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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Asian American Civic Association, 87 Tyler St, Boston, MA 02111

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

1. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2019 – **VOTE**
 - Accepted meeting minutes. Ivy abstains
2. Executive Committee Report (Pralhad, 10 mins)
 - Pralhad provided an overview of the Executive Committee report
 - Pralhad met with Asian Caucus and state legislators to introduce AAC
 - Asian Caucus plans to meet with AAC in the near future
 - Proposal to look into Governor's Black Advisory Commission and Latino Advisory Commission
3. Subcommittee updates (if any): max time 3 mins each
 - Legislation Committee
 - Ratification of Nate as Chair of the Legislation committee
 - PR Committee (Mary L., Chair)
 - Mary provided overview of proposal for performing arts tournament to celebrate Asian American heritage month
 - Mary has secured support from Rep. Chan, various volunteers and community organizations
 - Discussion on scheduling conflict with Unity Dinner date and competing events in May
 - Discussion on alignment with AAC's mission and retreat outcomes
 - Discussion to expand arts component
 - Motion to advance tournament proposal to proceed in 2020 – Mabel seconds, Motion passed - **VOTE**
 - Unity Dinner/Fundraiser (Anil, Pralhad, & Vanna, Co-Chairs)
 - Awardees
 - o Leadership for Inclusion & Diversity: Saffron Circle
 - o Community Hero: Bhutanese Society of Western Massachusetts
 - o Lifetime Achievement: Prof. Jean Wu, Tufts University
 - o Motion to proceed with awardees selected by the awards committee as written above – motion passed
 - Sponsorship
 - o Commissioner support is needed to help with sponsorship
 - o Jenny will send all Commissioners spreadsheet of current sponsorship tracking
 - o Commissioners are asked to support the dinner by purchasing 2 tickets or helping secure 1 table.



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Finance/Admin (Chung, Chair)

- Chung will work with A to look into Black and Latino Commissions

Health and Human Services (Ivy, Chair)

- HHS will focus on problem gambling
- Ivy attended a health conference during the last meeting

Young Leaders Symposium (Kim & Nina, Co-Chairs)

- Deferred for subsequent discussion

Economic Development (Mary C., Chair)

- Mary attended a conference call with Irene from East West Bank and reiterated concern that AAC cannot promote East West Bank in upcoming program

4. Strategic Planning (Kim & Nate, 15 mins)

- Strategic planning proposal presented by the previous retreat facilitator, Heang had been circulated to the full Commission
- Nate and Kim are drafting a counter proposal to Heang for budgetary reasons as well as allowing AAC to take more initiative in the plan
- Proposal to keep strategic planning an internal effort

5. Old business

6. New Business

7. Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, April 10, 2019

8. Other Community updates & Meeting adjourned



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