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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 4:30pm to 6:00pm

HI Boston Hostel Community Room, 19 Stuart St, Boston, MA 02116

1. Accepted minutes from December 12, 2018
  - Vira motions to approve, Vanna seconds - motion passed
    - o Nate, Bora, and Meena abstain
2. Executive Committee Report
  - Jenny provided overview of Executive Committee report
3. Introduction of new Commissioners
  - Commissioners provided introductions of themselves to the group
4. Hiring committee and process
  - Two part time positions were posted
  - Proposal to create a hiring committee to interview candidates
    - o Vira, Mabel, and Nate would like to help screen applicants
  - Jenny and Commissioners to send out one final push with deadline
5. Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and OCPF annual review
  - Commissioners asked to sign the annual code of conduct
  - Commissioner must complete the COI training every 2 years. Jenny will follow up with Commissioners who need to complete the training again.
6. Subcommittee structure & Commissioner requirement review
  - Proposal to move subcommittees under umbrella committees
  - Proposal to have all Commissioner commit to only one subcommittee
  - Proposal to separate admin and finance committee into 2 subcommittees
  - Motion to move YLS and HHS under legislation committee
  - Discussion to move away from programming
  - Further discussion tabled to next month's meeting
7. Bylaw change
  - Separation of Public Relations component from PR/Legislation committee – **VOTE**
  - Creation of separate Public Relations Committee – **VOTE**
  - PR committee will report on community events attended by AAC
  - Ivy motions to separate PR from PR/Legislation committee and create a separate PR committee, Meena seconds – Motion passed
8. Subcommittee updates (if any): max time 3 mins each

PR/Legislation Committee (Loan, Chair)

- o Ratification of Vira as Chair
- o Ratification of Mary Lee as PR Chair

Unity Dinner/Fundraiser (Anil, Pralhad, Vanna, Co-Chairs)

- Finalizing ask letter for sponsorship



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- Commissioners ask to develop ideas for the theme
  - o “Not a wedge” issue
  - o “Not your model minority”

Finance/Admin (Chung, Chair)

- No updates to report at this time

Program - Health and Human Services

- Ivy proposed for the committee to shift focus away from programming

Program - Young Leaders Symposium (Kim & Nina, Co-Chairs)

- No updates to report at this time

Program - Economic Development

- No updates to report at this time

9. Old business

10. New Business

11. Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, February 13, 2019

12. Other Community updates & Meeting adjourned