



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

**Asian American Bar Association of New York
Annual Meeting of the Members
Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 7:00 PM**

Hosted by
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
4 Times Square
New York, New York 10036

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

There being a quorum of members present by proxy and in person, William Wang, President, called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM. Thank you to Skadden Arps for hosting the meeting.

1) Calling of the Roll (William Wang)

Simone Nguyen assisted Lige Gu, Recording Secretary, in taking a roll call of meeting attendees, recording and determining which Active Members were present in person and by proxy, and determining and declaring that quorum for the meeting had been achieved as of the Record Date, which is January 15, 2016.

2) Proof of Notice of Meeting (William Wang)

Notice of meeting was emailed on January 15, 2016 and mailed on Jan. 20, 2016. Members waived the thirty (30) day requirement of written notice on the ballot.

3) Receiving Communications (William Wang)

None.

4) Election of Officers and Directors and Voting on Ballot Items (William Wang)

Distributed copies of candidate biographies and proposed revisions to bylaws for review. William Wang introduced candidates and called for ballots and proxies to be completed and collected. Susan Shin, President-Elect, and Clara Ohr, Immediate Past President, served as tellers of the election.

5) Annual Report of the Board (William Wang)

William Wang introduced current members of the Board and recognized the service of outgoing Board members. FY2015 Year End Report was available for distribution to meeting attendees.

a. Membership Report (Irene Tan)

More than 1,068 active members: 29.4% employed in the private sector, 12.8% employed in the public sector, and 22.5% are law students. The Membership

Committee held its first Membership Steering Committee Meeting earlier last year to discuss ideas for programming and long-term strategic goals for the organization. Highlights of FY2015 include: development of competitive package rates for individuals that attended the Fall Conference as well as reduced membership rates with SABANY, continuation of the successful Get-to-Know AABANY Networking Series and the Getting-on-Track Career Development series.

b. Treasurer's Report (Naf Kwun)

With over 30 committees, the incoming budget for FY2015 was \$533,000, including a committee budget of \$32,000. As of February 8, 2016, AABANY's balances are \$192,134.09 in its operating account and \$470,820.49 in its investment account. The Finance Committee undertook a comprehensive review of AABANY's investment portfolio to ensure funds were being invested in accordance with its Investment Policy and continues to evaluate alternative arrangements.

c. Highlight of Signature Events (William Wang/Yang Chen)

Discussed signature events of FY 2015: (1) 26th Annual Dinner honoring Jenny Yang, An-Ping Hsieh, and Preet Bharara as well as introducing the inaugural Don H. Liu Scholars; (2) 6th Fall Conference at Cleary Gottlieb, the largest Fall Conference, which also included the first Diversity Career Fair that brought in approximately 20 employers, and awarded the Trailblazer award to Rocky Chin; (3) 8th Annual Wine Tasting & Networking Reception at STK Downtown co-hosted by the Corporate Law and In-House Counsel Committees; (4) Prosecutors Committee Annual Reception at Brooklyn Law School Honoring Deputy U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim and the family of fallen hero Detective Wenjian Liu; (5) the "Kicking Glass from the Courtroom to Boardroom: Two Decades and Counting" screening, co-sponsored by White & Case LLP, AABANY and AALFNY; (6) Panel discussion on SHSAT Admission Process, followed up with a screening of "Tested" co-hosted by the Issues Committee.

6) Annual Report of the Committees (Yang Chen/Marianne Chow)

Yang Chen recognized the work of the 32 committees and respective co-chairs by highlighting each Committee's events and accomplishments, including the events mentioned in the above and the significant number of committee level events. Also, the Asia Practice Committee was formed this year.

A special recognition to the Student Outreach Committee for a great job reaching out to law schools and coordinating road shows and the Pro Bono & Community Service Committee for launching the pro bono monthly clinic.

Marianne Chow announced this year's Committee of the Year Award went to the Judiciary Committee for their behind-the-scenes work on increasing diversity on the bench. Additionally, the Prosecutors' Committee Annual Reception and the Diversity Career Fair were awarded "Outstanding Events of the Year," a new

award created by Marianne Chow. As “cash” prizes, the Judiciary Committee will be allocated an additional \$500 to their budget and \$250 each to the Career Placement Committee and Prosecutors Committee.

Marianne Chow was awarded AABANY’s Most Valuable Player. This award has historically been presented at the Annual Dinner. Due to Marianne’s absence from this year’s Annual Dinner, Yang Chen wanted to present this to her in person and to recognize her for all of her hard work in re-vamping the Vice President of Programs and Operations position.

7) New Business

- a. Following a tally of the votes, the following individuals were elected as Officers and Board members for FY2016:
 - i. Dwight Yoo, President-Elect
 - ii. Marianne Chow, Vice President, Programs and Operations
 - iii. William Ng, Vice President of Finance and Development
 - iv. Amy Ngai, Treasurer
 - v. Lige Gu, Secretary
 - vi. Tristan Loanzon, Membership Director

- b. Following a tally of the votes, the following individuals were elected as Directors:
 - i. Jung Choi (two-year term)
 - ii. Suhana Han (two-year term)
 - iii. Sapna Palla (two-year term)
 - iv. James Cho (one-year term)
 - v. Manisha Sheth (two-year term)
 - vi. Irene Tan (two-year term)
 - vii. Pauline Yeung-Ha (two-year term)

- c. Following a tally of the votes, the following proposed amendment to the bylaws were approved:
 - i. Section 3.02(a): The Annual Meeting date is changed from the second Tuesday of every January to the second Tuesday of every February, or another date within 30 days of the second Tuesday as determined by the Board.
 - ii. Section 4.03: Add a second Vice President of Programs and Operations.
 - iii. Section 4.11: Move the default date of monthly Board Meetings from the first Tuesday of every month to the second Tuesday of every month.
 - iv. Sections 3.01(e), 3.07(b), 4.03, 4.09, 4.13(b), 4.17, 4.18(c), 5.01(a), 5.01(b), 5.04(f), 5.06(h), 7.01: Change title of Recording Secretary to Secretary.
 - v. Sections 3.01(e), 3.07(b), 4.03, 4.09, 4.13(b), 4.17, 4.18(c), 5.01(a), 5.01(b), 5.04(f), 5.06(h), 7.01: Change title of Membership Secretary to Membership Director.

There being no further business, Lige Gu made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Will Ng. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.