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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 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 8/10/2016 and 9/14/2016 meeting minutes

Item #2 Executive Director (ED) – Monthly Report

- Focused on upcoming events: Sent out press release, worked on programs, website updates, email blasts, biographies, sponsorship forms, sponsorship ad and attended all planning committee meetings:
 - Young Leaders Symposium
 - Asian American Civil Rights Forum
 - Asian Traditional Medicine at Lowell General Hospital
- Coordinated meetings with appointing authorities for appointments and re-appointments of Commissioners
- Participated in call with GMACC on October 6, 2016

Item #3 Written Executive Committee Report

- Please refer to the detailed written Executive Committee Report submitted by Elisa Choi

Item #4 Term Limits by-law amendment vote

- Elisa read new proposed by-law amendment to Term Limits
 - Proposed Amendment: No Commissioner shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms, except if any Commissioner is appointed for an initial term of less than 3 years, then such Commissioner may serve the remainder of their initial term followed by up to two consecutive successive terms, but not to exceed a total term of service duration of 2 consecutive 3 year terms, or 6 years. Commissioners shall apply for reappointment via the application process detailed in Article V of the By-Laws. Commissioners who leave the Commission for any reason may be eligible for reappointment to the Commission after two years.
- Uyen-sa motioned to approve the proposed by-law amendment, second by Dimple. Motion passed.

Item #5 Commissioners Expectations and Responsibilities

- Discussed Commissioners' role and responsibilities
- Discussed Code of Conduct, which stipulates that Commissioners participate in at least 75% of the monthly meetings
- Actively participate in the work of their committees, and attend AAC events
- Recommendation: All commissioners should sign the Code of Conduct every year
- Elisa made an appeal to all Commissioners to attend upcoming events



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Item #6 Unity Dinner, May26th @BU

- Vira is the new chair for Unity Dinner
- Venue is secured and deposit has been made
- Every Commissioner will be expected to support the efforts of the Unity Dinner planning committee, either as a formal member of the committee, or to assist with sponsorships and other outreach

Item 7: Subcommittee Updates

- Unity Dinner 2017
 - We discussed theme
 - Send your suggested "tagline" or "theme" for the 2017 Unity Dinner to Vira and Bora
- Program – Healthcare Subcommittee
 - See below about upcoming events
- Program – Young Leaders Symposium
 - Event on October 15th, still couple of seats available for commissioners, email Bora if you are interested in attending
 - \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded at the symposium;
 - Jennifer Tran is the recipient of the 1st AAC scholarship

Item #8: Tuft MPH Medical project with AAC

- Discussed the possibility of taking on Tuft MPH medical student for a special project internship

Item #9: New business APPI Civil Rights Forum

- Bora encouraged commissioners to share AAPI Civil Rights Forum event with their contacts/network
- We have posted on website, social media and sent out through email blast

Discussed upcoming events:

- Young Leaders Symposium – October 15th
- Asian American Civil Rights Forum – Friday, October 21st
- BAAFF events 10/20-10/23
- Boston Philanthropic Convening on Wednesday, October 26th (collaboration with WHIAAPI, BCNC, AAPIP, and AAC)
- Post film festival screening of 14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez at the Old South Meeting House, Nov. 3rd
- Asian Traditional Medicine at Lowell General Hospital – November 5th

Item #10: Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, next meeting will be on November 9, 2016

Meeting adjourned!