



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Thursday , January 14, 2016, 7:00 PM

Hosted by
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
51 West 52nd Street
New York, NY 10019

Teleconference Information:
Domestic Dial is 888-327-8914
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Participants' Passcode is 5362592

JANUARY 2016 MINUTES

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

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present: Simone Nguyen, Gabriel Arce-Yee, Francis Chin, Chris Kwok, James Lin, Jack Chen, and Cary Chan.

*Attended via phone

There being a quorum of board members present, Yang Chen, in the absence of President William Wang, called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Thank you to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe for hosting the meeting.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board minutes from December 1, 2015 meeting
Tristan Loanzon moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Sonia Low, 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 11/30): \$11,250.33
 - ii. Investment Account (as of 11/30): \$557,770.60
- b. November Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)

- i. 2015 NAPABA Convention (11/5-11/8)
 - ii. Cardozo Law BALLSA Alumni Dinner: Congresswoman Grace Meng & AABANY President William Wang (11/10)
 - iii. Real Estate & Solo and Small Firm Committees present CLE on The New Bank Closing Disclosure Forms (11/12)
 - iv. Immigration and Nationality Law & LGBT Committees (together with NQAPIA and SALGA-NYC) present Immigration Clinic (11/14)
 - v. Real Estate & Solo and Small Firm Committees present CLE on The New Bank Closing Disclosure Forms (11/17)
 - vi. Real Estate, Asia Practice (in formation), Tax & Solo and Small Firm Practice Committees present Joint Committee Fall Networking Event (11/19)
- c. Promotion of Future Events
- i. Young Lawyers Committee's Financial and Estate Planning Workshop (Wed 12/2 @ Ameriprise Financial Services, 530 5th Avenue, 16th Floor, NY, NY 10036)
 - ii. Steve Chung Presents Career Training Program (Thu 12/3, 7-9pm @ Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY 10019)
 - iii. Justice Denied: Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio - A Trial Reenactment (Mon 12/7, 6-8pm @ New York City Bar Association, House of the Association, 42 West 44th Street, NY, NY 10036)
 - iv. Call for Nominations: First Deadline (Fri 12/11)
 - v. Call for Volunteers: AABANY Housing Part Petition and SCRIE/DRIE Clinic (Wed 12/16, 6pm @ Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, 62 Mott St., 2nd Floor, NY, NY 10013)
 - vi. Real Estate, Solo & Small Firm, Tax, and Asia Practice (in formation) Committees present "Getting Ahead of the Inbound Curve: Business, Real Estate, and Tax Considerations for Foreign Investments in U.S. Real Estate" (Tues 1/19/16, 6-8pm @ Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP)

3) **New Business** OPEN

- a. Annual Dinner 2016 Update and Venue Search for 2017 (Susan Shin)
Sponsorship commitments are on par with last year. Susan asked the Board to assist in making the final push on sponsorship as the deadline is at the end of this month.

AABANY's three-year contract is coming to an end after this year's Annual Dinner. Cipriani will raise its rates so it is good opportunity to start the venue search process and/or work on negotiating another three-year deal.

Discussions on protocol and past history of politicians asking to speak at the Annual Dinner.

b. Approval of Mail Notice of Annual Meeting Less Than 30 Days In Advance (Yang Chen)

Per the bylaws, there is a 30 days in advance requirement for mailing of the Annual Meeting ballot and proxy, which AABANY is not able to comply with this year due to close timing between when nominations were due, when the Nominations Committee was able to meet to review the candidates and allowing time for the Nominations Committee to present its report to the Board. After discussion, it was noted that the Board cannot waive that requirement. As such, the members will have to vote to waive the requirement. Discussions on ballot language and time frame for mailing and emailing the notice and ballot. Yang will draft the language and circulate to the Board tomorrow. In the meantime, the Board directed Yang to email the notice, proxy and ballot to all Active Members as soon as possible.

Mike Huang made a motion to add language to the ballot regarding the waiver of the requirement that the ballot and proxy be mailed at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting date, seconded by Rob Leung, and approved by voice vote. Jean Lee abstained.

c. Additional Bylaw Revisions (Susan Shin/Yang Chen)

During the interviews with the Nominations Committee, there were discussions about the evolving positions of certain officers. In an effort to accurately describe the expanded roles of the Membership Secretary and Recording Secretary, the titles should change to “Membership Director” and “Secretary” respectively. Description and duties of the role will remain the same.

Bobby Liu made a motion to approve the title change in the bylaws from “Membership Secretary” to “Membership Director” and “Recording Secretary” to “Secretary,” seconded by Steve Chung and approved by voice vote. Opposed by Jean Lee.

CLOSED

a. Nominations Committee Report – see Minutes prepared by Naf Kwun.

There being no further business, Karen Lim moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Chung, approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Skadden Arps, to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Members at 7:00 PM.