



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Held Telephonically

SEPTEMBER 2017 NOTES

Board Members Present: Dwight Yoo, Yang Chen (non-voting), James Cho, Tristan Loanzon, Bobby Liu, Brian Song, Sapna Palla, Larry Wee, Suhana Han, Sonia Low, Amy Ngai, Dai Wai Chin Feman

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members, and Others Present: Chris Kwok

Dwight Yoo, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Quorum was not met. Therefore, no official business was conducted at the meeting. Instead, the following discussions took place.

I. Reports and Announcements

A. August and September Highlights¹

1. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (8/9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm @ Chinese Chamber of Commerce of NY, Inc., 33 Bowery Street, Suite C202, NY, NY)
2. AABANY Co-Sponsors: ABA Annual Meeting CLE in the City Series (8/10-8/11), including Reenactment of Heart Mountain Draft Resisters Trial (8/10, 2 – 3:30 pm @ Fordham University School of Law, 150 West 62nd Street, NY, NY)
3. AABANY Co-Sponsors: ABA JusticeHack NYC (8/12, 8 am – 6 pm @ Fordham University School of Law, 113 West 60th Street, NY, NY)
4. AABANY Women’s Committee Monthly Breakfast (8/16, 8 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt, 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY)
5. AABANY Prosecutors’ Committee Summer Cocktail Mixer (8/17, 6 – 9 pm @ Legends Bar NYC, 6 West 33rd Street, NY, NY)
6. AABANY Co-Sponsors: City Council District 20 Candidate Forum (8/20, 2 pm @ Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing,

¹ Not discussed unless indicated.

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7. AABANY Presents: Group Mentoring (8/24, 6:30 – 9:30 pm @ Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY)
8. Join AABANY for “Abacus” at the Asia Society (9/6, 5:30 pm @ Asia Society, Lili Acheson Wallace Auditorium, 725 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
9. NAPABA Northeast Regional Conference (9/8 @ Drexel University School of Law, 3320 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA)
10. AABANY Co-Sponsors: Client Intake Interview Training (9/11, 9 am – 12 pm @ New York University School of Law, Furman Hall, Room 310, 245 Sullivan Street, NY, NY)

B. Promotion of Future Events²

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 Women’s Committee Monthly Breakfast (9/20, 8 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt, 230 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
4. 8th Annual AABANY Fall Conference (9/23 @ Fordham University School of Law, 150 West 62nd Street, NY, NY)
5. 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)
 - a) Yang Chen thanked Marianne Chow for her assistance in organizing this event, and encouraged board members to attend.
6. Save the Date: Event with Goodwin Liu (10/17 @ Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP, 250 West 55th Street, NY, NY)
 - a) Yang Chen reported that Susan Shin is organizing a panel to speak regarding Asian Americans in the legal profession, and encouraged board members to attend.

² Not discussed unless indicated.

II. New Business (Open)

A. Update: Fall Conference

1. Yang Chen gave a report on behalf of the VPPOs. He indicated that further assistance from the Board would be beneficial in marketing the Fall Conference. Online registration will remain open until the day prior to the Conference in light of our ability to manage late registrants and walk-ins at Fordham University School of Law.
2. Mr. Chen reported that sponsorship levels have improved, although additional sponsors would be beneficial.

B. Update: Annual Dinner

1. James Cho gave an update on the status of contacting potential honorees.

C. Update: NAPABA Awards

1. Yang Chen reported that Parkin Lee has received the NAPABA Trailblazer Award, and that Jung Choi and Jennifer Choi have received “Best Under 40” awards.
2. Discussion ensued regarding the NAPABA award process.
3. Dwight Yoo discussed the NAPABA governance structure, and upcoming vacancies. Mr. Yoo congratulated Irene Tan on her selection as a “governor alternate” for the next term.

D. Revised Travel Ban Brief

1. Yang Chen requested abstentions from the travel ban amicus brief, and noted that Diane Gujarati previously indicated her abstention. Larry Wee and James Cho abstained.

E. DACA

1. Discussion ensued regarding whether AABANY would take a position regarding DACA, and if so, when.

F. New Interns

1. Yang Chen reported that in addition to August Gweon, AABANY will be taking on two interns for the fall.
2. Dwight Yoo discussed that a full-time employee would be hired, and the Board should consider what that position should entail.

G. VPPO Vacancy

1. Yang Chen reported that Naf Kwun's position is vacant until March 2018. Marianne Chow has agreed to assist Jeff Ikejiri in the interim.

H. New York State Constitutional Convention

1. Chris Kwok circulated various materials about this issue to address questions and concerns enunciated at the August board meeting. A vote on this issue could not take place at the September meeting due to lack of quorum.

III. Next Meeting (Location TBD): October 10, 2017

- A. Agenda items to daiwai.chinfeman@aabany.org by October 5, 2017