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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2nd floor, Boston, MA 02116

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

1. Accepted previous minutes for August 2018
2. Executive Committee Report
  - Wingkay provided an overview of the Executive Committee Report
3. Commissioner Applications Update
  - Appointing Authorities vary in term ending dates
  - Resolution to allow all Commissioners terms to remain intact until the end of the calendar year, December 31 - Motion passed, Gilbert, Pralhad, & Wingkay abstain
4. Bylaw Changes
  - Proposal to vote on changing AAC elections at the November meeting
  - Bylaws Article 8 – Officers #2: Vira moves to strike out “first meeting of the calendar year” and replace with “December meeting to begin service the following calendar year”
  - Discussion to create Ad-Hoc: Nomination process/procedure prior to elections
5. Boston Asian American Film Festival
  - Motion to reissue check for \$1000 in place of uncashed check from 2016 – Motion passed
6. Request from Professor Richard Chu, UMass Amherst
  - Proposal to support funding graduate assistant to work with Professor Richard Chu for Fall Semester and Spring Semester totaling \$6000
    - Look into COI issues – applications need to be open to public
    - EC to circulate proposal to full Commission
    - Tabled for further discussion
7. PR/Legislation Committee Updates
  - SEARAC is willing to provide up to \$2000 in funding
  - Loan provided overview of budget expenses
  - Motion to approve up to \$2000 from AAC funds for Advocacy Day – Motion passed
  - Changes from last meeting:
    - Phitsamay Uy, UMass Lowell will represent SEARAC as Keynote
    - MA Voter Table will conduct training/facilitation rather than SEARAC
    - SEARAC will continue to provide logistical support



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## 8. Subcommittee updates (if any): max time 3 mins each

Unity Dinner/Fundraiser

- No updates to report

Finance/Admin

- Provided overview of August – September expenses

Health and Human Services

- No updates to report

Young Leaders Symposium

- No updates to report

Economic Development

- Committee recently met with Nam Pham to discuss opportunities

## 9. Old business

## 10. New Business

## 11. Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, November 14

## 12. Other Community updates & Meeting adjourned

## **AAC Executive Committee Report – Wednesday October 10, 2018**

Submitted by Chairperson, Wingkay Leung and Executive Director, Jenny Chiang – Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission.

The following activities and discussions have been made by Commissioners and ED since the report on August 8, 2018.

- 1) **Tax exempt status update** – on September 12, 2018, the AAC received reinstatement of tax exempt status from the IRS (retroactive from date of revocation - May 15, 2017).
- 2) **UMass Amherst Asian American Film Festival** – The AAC Executive Committee has agreed to support the film festival organized by the UMass Yuri Kochiyama Center for \$500.
- 3) **Boston Asian American Film Festival** – The AAC Executive Committee has agreed to support the film festival for \$500.  
Sponsorship includes:  
AAC event title sponsor for the film, “Nailed It”, two complimentary tickets to opening day on 10/18, two complimentary tickets to the screening of “Nailed It” on 10/26, one on screen message (that will rotate prior to each show during the festival), one half page program book ad.
- 4) **MGM Meeting** – Commissioners, Wingkay Leung, Vira Douangmany Cage, and Chung Liu met with MGM Springfield HR Director. Another meeting is being set up to meet with their Marketing Director.
- 5) **AAC Emails and Business Cards** – AAC will be working to provide all Commissioners AAC emails and business cards. Reinstated tax-exemption has allowed AAC to provide an unlimited number of free email accounts using the AAC domain.
- 6) **AAC Retreat** – The AAC held its annual retreat on Saturday, September 15, 2018. The Executive Committee debriefed with the retreat facilitator, Heang Ly to discuss outcomes and next steps.
- 7) **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Leaders Symposium** – The AAC held its 7<sup>th</sup> annual YLS on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The YLS planning efforts were led by Co-Chairs, Kimberly Truong and Nina Liang.
- 8) **AAC Scholarship** – The AAC presented scholarships of \$1000 to Cindy Tao, UMass Boston, \$500 to Michelle Nguyen, UMass Lowell, and \$250 to Julia Mei, Northeastern University. The additional funds of \$500 and \$250 were committed by Commissioner Mabel Lam. Thank you to the scholarship selection committee, Jenny Chiang, Elisa Choi, Nina Liang, Kimberly Truong, and AAC volunteer, Philjay Solar for reviewing applications.

9) **Asian American & Pacific Islander Civil Rights Forum, Friday, October 26 (8am – 3:15pm)** – AAC is in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year within the 5 year MOU in planning the forum. Commissioner, Elisa Choi and Executive Director, Jenny Chiang will be moderating panels. Chairperson, Wingkay Leung will give closing remarks.

10) **Advocacy Day** - Held 2 external Advocacy Day partners meetings to set the event agenda and format. One more external meeting is scheduled.

11) **Upcoming Community Events**

a. **Boston Asian American Film Festival**

October 18-26

Brattle Theatre, Paramount Theatre

b. **AAPI Civil Rights Forum**

Friday, October 26, 9am – 3:15pm

Federal Reserve Plaza, 600 Atlantic Ave, Boston, MA

c. **Eastern Bank Social Justice Celebration**

Monday, October 29, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Sheraton Hotel Boston

d. **AAC Advocacy Day**

Thursday, November 15, 10am – 4pm

MA State House, Great Hall