC channels (not on AAC website or AAC social media, not on AAC meeting agendas or minutes, may NOT ask the AAC Executive Director to publicize this to the rest of the Commission, may NOT utilize the AAC "All Commissioner" mailing list).
- Individual Commissioners, using non-AAC email accounts, can reach out, on a personal basis, to other individual Commissioners (not using any AAC email accounts) to inform about such fundraising events.

**Meeting adjourned!**