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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 4:30pm
McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor

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

Item #1: Accepted October minutes

Item #2: Executive Director report:

- Focused on AAPI Civil Rights Forum with AAC panel and logistics
- Followed-up with appointing authorities for new Commissioners
- Focused on Unity Dinner contract
- Support with ED hiring and prepped orientation and training

Item #3: See written report submitted by Elisa Choi

- Chairperson Elisa Choi gave a recap of her written report

Item #4: Commissioner appointment update

- Governor appointed Mary Chin, Executive Director of AACA, to AAC
- Auditor has narrowed her search and has a top candidate.
- AAC Executive Committee met with House Speaker's office and Attorney General's office

Item #5: Unity Dinner (UD) update

- Vote to ratify Commissioner Chung Liu as new co-chair, motion passed.
- Need another Commissioner to co-chair the UD committee

Item #6 – Review Conflict of Interest Law - Chairperson Elisa Choi shared three examples of potential conflict of interest. Recommended all members of the AAC proactively contact the Ethics Commission for discussion of any questions regarding COI Law

Item 7 – Newsletter Committee update – Commissioner Sophy Theam, editor of the AAC Newsletter, reported that we will send out a third edition before the year end. Commissioners support on the content will be needed.

Item # 8: Discussion of Commission Election of Officers. Task has been delegated to a working group to come up with an amendment to the AAC by-laws to revise the timing of the Commission Election of Officers.

Item # 9: Update from the AAC ED hiring committee:

- Commissioner Ivy Ho represented the AAC ED hiring committee's recommendation and a full discussion followed with a new motion.
- Motion to direct the AAC ED hiring committee to offer Jenny



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Chiang as an Interim Executive Director subject to salary negotiation with a cap of \$46,000 with a 3-month review and a 6-month review after hiring date. Motion passed.

Item #10 Subcommittee updates:

- Unity Dinner/Fundraiser – Save the date: Thursday, May 3rd, 2018
- PR/Legislation – Deferred.
- Finance/Admin – Motion to approve \$2000 for professional fees and to allow Executive Officers to increase if necessary. Motions passed with abstaining Commissioner Gilbert Ho and Commissioner Wingkay Leung
- Health and Human Services – Report about a successful Advocacy Day at the State House that focused on AAPI health disparities
- Young Leaders Symposium – Nothing to report currently.
- Economic Development – Deferred.

11. Old business:

Update on Problem Gambling Initiatives – Deferred.

12. New Business:

Debrief of AAPRI Civil Rights Forum – Deferred.

Debrief of Advocacy Day – Deferred. Report of the Advocacy Day provided from the HHS Committee update.

13. Next Commission meeting: Commission meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month, next meeting is December 13, 2017.

14. Other Community updates

15. Meeting adjourned