



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

**Asian American Bar Association of New York
Board Meeting**

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 6:00 PM

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

Teleconference Information:
Domestic Dial is 1-888-453-4408
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FEBRUARY 2016 MINUTES

Board Members Present: Will Wang, Susan Shin, Clara Ohr, Marianne Chow, Will Ng, Yang Chen (non-voting), Naf Kwun, Irene Tan, Lige Gu, Steve Chung, Diane Gujarati, Mike Huang, Emily Kim, Jean Lee*, Robert Leung, Karen Lim, Bobby Liu, Tristan Loanzon, Sonia Low, Larry Wee, and Pauline Yeung-Ha.

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present: Francis Chin, Rocky Chin, Simone Nguyen, Sapna Palla, and Dwight Yoo.

*Attended via phone

There being a quorum of board members present, William Wang, President, called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM. Thank you to Skadden Arps for hosting the meeting.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board (public and non-public) minutes from January 14, 2016 meeting

With the correction of Bobby Liu making the first motion in item 3c, Tristan Loanzon moved to approve the public version of the minutes, seconded by Will Ng, and approved by voice vote.

Bobby Liu moved to approve the closed portion of the minutes, seconded by Larry Wee, and approved by voice vote. Marianne Chow, Lige Gu, Will Ng, Tristan Loanzon, Irene Tan, and Pauline Yeung-Ha abstained.

b. Ratification of Setting Record Date of Annual Meeting 2016

Tristan Loanzon moved to ratify approval of January 15, 2016 as the Record Date for this year's Annual Meeting, seconded by Pauline Yeung-Ha, and approved by voice vote.

2) Reports and Announcements (Not for discussion unless questions exist)

- a. Treasury Report (Naf Kwun)
 - i. Operating Account (as of 2/8): \$192,134.09
 - ii. Investment Account (as of 2/8): \$470,820.49

- b. January 2016 Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)
 - i. Real Estate, Solo & Small Firm Practice and Asia Practice Committees: "Getting Ahead of the Inbound Curve: Business, Real Estate and Tax Considerations (1/19, 6-8pm @ Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, 1 Penn Plaza, Suite 3000, NY, NY 10019)
 - ii. Career Placement and Young Lawyers Committees: Getting On Track: Series 5 – "Networking for Lawyers" (1/20, 6:30-9:30pm @ RGP, 7 Times Square, Suite 2600, NY, NY 10036)
 - iii. Real Estate Committee: New Year Networking Event (1/26, 6-8pm @ Citibank, N.A., One Court Square, LIC, NY 11101)
 - iv. Immigration Committee: (Almost) Everything You Wanted to Know about EB-5 But Didn't Have Anyone To Ask CLE, Part 1 (1/21, 6:30-9pm @ Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 51 West 52nd Street, NY, NY 10019)
 - v. Asia Practice Committee: Lunar New Year Event (1/28 @ Akerman LLP, 666 5th Avenue, NY, NY 10103)
 - vi. Student Outreach and Membership Committees: Roadshow at Columbia Law School (2/2)

- c. Promotion of Future Events
 - i. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (2/10, 6:30-8:30pm, Consolidated Chinese Benevolent Association, 62 Mott St, NY, NY 10001)
 - ii. Women's and Membership Committees Present: Bloomingdale's AABANY Lunar New Year Celebration & Shopping Event (2/11, 6:00-8:00pm, Bloomingdale's, 1000 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10022)
 - iii. Tax Committee Presents: Peer Group Meeting for February (2/16, 7:30-9:30pm @ Tang Pavilion, 65 West 55th Street, NY, NY 10019)
 - iv. Real Estate, Asia Practice and Solo & Small Firm Practice Committees Present: The Latest Asian Real Estate Projects in Queens and Beyond (2/18, 6:00-9:00pm, Mudan Banquet Hall, 136-17 39th Avenue, 2nd Flr, Flushing, NY 11354)
 - v. IP Committee Presents: Lunar New Year Committee Dinner (2/18, 6:30-8:30pm, Congee Village, 100 Allen Street, New York, NY 10002)

- vi. Young Lawyers Committee Presents: Volunteer with AABANY - Xavier Mission Soup Kitchen (2/21, 11:45am-3:30pm, Xavier Mission, 55 West 15th Street, NY, NY 10011)
- vii. Judiciary Committee Presents: Bootcamp: Road to the Bench (Pt. 3) - The Written Application (2/22, 6:00-8:00pm, Duane Morris LLP, 1540 Broadway, NY, NY 10036)
- viii. AABANY 2016 Annual Dinner (2/24, Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall St, NY, NY 10005)
- ix. Immigration Committee Presents: (Almost) Everything You Wanted to Know About EB-5 But Didn't Have Anyone To Ask CLE, Pt. 2 (3/1 TBD)
- x. Government Service & Public Interest Committees Present: Joint Committee Meeting (3/1, 6:30-8:30pm, Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth Street, Suite 606, NY, NY 10013)

3) New Business

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- a. Annual Dinner Update (Susan Shin)
Reaching close to full capacity and doing exceptionally well with sponsorships. Sent out an email blast to the entire membership to remind them to purchase tickets by tomorrow's regular deadline.
- b. Committee Chairs Transition (Marianne Chow/Naf Kwun/Yang Chen)
Sent an email earlier this year to all Committee Chairs to inquire about their intention of staying on in the next fiscal year. Most of the Committee Chairs are staying on but there will be some new nominations. The Academic, Newsletter, Professional Development, Student Outreach, and Young Lawyers committees need co-chairs. Will send out general solicitation to the membership body for the open positions after checking in with the current Committee Chairs.
- c. Committee Chairs Eligibility Question (Marianne Chow/Naf Kwun/Yang Chen)
Discussions on whether law student members or other types of members (aside from Active Members) could be committee chairs under the bylaws. Specifically, under Section 2.01 of the bylaws, "Law Student Member" and "Associate Member" do not have the "right to vote at any/all meetings and/or hold office." Further discussions on what holding office means. There have been a few committee chairs who were not Active Members as it is a way for them to get involved with AABANY as an organization. Also, it is the President's duty to appoint the committee co-chairs and there is no requirement that they have to be Active Members under the bylaws.

There being no further business, Tristan Loanzon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Will Ng. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM. The Annual Meeting of Members will take place at 7 PM today. The next board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM.