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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm**  
**Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Boston, MA 02116**

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

Item #1: Accepted January minutes

Item #2: Executive Director Monthly Report

- Focused on Lunar New Year planning
- Finalized MOU with EEOC on AAPI employment discrimination
- Finalized Ways & Means workbook submission
- Focused on intern recruitment

Item #3: Executive Committee Report

- Chairperson Wingkey Leung gave a recap of the written report

Item #4: Commissioner Reimbursements, Business Cards, and Email Accounts

- Deferred for subsequent discussion

Item #5: Annual Subcommittee Review

- Deferred for subsequent discussion

Item #6: AAC Website and mass.gov Website

- Must move all meeting minutes to Wordpress website (15-20 years retention)

Item #7: Unity Dinner Updates (Chung & Pralhad, Co-Chairs)

- Keynote: Dr. Pam Eddinger
- Co-emcees: Elisa, Loan, Uyen-Sa
- Ticket prices will remain the same as last year
- Menu: 2 entrees (chicken & vegetarian)
- VIPs will receive one complimentary ticket
- Pralhad will approach Consul Generals to support one table
- Commissioners to forward potential sponsors to Jenny
- Award/Nomination group leader: Vira. Members: Anil, Ying, Loan, Elisa
- All Commissioners to register for Unity Dinner by next meeting
- Brainstorm and vote on theme suggestions:
  - #RepresentASIAN – Motion passed

Item #8: Subcommittee Updates:

- PR/Legislation (Loan, Chair) –

- AAC may not have capacity for Advocacy Day in the Spring
- Timing may be better after elections



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- Finance/Admin (Wingkey, Chair) – Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Health and Human Services (Elisa, Chair) – Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Young Leaders Symposium (Uyen-Sa & Nina, Co-chairs) – Deferred for subsequent discussion
- Economic Development (Gilbert, Chair) – Deferred for subsequent discussion

#### Item #9: Old Business

- Updates on AACA/AAC Lunar New Year event
  - Event will take place Monday, January 26 at 3pm at the Great Hall of the State House
- EEOC funding on job discrimination
  - MOU finalized

#### Item #10: New Business:

- Vote for AAC to join AALAM statement – Motion did not pass
  - AAC to develop a process for statements
  - Motion to put out AAC statement about Fauria episode – rapid response protocol – Loan abstains – Motion passed
  - Need to draft statement within a week – Ivy and Elisa will lead

Item # 11 Next Commission Meeting, Every second Wednesday, March 14

Item #12: Community Updates & Meeting adjourned