



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Teleconference Information:

Toll Free Dial is 866-802-1366
ParticipantsøPasscode is 34498168#

MARCH 2017 MINUTES

Board Members Present*: Susan Shin, Dwight Yoo, William Wang, Yang Chen (non-voting member), Marianne Chow, Naf Kwun, Tristan Loanzon, Amy Ngai, Lige Gu, James Cho, Jung Choi, Diane Gujarati, Suhana Han, Sapna Palla, Manisha Sheth, Irene Tan, Larry Wee, and Pauline Yeung-Ha.

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present*: Seth Endo, Brian Song, and Joane Wong.

*All were present via telephone.

There being a quorum of board members present, Susan Shin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board minutes and Annual Meeting minutes held on February 15, 2017
Dwight Yoo moved to approve, seconded by Tristan Loanzon, and approved by voice vote.
- b. Approval of Board (unredacted) minutes from the closed portion of the January 10, 2017 meeting
Dwight Yoo moved to approve, seconded by Jung Choi, and approved by voice vote. Only board members who were not running for a FY 2017 position were present ó Susan Shin, Dwight Yoo, Yang Chen, Will Wang, William Ng, Jung Choi, Sapna Palla, Manisha Sheth, Irene Tan, and Pauline Yeung-Ha.

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

- a. Treasury Report (Amy Ngai)
- b. Membership Report (Tristan Loanzon)
- c. February and March Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)
 - i. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Path to the Bench with the Honorable Denny Chin of the Second Circuit (2/16 @ Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP)

- ii. KALAGNY: Robing Ceremony Honoring Judge Judy Kim (2/16 @ Kobre & Kim LLP)
- iii. AABANY Co-Sponsors: How to Get Repairs for Your Apartment (2/18 @ VNSNY Chinatown Community Center)
- iv. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Vincent Chin Trial Reenactment (2/21 @ Brooklyn Law School)
- v. Litigation Committee and CBLA: Litigation Funding: Past, Present, and Future (2/21 @ Dorsey & Whitney LLP)
- vi. AABANY Annual Dinner (2/22 @ Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall Street)
- vii. Immigration and GSPI Committees: Yoga for Lawyers (2/27 @ Reflections Center for Conscious Living & Yoga)
- viii. Bankruptcy Committee Dinner (2/28 @ Osamil, 5 W. 31st St.)
- ix. Intellectual Property Committee Happy Hour (3/3 @ Wu Room, 93 Bowery St)
- x. Intellectual Property and Young Lawyers Committees Laser Tag Social (3/5 @ Indoor Extreme Sports Black-Ops, 47-11 Van Dam St, LIC, NY)
- xi. Pro Bono Committee Monthly Legal Clinic (3/8 @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery St)
- xii. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Indian Food at the Chinese Club (3/8 @ The Chinese Club, 208 Grand St, Williamsburg, Brooklyn)

d. Promotion of Future Events

- i. AABANY LGBT Committee Presents a Sign of the Times: What's at Stake for LGBT Asians and South Asians (3/15, 6:30-8:30pm @ Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, 1 New York Plaza, NY, NY)
- ii. Government Service & Public Interest and Pro Bono & Community Service Committee Meeting (3/15, 6:30-8:30pm @ Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth Street, 6th Floor, NY, NY)
- iii. AABANY Presents the Importance of Engaging in Judicial Screening Committee Panels (3/16, 7-9pm @ Dorsey & Whitney LLP, 51 W. 52nd Street, NY, NY)
- iv. AABANY Trial Advocacy Program (TAP) (3/25, 9:30am to 4:15pm @ Morrison & Foerster LLP, 250 West 55th Street, NY, NY)
- v. Strategies to Start or Advance Your Legal Career: Panel and Networking Reception (3/29, 5:30-7:30pm @ New York Law School, Room W401, 185 West Broadway, NY, NY)

3) New Business

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a.

i. Annual Dinner 2017 & Final Report

Dwight Yoo thanks everyone for their support and help in making this year's Annual Dinner the most successful financially to date. Revenue: \$600,000; net profit: \$350,000 (up from last year). Increase in net profit was due to the raise in ticket prices and sponsorship packages. Notes making next year's process more streamlined and updating technology on website to make registration easier.

ii. Year-End Financial Report

Approximate figures for April 1, 2016 through March 1, 2017:

- Revenue: \$670,000
- Expenses are still ongoing.
- Committee budget was \$50,000 but only \$23,000 was spent by the committees.
- Membership Dues: \$31,000
- 3rd Party Discretionary: \$5,000
- Overall surplus: \$150,000

iii. Committee Chairs Update from VPPOs

Marianne Chow and Naf Kwun, as VPPOs, have asked this year's committee chairs if they are staying on as chairs for FY 2017. There is one spot open for the following committees: Labor & Employment, Mentorship, and Women's. The Corporate Law Committee is looking for vice-chairs. If you are interested or have recommendations, please contact Marianne or Naf. Dwight Yoo will review the resumes of the new co-chairs for FY 2017 and will make the official selection on April 1st.

The requested Committee budget for FY 2016 was \$50,000 and \$44,000 of it was allocated to the committees. Only 44% (about \$19,000) of the allocated budget was actually spent ó committees found sponsorship for some of their events. Committees hosted over 80 events this year and were very active.

iv. Thank You to Outgoing Board Members

Susan Shin thanks the following outgoing board members for their service and encourages them to stay involved: Pauline Yeung-Ha, Mike Huang, Lige Gu, and William Ng.

b. Federal Bar Association (FBA) Diversity Forum

Yang was contacted by the President of the Eastern District of New York chapter of FBA to see if AABANY would participate in a day-long conference at the end of April. AABANY can contribute by putting together a 90-minute panel and commit to bringing 20 people to it. AABANY was also asked to contribute \$1,500 to the program. FBA will be charging attendees and if there's a profit, AABANY will get its share.

Dwight Yoo made a motion for AABANY to participate in the Diversity Forum and to contribute \$1,500, seconded by Tristan Loanzon, and approved by voice vote.

c. MOCA Honoring Glenn Lau-Kee on April 6th

This event will attract about 200 attendees. Yang Chen was asked to be a part of the honoree video and will attend the event. A bronze level sponsorship is \$2,000. If you would like to fill a seat at a table or buy table, please contact Yang Chen.

d. NAPABA and SABA Statement Opposing Revised Executive Order ó Recording of Abstentions

NAPABA and SABA North America issued a joint statement opposing the Revised Refugee and "Muslim Ban" Executive Order by President Trump and invited

AABANY to join the statement. Consistent with the Expedited Procedure, Susan Shin, Dwight Yoo, and Yang Chen reviewed it and signed onto to NAPABA's statement.

Abstentions are noted for the following board members: James Cho and Diane Gujarai.

The Board thanks Susan Shin for being a great president to AABANY. There being no further business, Pauline Yeung-Ha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by William Wang, and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM. The next and first meeting for FY 2017 is TBD.