



**Asian American  
Bar Association  
of New York**

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:00 PM

Hosted by  
Arnold & Porter, LLP  
399 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

Teleconference Information:  
Domestic Dial is 1-866-802-1366  
Participants' Passcode is 34498168

**APRIL 2016 MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Susan Shin, Dwight Yoo, William Wang, Yang Chen (non-voting member), Marianne Chow\*, Will Ng, Amy Ngai, Tristan Loanzon, Lige Gu, James Cho, Jung Choi, Mike Huang\*, Bobby Liu, Sonia Low\*, Sapna Palla, Manisha Sheth\*, Irene Tan, Larry Wee, Pauline Yeung-Ha.

**AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present:** Simone Nguyen, Victoria Liu, James Lin, Helen Ahn, Brian Song, Naf Kwun, Song Kim, and David Mou\*.

\*Attended via phone.

There being a quorum of board members present, Susan Shin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:16 PM. Welcome new Board Members to the first meeting of FY2016.

**1) Old Business**

- a. Approval of Board minutes from March 8, 2016 meeting.  
With the addition of the Columbia Law School APALSA's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Not Your Model Minority event to the Highlights section of the Minutes, Tristan Loanzon moved to approve, seconded by William Wang and approved by voice vote.

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

- a. Treasury Report (Amy Ngai)
  - i. Operating Account (as of 4/11): \$210,505.65
  - ii. Investment Account (as of 4/11): \$516,298.35

- b. March and April Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, [blog.aabany.org](http://blog.aabany.org))
  - i. GSPI and Pro Bono Committees: Joint Committee Meeting (3/1, 6:30-8:30pm @ Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth St., Ste 606, NY, NY 10013)
  - ii. Immigration Committee: EB-5 Series, Part 2: Starting an EB-5 Practice (3/1, 6:00-8:30pm @ Akerman LLP, 666 5th Ave., NY, NY 10103)
  - iii. Membership, Pro Bono, GSPI, and Young Lawyers Committees: Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour (3/2, 6:30-8:30pm @ District Social, 252 W. 37th St., NY, NY 10018)
  - iv. IP Committee: Strategic & Tax Considerations in International IP Licenses & Portfolio (3/7, 6:30-8:00pm @ Seward & Kissel LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, NY, NY 10004)
  - v. Pro Bono Committee: AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Clinic (3/9, 6:30-8:30pm @ CCBA, 62 Mott St., NY, NY 10001)
  - vi. LGBT Committee: Being Out and Asian Pacific Islander at Work (3/17, 6:00-8:00pm @ Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, 800 3rd Ave., NY, NY 10022)
  - vii. Litigation Committee: Discovery Ethics Issues Confronting Practitioners, Ethics CLE featuring Judge James Francis (3/22, 6:30-8:30pm @ BakerHostetler, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY 10111)
  - viii. Membership, Bankruptcy, Labor & Employment and Career Placement Committees: Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour (3/23, 6:30-8:30pm @ Stout Fidi, 90 John St., NY, NY 10038)
  - ix. Tax Committee: Committee Dinner (3/23, 7:30-9:30pm @ Alta, 64 W. 10th St., NY, NY 10011)
  - x. Real Estate and Asian Practice Committees (3/29, 6:00-8:30pm @ Mudan Restaurant, 136-17 39th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354)
  - xi. Litigation Committee: Happy Hour Co-Sponsored with Esquire (4/7, 6:00-8:00pm @ McGettigan's, 70 W. 36th St., NY, NY 10018)
  - xii. GSPI and Pro Bono Committees: Joint Committee Meeting (4/12, 6:30-8:00pm @ Legal Aid Society, 40 Worth St., NY, NY 10013)
  
- c. Promotion of Future Events
  - i. Pro Bono Committee: AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Clinic (4/13, 6:30-8:30pm @ CCBA, 62 Mott St., NY, NY 10001)
  - ii. Judiciary Committee: Committee Meeting (4/14, 7:00-9:00pm @ Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP, 575 Lexington Ave., NY, NY 10022)
  - iii. Co-sponsored with NYSBA: An Examination of Judicial Diversity in New York State (4/20, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Pace University Law School, White Plains)
  - iv. Co-sponsored with NYCLA's Real Property Section, Spring Cocktail Party (4/21, 6:30-8:30 pm, Newman Ferrara, 1250 Broadway)
  - v. Commercial Bankruptcy and Career Placement Committees Present: Career Panel on Bankruptcy and Restructuring Law (4/27, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 5th Ave., NY, NY 10153)

### 3) New Business

#### OPEN

a. Presentation of Board Book and FY2016 Board Meeting Dates (Yang Chen)

For their reference, new Board Members have received a hard copy of the Board Book. Please complete Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement and email it to Yang Chen and Lige Gu. For returning Board Members, please review and complete one if you have to supplement your existing one.

Consistent with the bylaws, board meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month with the exception of the Annual Meeting in February. Among the duties and expectations of Board members is to attend Board meetings and missing three Board meetings may lead to that Board member's seat being declared vacant.

b. Signatories for AABANY Accounts (Amy Ngai)

i. Investment Account: As discussed in FY2015, AABANY will be closing the Merrill Lynch investment account and opening one with Vanguard. Motion was made by Pauline Yeung-Ha for the Treasurer to open Vanguard account and authorized monies currently in the Merrill Lynch account to be transferred to the Vanguard account and to take any further appropriate actions, seconded by Will Ng, and approved by voice vote.

ii. Signatories on Bank Accounts: With the new Board, motion to remove Naf Kwun and William Wang as signatories and replacing it with Yang Chen (as Executive Director), Susan Shin (as President), Dwight Yoo (as President-Elect), and Amy Ngai (as Treasurer) by Irene Tan, seconded by Tristan Loanzon, and approved by voice vote.

#### CLOSED

a. Review and Vote on Nominations Committee Report on Filling 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Programs and Operations Vacancy (William Wang)

REDACTED

b. Review and Vote on FY2016 Budget (Marianne Chow/Naf Kwun)

REDACTED

There being no further business, Tristan Loanzon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry Wee, and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2016 at location TBD.