



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, August 9, 2016, 7:00 PM

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

Teleconference Information:
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AUGUST 2016 MINUTES

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

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present: Charles Chen, Chris Kwok, and David Mou*

*Attended via phone

There being a quorum of board members present, Susan Shin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board minutes from July 12, 2016 meeting.
With the removal of the last sentence in 1.a. of the minutes, Jung Choi moved to approve, seconded by Larry Wee, and approved by voice vote. Bobby Liu abstained.

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

- a. Treasury Report (Amy Ngai)
- b. Membership Report (Tristan Loanzon)
- c. July and August Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)
 - i. Pro Bono Committee Monthly Legal Clinic (Wed 7/13 @ Asian Americans for Equality, 111 Division Street, New York, NY 10002)

- ii. Career Placement Committee presents Get On Track #7: Best Practices for Successful Interviews - Mock Interview Workshop (Wed 7/13 @ RGP, 7 Times Square, Suite 2600, New York, NY 10011)
- iii. Judiciary Committee Meeting (Mon 7/18 @ Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP, 575 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10022)
- iv. Labor & Employment Committee Kickoff Happy Hour (Tue 7/19 @ Manhattan Proper, 6 Murray Street, New York, NY 10007)
- v. Real Estate, Tax, Solo & Small Firm Practice and Asia Practice Committee Presents Foreign Investments in US Real Estate Part II (Wed 7/27 @ Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, 1 Penn Plaza, 30th Floor, New York, NY 10119)
- vi. GSPI and Pro Bono Committees Present Joint Committee Meeting (Tues 8/2 @ Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth Street, Suite 606, New York, NY 10013)
- vii. Women's Committee Presents Soul Cycle Class (Wed 8/3 @ Soul Cycle, 350 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10024)

d. Promotion of Future Events

- i. Pro Bono Committee Monthly Legal Clinic (Wed 8/10 @ 6:30pm @ Asian Americans for Equality, 111 Division Street, New York, NY 10002)
- ii. Get to Know AABANY Happy Hour (Tue 8/16 @ 6:00pm @ District Social, 252 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018)
- iii. 2016 NAPABA Northeast Regional (Fri 8/19 - Sun 8/20 @ New York Law School, 185 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013)
- iv. Young Lawyers Committee & Litigation Committee Present Annual Picnic (Sun 8/28 (Reserved))
- v. Women's Committee Co-Sponsors US Open Outing with FALA-New York (Thu 9/8 @ 7:00pm @ USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Flushing Meadow, Corona Park, Flushing, NY 11368)
- vi. GSPI Committee, Pro Bono Committee & Student Outreach Committee Present Careers in Government or Public Interest: How to Get your Foot in the Door (Thu 9/8 @ 6:30pm @ Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, 55 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10003)
- vii. 2016 Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition: (i) Northeast Regional – Washington, D.C., September 30, 2016-October 1, 2016; and (ii) National Rounds – San Diego, CA at NAPABA Convention, November 4-5, 2016

3) New Business

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a. Fall Conference update

19 panels selected. Steve Chung will also have group mentoring sessions and has recruited 4 mentors. Discussion on a few of the panels. As for the Career Fair,

they have 8 employers committed for on-site interviews and 14 employers will be hosting informational tables. Focus now is getting participants/applicants. 20 companies have signed on to hear pitches and Paul Weiss will host How to Pitch Panel.

b. Annual Dinner update

Dwight has initiated the speaker outreach process. If anyone has strong recommendations for honorees, please email Dwight Yoo.

c. Approval of consent agenda procedure

Yang Chen learned from other bar associations' ways to streamline board meetings and circulated a sample consent agenda procedure for the Board's consideration. Discussions on the use the procedure and whether it should be implemented. Consensus seemed to be that it was not needed at this time.

d. D&I CLE requirement

AABANY was asked to join NYSBA's letter to ask the New York State Unified Court System to include a separate diversity and inclusion continuing legal education requirement. Discussions on certain language in the letter.

Motion to delegate President (Susan Shin), President-Elect (Dwight Yoo), and Executive Director (Yang Chen) to make edits to the letter consistent with tonight's discussions, finalize letter, and get other bar associations to join was approved by Mike Huang, seconded by Tristan Loanzon, and approved by voice vote. Diane Gujarati abstained.

e. Issues Committee items – Vincent Chin and Chinese Scientists

i. Vincent Chin - the 45th anniversary of Vincent Chin's death is next year. There is an outstanding \$8 million judgment in his estate that continues to be monitored by individual activists. These individuals have brought this issue to NAPABA asking for help in taking this on. AABANY wants to explore how it can help and will speak to the Pro Bono Committee.

ii. Chinese Scientists – discussion on the background of this case and the outcome. Both scientists have massive legal debt as a result of this investigation. Chris Kwok will prepare summaries for both these items and suggest ways AABANY can help.

f. Discussion about possibly starting a Sponsorship Committee

To ensure the continuity of the sponsorships AABANY has secured, a standing committee should be in place. Currently, Will Ng, Margaret Ling and 2 law students are on it. The law students are doing research on business development managers at various companies.

g. Strategic planning and formation of ad hoc bylaw revisions committee

A review of the bylaws is needed. Will form a committee and have a meeting in the next couple of months. If you would like to be a part of it, please contact Susan Shin.

CLOSED

- a. Compensation Committee discussion – adjourned to the next meeting.

There being no further business, Tristan Loanzon made a motion to adjourning the meeting, seconded by Marianne Chow, and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2016 at location TBD.