



**ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunar New Year Celebration & Conference**  
**Hosted by the Vietnamese American Community**  
**February 23, 2013 \* Hyatt Regency O'Hare**  
**9:00 A.M. to Midnight**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO  
April 12, 2012

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago was held at Lee Wing Wah Restaurant, 2147 S. China Place, Chicago, Illinois, on the 12th day of April, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Present were:

Suchitra Surapiboonchai, Chair  
John Miller, Secretary  
C. W. Chan  
Rashid Chaudary  
Dr. Nguyen-Trung Hieu  
Prem Lalvani  
Rajinder Mago  
Saddrudin Noorani  
Paul Park  
Kay Rho  
Martino Tangkar  
Poxie Xumsai  
Paul Lee, guest

Ms. Surapiboonchai called the meeting to order.

There was a discussion of alternatives to the Indonesia community hosting the 2014 AACC Conference and Celebration. Mr. Tangkar reported there was a conflict with events arranged at the same time as the Indonesian national elections. Dr. Hieu stated he would discuss the matter with the Japanese community.

The Chair reminded members to pay their \$100 dues. The Chair also reported on the transfer of \$1500 from the Thai community to the AACC treasury. The Chair also urged board members to be in attendance at board meetings.

The Chair passed the gavel to Dr. Hieu for the 2012-2013 term.

Dr. Hieu graciously accepted the responsibility of President of the AACC Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 term, and said that it was a great honor for him to serve this prestigious Pan Asian organization for the 4<sup>th</sup> time during the 30 years of its history. He cordially invited Board members of all Asian American communities of Chicagoland to work with him to support the 30<sup>th</sup> AACC Lunar New Year Celebration and Conference scheduled for February 23, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare.



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The Chair announced Atty. John Miller would serve as Legal Counsel and Secretary for the Board, and Ms. Donna Robbins, a Vice President of Chase Bank (10 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago), would serve as joint Secretary (or Secretary pro tem) when Mr. Miller cannot attend Board meetings. Dr. Hieu also appointed Doug M. Nguyen to lead the 30<sup>th</sup> AACC Lunar New Year Celebration and Conference. Mr. Nguyen is a young Vietnamese leader who currently serves as Deputy Communication Director for the Social Security Administration's Chicago Region).

The Chair distributed a proposed schedule for upcoming planning meetings as follows:

**Schedule of Planning Committee Meetings for the  
30<sup>th</sup> AACC Celebration and Conference**  
*All meetings to be held at 6:30 p.m. – Hyatt Regency O'Hare*

- 1<sup>st</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **September 26, 2012**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **October 31, 2012**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **November 28, 2012**
- 4<sup>th</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **December 19, 2012**
- 5<sup>th</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **January 16, 2013**
- 6<sup>th</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **February 6, 2013**
- 7<sup>th</sup> AACC Planning Committee Meeting: **February 20, 2013**

Dr. Hieu also announced that plans for the 30<sup>th</sup> AACC event include:

**1. Morning program**

- APA Conference on Education
- APA Senior Health Fair

**2. Afternoon program**

- Interfaith Prayer for Peace and Prosperity
- APA Youth Job Fair

**3. Evening program**

- APA Community Political Forum
- 30<sup>th</sup> AACC Lunar New Year Banquet

**4. Night program**

- "Dancing with the Vietnamese" Performance

Dr. Hieu said this program arrangement conformed to the way the Vietnamese community had conducted the AACC Lunar New Year Celebrations and Conferences in 1989, 1997, and 2005 and will be followed again in 2013.



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**Schedule of the AACC Board of Directors Meetings**  
*To be held at 6:30 p.m. – 5110 N. Broadway Ave., Chicago*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting: **Review & revise AACC policies (Oct. 3, 2012)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting: **Review & revise AACC guidelines (Dec. 5, 2012)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting: **Review & revise AACC awards criteria (Jan. 9, 2013)**
- Other special Board meetings to be announced.

On behalf of the AACC, Dr. Hieu thanked Ms. Suchitra Surapiboonchai for her generous time and service. He congratulated Suchitra on a job well done.

Paul Park discussed the political situation in light of Mayor Emanuel's election and introduced Paul Lee, Esq (Cook County Board of Review). Mr. Lee said it might be possible after the NATO summit to arrange a meeting with the Mayor. Mr. Lee stated that economic matters now took priority in city government, and the AACC should prepare an economic agenda to show how Asian communities can participate in and contribute to the economic goals of the City of Chicago.

Dr. Hieu thanked everyone for comming and adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Miller, Secretary