

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN COMMISSION  
State House - Room 511

Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2009

Present: Ramesh Advani, Malisa Brown, Hung Goon, Eugene Hartigan, Debbie Ho, Kija Kim, Kai Lau, Paul Lee, Kao Li, Paul Shaw, Geoffrey Why, Donald Wong.

Meeting called to order by Malisa Brown at 12:05PM.

Motion to accept meeting minutes from April 14, 2009; by Kao Li, second Debbie Ho 12 voted in favor and 0 against the motion.

STATE HOUSE CELEBRATION

Malisa Brown reported that the statehouse celebration of Asian/Pacific Islander's Day sponsored by AAC and ACDC was well attended. Representatives from offices of the Governor, Speaker and Treasurer were in attendance. Tackey Chan spoke on behalf of AAC.

UNITY DINNER

The AAC Unity dinner is scheduled for May 14, 2009 at the Empire Garden. Estimated attendance is 250-300. More volunteers are needed for registration and silent auction. Dr. Jim Yong Kim, incoming President of Dartmouth College will receive the Paramount Achievement Award from AAC.

MASSACHUSETTS ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTHCARE FORUM

A healthcare forum was held on May 9, 2009 at UMass Boston. The forum was co-convened by Joslin Diabetes Clinic, UMass Asian American Studies Program and the Massachusetts Asian American Commission. The forum addressed Health Disparities among the Asian American communities, the need for comprehensive data collection, gaps in services and resources, and possible areas for future collaboration, advocacy and research.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF ASIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS OWNERS

Ramesh Advani and members of the Economic Development Committee reviewed the committee report which will be presented at the Unity Dinner. Geoffrey Why will draft language to clarify AAC's position on the recommendations from the report.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Motion to adjourn made by Debbie Ho; seconded by Ramesh Advani. 12 voted in favor and 0 against the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:05PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Paul Shaw, Secretary