



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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

DECEMBER 2017 MINUTES

Board Members Present: Dwight Yoo, Yang Chen (non-voting), James Cho, Francis Chin (non-voting), * Dai Wai Chin Feman, Marianne Chow, Diane Gujarati, * Jeff Ikejiri, * Tristan Loanzon, Sapna Palla, Terrence Shen, * Brian Song, Irene Tan, * Larry Wee*

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members, and Others Present: Anthony Fong*

There being a quorum of board members present, Dwight Yoo, President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

* Present via telephone

I. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2017 Board Meeting

1. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board adopted the minutes from the November 14, 2017 board meeting.

II. Reports and Announcements

A. Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer Amy Ngai was not present. Dai Wai Chin Feman provided statistics regarding AABANY's accounts in Ms. Ngai's stead.

B. Membership Director's Report

1. Tristan Loanzon provided a statistical breakdown of membership metrics.
2. Discussion ensued regarding incentives associated with the Annual Dinner, and the potential effects of such incentives upon membership numbers.

C. November and December Highlights¹

1. Women Rainmakers: Creating and Cultivating (Potential) Successful Client Relationships (11/14, 7 pm @ Lee Anav Chung White Kim Ruger & Richter LLP, 156 5th Avenue #303, NY, NY)
2. AABANY Women's Committee Monthly Breakfast (11/15, 8 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt, 230 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
3. AABANY Intellectual Property Committee presents: IP Prosecution 101 (11/15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, P.C., 4 Times Square, 17th Floor, NY, NY)
4. 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)
5. IP Career Panel - Law Firm (11/16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer, 250 West 55th Street, 3rd Floor, NY, NY)
6. NYU APALSA - AABANY Bowling Night (11/17, 7:30 – 9:30 pm @ Lucky Strike Manhattan, 624-660 West 42nd Street, NY, NY)
7. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Justice Denied (*Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio*) (11/29, 3 – 5 pm @ University of Buffalo School of Law, John Lord O'Brian Hall, 211 Putnam Way, Buffalo, NY)
8. AABANY Young Lawyers' Committee Yoga and Committee Dinner (12/4, 6 pm @ Zo Lounge, 30 Rockefeller Plaza B, NY, NY)
9. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Ethical Considerations: Pro Bono/Public Service Representation (12/5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Basso & Khare LLC, 4 Times Square, NY, NY)
10. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Building a Taller Flushing (12/6, 6 – 8 pm @ YMCA of Greater New York – Flushing, 138-46 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NY)
11. Half Yearly Committee Co-Chair Meeting (12/6, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Paul Hastings, 200 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
12. Becoming a Committee Co-Chair – Information Session (12/6, 7:15 – 8:30 pm @ Paul Hastings, 200 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
 - a) Yang Chen noted that the information session was well-attended, including by members interested in increasing their involvement

¹ Not discussed unless otherwise noted.

with AABANY at the committee level.

13. AABANY Goes to the Theater: A Deal (12/8, 7:30 pm @ Urban Stages Theater, 259 West 30th Street, NY, NY)
14. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Court Visit with the Hon. Randall T. Eng (12/11, 10:30 am @ Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, 2d Dep't, 45 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, NY)
15. AABANY Prosecutors' Committee Holiday Mixer (12/11, 7 – 9 pm @ Legends, 6 West 33rd Street, NY, NY)
16. Call For AABANY Board Nominations: Open Meeting (12/12, 6 – 7 pm @ Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, 4 Times Square, NY, NY)

D. Promotion of Future Events²

1. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (12/13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, NY, NY)
2. AABANY Annual Holiday Party (12/15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Dave & Buster's, 234 West 42nd Street, 3rd Floor, NY, NY)
 - a) Yang Chen noted that registration for the holiday party was at capacity, with over 100 registrants.
 - b) Discussion ensued regarding potentially organizing future holiday parties in conjunction with other bar associations.
3. AABANY Women's Committee Monthly Breakfast (12/20, 8 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt, 230 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
4. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (1/10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, NY, NY)
 - a) Yang Chen encouraged board members to attend.
5. Exhibit Tour of MOCA FOLD: Golden Venture Paper Sculptures (1/18, 7 pm @ Museum of Chinese in America, 215 Centre Street, NY, NY)
6. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (2/14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, NY, NY)

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7. AABANY 2018 Annual Dinner (2/28 @ Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall Street, NY, NY)

III. New Business (Open)

A. Update: 2018 Annual Dinner

1. James Cho provided an overview regarding the current status of honorees and sponsorship for the annual dinner. Mr. Cho reported that Arthur Chong will no longer be an honoree in light of a scheduling conflict.
2. Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the annual dinner, including obtaining additional sponsorships, updating sponsorship materials, potentially securing a new honoree in Mr. Chong's stead, and the Law Firm Diversity Award.

B. Revisions to By-Laws

1. Dwight Yoo outlined proposed revisions to AABANY's By-Laws, to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting of the Members. Such revisions include:
 - a) § 3.01 (voting by electronic means)
 - b) § 3.02 (date of Annual Meeting of the Members)
 - c) § 3.02(e) (tallying votes, Board composition)
2. After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the proposed revisions to the By-Laws to be put forth for a vote at the Annual Meeting of the Members.

C. Update: VPPOs

1. Jeff Ikejiri provided an update regarding the current status of planning the 2018 Fall Conference. He reported that the Fall Conference will occur on September 22, 2018 at Fordham University School of Law.
2. Discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the Fall Conference, including potentially holding an event the night prior to the Annual Conference that would feature AABANY members who are Fordham Law alumni, and eligibility for participation in the Diversity Career Fair.

D. Recording of Abstentions – DACA Amicus Brief

1. Yang Chen reported that, pursuant to the Procedure for Expedited Consideration set forth in AABANY's Policy and Protocol on Signing on to Amicus Briefs or Support Letters, AABANY has agreed to join the amicus brief in support of plaintiffs' motion for injunctive and declaratory

relief in *Battala Vidal v. Nielsen*, filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, patterned after *The Regents of the University of California et ano. v. U.S. Dep't of Homeland Security et ano.* and additional cases, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. The action opposes the government's rescission of DACA relief in September 2017.

2. James Cho, Diane Gujarati, Manisha Sheth, and Brian Song recorded their abstentions.

IV. Next Meeting (details TBD): January 9, 2018

- A. Agenda items to daiwai.chinfeman@aabany.org by January 5, 2018

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.