



ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO

30th Annual Lunar New Year Celebration & Conference

February 23, 2013 * Hyatt Regency O'Hare * 9:00 A.M. to Midnight

*Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Community * 1983 - 2013*

First AACC Planning Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. – September 26, 2012

Hyatt Regency O'Hare – Heathrow A & B

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Host Community (Vietnamese)

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| Doug Nguyen | Luan Nguyen | Joseph Tran |
| Dr. Hieu | Nghia Mai | Maria Nha Tran |
| Phuoc Carter Mai | Theresa Tu Tran | |

Secretary

Donna Robbins

Guest(s)

CC Chan (Hartford Ins. Co.)

Chinese Community

Irene Cualoping

Filipino Community

Lourdes Mon

Indian Community

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| Prem Lalvani | Ravi Deva | Raj Mago |
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Japanese Community

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| Megan Nakano | Ron Yoshino | Karen Kanemoto |
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Korean Community

Paul Park

Pakistani Community

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| Rashid Chaudary | Sadruddin Noorani | |
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Thai Community

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| Hon Bannapradist | Ora Sangkam | Cherdkiat Sangkam |
| Tippi Lee | Vallapa Kongsri | Nick Bannapradist |

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Nguyen.

After roll call, introductions of the host committee were made by Dr. Hieu.

The AACC 2013 Chair is Doug Nguyen. Vallapa Kongsri from the Thai Community (2012 Host Community) and Megan Nakano from the Japanese Community (2013 Host Community) were named Honorary Chairs. AACC Co-Chairs are Nghia Mai (Membership Services/Support), Luan Nguyen (External Affairs/Budget), and Khanh Tran (Internal Affairs/Administration). The AACC Committee Chairs and AACC Committee Co-Chairs are yet to be determined.



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Program overview was provided by Doug Nguyen and Dr. Hieu. The focus of the program is the celebration of three decades of sustained services of the Asian American Coalition. It will be a full day of activities... "From dawn to dusk". The morning program will begin with a keynote speaker, Secretary of Education at 9:00 a.m. then a health fair until 1:00 p.m. Families/Individuals will be provided bus transportation for the health fair. Lunch will be provided in the Grand Ballroom. There will be a job fair and a business expo in the afternoon starting at 1:00 p.m. There will be educational sessions from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with University Presidents and workshops from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – U.S. Dept. of Commerce on Global Business and Community Involvement for Next Generation. Unity Prayers will also be taking place at 4:00 p.m. From 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., preparation/setup outside the Grand Ballroom. The celebration and dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Hieu said the above program is tentative and subject to change, pending on budget and confirmation of guest speakers.

Questions were brought to the floor... Is there a theme for the educational session? How will the individuals know if they would like to attend the session if they don't have any idea what will be discussed? It should be of interest to many such as financial challenges to attend colleges/universities. Who will be the backup to the keynote speaker if he is unable to attend? Doug said we are working on it.

Volunteer information sheets were handed out. Volunteers were solicited to serve on various committees such as Awards, Banquet Program, Program Book, Exhibits, Ticket Sales, and Sponsorship/Fundraising. The volunteer information sheets were collected at the end of the meeting. More solicitation will be had at the next meeting.

Luan Nguyen remarked on the status of the budget/fundraising. At this time, no funds have been raised. Doug Nguyen stated that 71 letters were sent and no responses have been received. Other members were attending meetings this evening to solicit sponsorship from the casinos. This is something that has not been done in the past but there seems to be interest from the casinos. Dr. Hieu expects to hear from American Family Insurance this week as to how much they will be willing to contribute. C.C. Chan indicated that she will be meeting with AARP and individuals from Hartford Ins. to discuss the sponsorship. There is commitment but she is unable to provide the information at this time.

Dr. Hieu covered policies of the AACC for the Host Community and Team Work... respect for, listen to, support of, and celebrate with the Host Community; welcome new ideas/suggestions, consider all, honor all and inform all.

The proposed theme was unveiled...

- Celebrating 3 Decades of Unified Leadership and Sustained Service
- Celebrating 30 Years of Service to Community
- Three Decades of Leading and Serving
- 30 Years: Making Every Second Count

Additional suggestions...

- 30 Years: Then and Now
- The Time is Now
- 3 Decades: Spirit of Unity
- 30 Years of Unity and Counting
- 30 Years of Empowerment
- 30 Years and Going Strong
- 30 Years: Strength in Unity



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The host committee will meet before the next meeting to decide the theme.

Ticket Sales

- The price per ticket will remain the same as last year. \$80 per ticket - \$800 per table/10 per table.
- Checks should be made payable to AACC 2013
- Table selection will take place at the next meeting.
- For the first line of tables, each community will have 1 table except the host community will have 2 tables.
- Each community will be limited to 2 tables each round.

Hyatt room rate: \$89 per night regardless of which evening and length of stay (1 night or 1 week).

When making the reservation, indicate that you are part of the AACC.

Ideas and suggestions were solicited.

- Lourdes Mon: Congratulations to Vietnamese Host Committee on successfully selecting of a young generation leader -- Doug Nguyen -- to lead the 2013 AACC event. We all wish him all the best.
- Dr. Hieu: Thanks Mrs. Mon and our AACC leaders for your continued support. Without your thoughtful assistance and suggestions at meetings, this event could not be possible.
- Paul Park: We are delighted to know that Japanese community will host this AACC gala in 2014. We appreciate Dr. Hieu's efforts in bringing Asians together, including Japanese community back to lead this significant event twice (in 2012 and 1996).
- Rashid Chaudary: (Comment from AACC Membership Info) Good Start. Good luck for the Vietnamese Community to host the event on 23rd Feb., 2013. It looks like we are really doing something good for our communities this year. I feel we are going beyond just having the dinner only. Good Luck.

Meeting dates were provided.

Announcements:

- Prem Lalvani - Indian Community providing (25th Anniversary) Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day at Truman College – we need your support.
- Irene Cualaluping - Chicago Sinfonietta Tickets – 20% discount – see Irene for additional information. She also still has bookmarks from last year.
- Lourdes Mon – 11th year honoring Asian American Families on 11/18/2012 at the Four Points Sheraton O'Hare.
- Nick Bannapradist - Tammy Duckworth running for Congresswoman for District 8 against Joe Walsh... we need your support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. – Hyatt Regency O'Hare.

Minutes prepared by Donna Robbins, 2013 AACC Secretary

Minutes were unanimously approved at the 2nd AACC Planning Committee meeting on October 24, 2012 at Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois.