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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16th, 2013

One Ashburton Place 21st Floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left.

Remote Participants are indicated by an asterisk*.

1. Accept 03/19/2013 meeting minutes.
 - Priti Rao motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Kay Dong. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.
2. Commissioner engagement
Advisory committee update
 - Gilbert, Kajal, & Ken Fong will work on getting the Advisory committee started. Jason will work on providing the group a list of all past candidates, advisors, and past Commissioners.
3. Executive Director report
 - There is an amendment going through the House budget process to fund the Commission at \$70k. Rep. Tackey Chan is leading it. Jason will assign Commissioners to call the senators for support.
 - Jason is working with the Governor's outreach staff to get him more involved.
 - Grace & Jason will be the Keynote speakers at a Boston College event on 4/30.
 - Ed Markey's staff reached out to Jason to better understand the Asian communities.
 - The Commission is currently ranked #1 on Google search using keywords: Asian Commission.
 - Immigrant Learning Center is exchanging 3 dinner tickets. We will purchase 5 seats for Quincy Asian Resources Inc's upcoming dinner.
4. 2013 Unity Dinner – Tuesday, May 14
 - It is agreed to have all Commissioners make their dinner commitment by 5/4. Over \$40k committed.
5. Subcommittee updates.
Admin / Finance
PR / Legislation
Program - Unity Dinner
Program - Young Leaders Symposium
Program - Healthcare
Program - Economic Development
6. Old business
New Business
7. Next Commission meeting: Unity Dinner 5/14