



**Asian American  
Bar Association  
of New York**

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

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Hosted by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**OCTOBER 2017 MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Dwight Yoo, Yang Chen (non-voting), James Cho, Susan Shin, Francis Chin (non-voting), Dai Wai Chin Feman, Jung Choi, Jeff Ikejiri, Kevin Kim, Tristan Loanzon, Sonia Low, Amy Ngai, Sapna Palla,\* Terence Shen, Manisha Sheth, Brian Song, Irene Tan,\* Larry Wee\*

**AABANY Committee Chairs, Members, and Others Present:** Elizabeth Derrico, Anthony Fong, Sang Hwei, Edwin Kim, Chris Kwok, Ben Limb, Albert Suh, William Wong, Sophia Zhang

There being a quorum of board members present, Dwight Yoo, President, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

\* Present via telephone

**I. Visit by Ben Limb**

- A. Ben Limb, the fourth President of AABANY, attended the beginning of the meeting and made brief remarks.

**II. Old Business**

A. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2017 Board Meeting

1. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the minutes from the August 8, 2017 board meeting.

B. Review of Notes from September 12, 2017 Board Meeting

1. After discussion, the Board discussed incorporating the September notes in the October minutes. The September notes will be posted on AABANY's website.

### III. Reports and Announcements

#### A. Membership Director's Report

1. Tristan Loanzon provided a statistical breakdown of membership metrics, and noted that many membership renewals occurred in September in light of the AABANY Fall Conference and upcoming NAPABA Convention.

#### B. September and October Highlights<sup>1</sup>

1. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (9/13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, NY, NY)
2. AABANY Presents: How to Pitch (9/14, 6 – 9 pm @ Perkins Coie LLP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY)
3. AABANY Co-Sponsors: DACA Renewal Training Webinar (9/19, 12 – 1:30 pm)
4. AABANY Women's Committee Monthly Breakfast (9/20, 8 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt, 230 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
5. 8th Annual AABANY Fall Conference (9/23 @ Fordham University School of Law, 150 West 62nd Street, NY, NY)
  - a) Dwight Yoo thanked the Fall Conference volunteers for their service.
6. AABANY Co-Sponsors: The State of Play: Journalism and the Law in the Age of Trump (9/28, 6 – 9 pm @ The Hearst Corporation, Hearst Tower, 300 West 57th Street, NY, NY)
7. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Pro Bono DACA Renewal Clinic (10/1, 12 – 4:30 pm @ Flushing Library (IRC Conference Room), 41-17 Main Street, Flushing, NY)
8. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Strategies for Addressing Immigration Questions for In-House Attorneys (Webcast) (10/2, 6 – 9 pm)

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<sup>1</sup> Not discussed unless otherwise indicated.

C. Promotion of Future Events<sup>2</sup>

1. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (10/11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, NY, NY)
  - a) Dwight Yoo encouraged board members to attend the legal clinic as volunteers.
2. Hon. Thomas Tang Moot Court - NE Regionals Judging (10/14, 9 am @ Brooklyn Law School, 250 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY)
  - a) Francis Chin, one of the competition's organizers, announced that the competition is looking for additional judges, and asked board members to consider volunteering.
3. AABANY Co-Sponsors: The Evolution of ADR Services for Inbound and Outbound Investment (10/16, 5:15 – 9:30 pm @ Fordham University School of Law, 150 West 62nd Street, NY, NY)
4. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Portrait Project Panel with Justice Goodwin Liu (10/17, 6:30 pm @ Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, 250 West 55th Street, 3rd Floor, NY, NY)
  - a) Susan Shin encouraged registration for this event, while noting that space is limited.
5. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Asian American Election Protection Volunteer Training (10/17, 12 – 1:30 pm @ Shearman & Sterling LLP, 599 Lexington Ave, NY, NY)
  - a) Yang Chen explained that training is necessary to participate in AALDEF poll monitoring, and encouraged board members to volunteer or to spread the word to seek volunteers.
6. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Asian American Election Protection Volunteer Training (10/17, 6 – 7:30 pm @ Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 28 Liberty Street, NY, NY)
7. AABANY Women's Committee Monthly Breakfast (10/18, 8 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt, 230 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
8. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Selling and Purchasing Real Property from an Estate (10/18, 6 – 8 pm @ Flushing Bank, 99 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
9. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Asian American Election Protection Volunteer

