



Mayor's Asian American Advisory Board

**Behavioral and Human Services Division
1809 Art Museum Drive, Suite 100, Large Conference Room
Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Sophal Archard, Ed Callao, Radwan Chowdhury, Jay Gogaliya, Bala Govi, Mai Dinh Keisling, Do In Kim, Johnnetta Moore, and Rajat Sharma

Board Members Excused: Lorelie Papel, Sang Phouansouvanh, and Sunyoung Providakes

Board Members Unexcused: None

Prospective Members/Guests/Volunteers Present: Daniel Albert, Anna Moyer, Dr. Jevetta Stanford and David Tran

The Chair, Ed Callao, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions were made around the room and the Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

II. Public Comments

No public comment.

III. Guest Speaker – Dr. Jevetta Stanford – Hepatitis B

Dr. Jevetta Stanford discussed the Hepatitis B Awareness and Service Linkage (HBASL) Program. Dr. Stanford gave Board members an information packet and conversed about the prevalence of Hepatitis B in Asia and Africa, transmission, consequences, symptoms, and a program overview. Participants in the program are given a \$15 gift card for participating and assistance, if need be, for treatment. There have only been 38 positives in Jacksonville, FL. Dr. Stanford conveyed that there are no cures but treatments. Rajat Sharma asked how it affects kids and Dr. Stanford replied that the vaccines are included in the list of vaccinations given to children/babies.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Radwan Chowdhury to approve the January 13, 2014 minutes. Rajat Sharma seconded and the motion was passed with the information about Helen Nguyen added to the minutes (see attached).

V. Committee Updates

➤ Awards Committee –

Jay Gogaliya recommended Radwan Chowdhury as Chair and Do In Kim as Co-Chair of the Awards Committee and the MAAAB Chair, Ed Callao approved the recommendation.

➤ Executive Committee – Ed Callao

Committee has nothing to report.

➤ Finance – Bala Govi

The Financial Report was discussed and there were no changes from last month. Board members discussed who would be the Co-Chair of the Finance Committee. The Chair, Ed Callao, announced Mai Keisling would be Co-Chair.

➤ May Event – Sophal Archard

The May Event Committee met on Saturday, February 8, 2014 and five members were present. The venue will be held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and the contract has been forwarded for approval. The quote is for 150 people (contract will allow for more), ticket price will be \$40, volunteers will receive pizza and snacks (or they can attend dinner for \$30), Rajat will be handling the ticket printing, Ed Callao will pay for Helen Nguyen plus one guest, order of events has been updated, cultural performances (one country/one performance), Stanton (multi-cultural) and Cambodian has confirmed performances, Burmese performers have not confirmed, closing remarks at 8:40 p.m., registration will begin at 5:30 p.m., and MAAAB food cost will be \$29 per person. Raffle tickets will also be sold.

Radwan Chowdhury stated that a souvenir booklet will be available and that the Board will be selling sponsorships. The prices will be \$100 for full page, \$60 half page, \$30 quarter page, inside/backside cover \$500, and \$25 for business card. Johnnetta Moore agreed with the idea. All items must be camera ready. Deadline for submission is Friday, April 11, 2014, so that the booklet can be sent to the printer by Monday, April 31, 2014. Johnnetta Moore suggested that the Board try to find a printing company that would print as an in-kind gift.

Johnnetta Moore suggested the Board print its own tickets or find someone that will give an in-kind gift. MAAAB has \$117 for printing services.

The Board discussed whether or not Award recipients pay and/or if Scholarship recipients pay. The final decision reached was that Award recipients will pay and Scholarship recipients will not pay.

➤ Membership/Nominations – Jay Gogaliya

Jay Gogaliya stated that the Membership Committee consists of Ed Callao and Sophal Archard and their Membership Process has been forwarded for approval.

Mai Keisling is recommending Daniel Albert to the Board. This is Mr. Albert's first meeting.

➤ Scholarship Committee – Lorelie Papel

Jay Gogaliya has sent Lorelie Papel the Scholarship Application package for updating and it has not been updated. Board members discussed the lateness of the process. Radwan Chowdhury made a motion for the forms to be updated this weekend, disseminated on Monday and due by Thursday, March 20, 2104. Jay Gogaliya amended the motion to Friday, March 28, 2014, Mai Keisling seconded, and the motion passed without further discussion.

Jay Gogaliya attended the Inroads Scholarship meeting and was told that Inroads will match scholarships being given but it has to be between now and July. Mr. Gogaliya has been reaching out but has not gotten any responses back on contact information. For any questions, please contact Jay Gogaliya.

VI. Unfinished Business

➤ Retreat 2014 Committee Set-Up

Jay Gogaliya made a motion approving the attachments as edited during the meeting, Radwan Chowdhury seconded, and the motion passed without further discussion.

VII. New Business

Johnnetta Moore stated the White House is asking the Asian Community to get involved with the Healthcare Act. There will be a round-table discussion with Mia Jones (Ms. Moore will forward flyer). Ed Callao, Chair, asked Radwan to be the representative for MAAAB.

VIII. Announcements

Mai Keisling suggested to Board members to become part of the Cultural and Linguistic for the City of Jacksonville. They are in need of Asian members. Please contact Mai Keisling for more information.

Radwan Chowdhury and Rajat Sharma participated in ESOL Program on February 6, 2014. Mr. Chowdhury stated the ESOL Program is need of money for rent assistance, help with finding jobs, getting driver's licenses, assist with shopping and teachers.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on March 10, 2014.