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Training (10/19, 12 – 1:30 pm @ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, Bank of America Tower, NY, NY)

10. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Questionable Authorities (10/19, 4:30 – 7:30 pm @ Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, 51 West 52nd Street, NY, NY)
11. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Effective Pitching – A Mini Workshop (10/19, 6 – 9 pm @ Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, 101 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
12. AABANY GSPI / Pro Bono Committees Joint Meeting (10/19, 6:30 – 8 pm @ Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth Street, 6th Floor)
13. AABANY Tax Club Dinner (10/19, 7:30 – 9:30 pm @ Tang Pavilion, 65 West 55th Street, NY, NY)
14. AABANY Co-Sponsors: How to Go In-House and Succeed (10/23, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
15. AABANY Co-Sponsors: LGBT Asian American/South Asian Attorney Networking Reception (10/24, 6 – 8 pm @ Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, 200 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
16. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Asian American Election Protection Volunteer Training (10/25, 12 – 1:30 pm @ Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, 425 Lexington Avenue, NY, NY)
17. AABANY Judiciary Committee Meeting (10/26, 7 – 9 pm @ Paul Hastings LLP, 200 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
18. AABANY Supports: 5th Annual Night Market (10/27, 7 – 10 pm @ Angel Orensanz Center, 172 Norfolk Street, NY, NY)
19. AABANY Co-Sponsors: KALAGNY Veterans & Military Networking Event (11/8, 6:30 pm @ Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP, 156 5th Avenue #303)
20. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Distinguished Alumni Perspectives with Justice Chin Brandt (11/16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm @ The Shearman Room, 599 Lexington Avenue, 2nd Floor, NY, NY)

#### **IV. New Business (Open)**

##### **A. Update: Strategic Planning**

1. Elizabeth Derrico led a group discussion regarding AABANY's strategic planning.
2. The discussion focused on AABANY's reach as an organization, as well as AABANY's political role.
3. The Board discussed issues related to membership, diversity, resource allocation, committee structure, and partnership with other organizations.

##### **B. Report: 2017 Fall Conference**

1. Jeff Ikejiri thanked those who assisted with the Fall Conference by volunteering, securing sponsorships, organizing the Diversity Career Fair, and procuring speakers.
2. Mr. Ikejiri reported that the Fall Conference had over 400 registrants, and that the feedback on the programming and venue was very positive.
3. Yang Chen discussed financial and marketing aspects related to the Fall Conference.

##### **C. Update: 2018 Annual Dinner**

1. James Cho reported that AABANY has continued its reach-out to potential honorees.
2. The Board proceeded to discuss issues related to sponsorship of the Annual Dinner.

##### **D. FY 2017 Six-Month Review Presentation**

1. Dwight Yoo reported that he is formulating a presentation on membership, finance, and budget for the November board meeting.
2. Mr. Yoo announced that the Advisory Committee will be reconstituted in advance of the Annual Dinner.
3. Mr. Yoo noted that the Board should consider whether AABANY should form a charitable foundation or partner officially with other charitable organizations.

E. Constitutional Convention

1. Chris Kwok led a discussion concerning AABANY's position with respect to New York's Constitutional Convention. The Board discussed various considerations associated with taking a position on the Constitutional Convention.
2. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to take a position in support of the Constitutional Convention. Larry Wee, Manisha Sheth, and Irene Tan abstained from the vote.

**V. Next Meeting (TBD): November 14, 2017**

- A. Agenda items to be sent to [daiwai.chinfeman@aabany.org](mailto:daiwai.chinfeman@aabany.org) by November 10, 2017.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.