



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 7:00 PM

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

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

JULY 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, Sonia Low*, Sapna Palla*, Manisha Sheth, Irene Tan*, Larry Wee*, Pauline Yeung-Ha.

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present: Jingyi (Claudia) Shi, Chris Kwok, and James Lin.

*Attended via phone

There being a quorum of board members present, Susan Shin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

1) Old Business

a. Approval of Board minutes from June 14, 2016 meeting.

Tristan moved to approve, seconded by James Cho, and approved by voice vote subject to the following clarifications: (i) indicating Robert Leung's participation by telephone and (ii) item 3h – "Naf made a request to increase AABANY's funding by \$1,000 -- \$500 for year 2016 from AABANY FY 2015 budget and \$500 for year 2017 from the AABANY FY 2016 budget.

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

- a. Treasury Report (Amy Ngai)
- b. Membership Report (Tristan Loanzon)
- c. June and July Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)

- i. Immigration & Nationality Law Committee Kick-Off Meeting (Wed 6/15 @ Perkins Coie LLP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112)
- ii. In-House Counsel & Corporate Law Committee's 9th Annual Wine Tasting & Networking Event (Thu 6/16 @ NYY Steak, 7 W 51st St, New York, NY 10019)
- iii. AABANY Co-Sponsors Movie Night - Seoul Searching (Fri 6/17 @ AMC Empire Times Square, 234 W 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036)
- iv. Military & Veteran Affairs Committee Kick-Off Meeting (Tue 6/21 @ BakerHostetler, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10111)
- v. Solo & Small Firm Committee presents Part 1 of Nuts and Bolts Series (Wed 6/22 @ First Republic Bank, 10 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10019)
- vi. Tax Committee presents Korean Indie Film: Seoul Searching (Wed 6/22 @ AMC Empire Times Square, 234 W 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036)
- vii. Tax Committee presents Tax Peer Group Dinner - M&A - Part II (Wed 6/29 @ Tang Pavilion, 65 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019)
- viii. Women's Committee Kick-Off Meeting (Thu 6/30 @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt (at Grand Central), 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169)

d. Promotion of Future Events

- i. Pro Bono Committee Monthly Legal Clinic (Wed 7/13 @ 6:30pm @ 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 @ 6:30pm @ RGP, 7 Times Square, Suite 2600, New York, NY 10011)
- iii. Judiciary Committee Meeting (Mon 7/18 @ 7:00pm @ Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP, 575 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10022)
- iv. Labor & Employment Committee Kickoff Happy Hour (Tue 7/19 @ 7:00pm @ Manhattan Proper, 6 Murray Street, New York, NY 10007)
- v. Real Estate, Tax, Solo & Small Firm Practice and Asia Practice Committee Present Foreign Investments in US Real Estate Part II (Wed 7/27 @ 6:00pm @ 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 @ 6:30pm @ Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth Street, Suite 606, New York, NY 10013)

3) New Business

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- a. Fall Conference Update (Yang Chen/Amy Ngai/Irene Tan)

Website to launch next week. Received 24 program submissions for 18-19 slots. Programs were chosen by a 5-person ad hoc committee. MuBANY submitted a program proposal and discussions regarding how to get them involved at the Fall Conference level or just within AABANY itself. Further discussions about finalizing program descriptions and the potential overlap of the Northeast Regional NAPABA Conference programming.

A \$20,000 sponsorship goal is set for this year factoring the costs of food and drinks. About \$5,000 from vendors have already been committed. Will circulate a list of sponsors and sponsorship packages to the Board so they can help with the outreach. Discussed other ways to get sponsors, including corporations.

Gurinder will be the point person for the Pitch Sessions this year. There has been a lot of outreach earlier this week for employers to participate at the Diversity Career Fair & Expo. 3 employers are already committed, 2 employers will conduct on-site interviews.

b. Annual Dinner 2017 Update (Dwight Yoo)

Enter into a 3-year contract with Cipriani and finalizing language. Will have it by the next meeting. Will also discuss speakers and sponsorship levels then.

c. AABANY Co-Sponsorship of Candidates' Forum on August 14th for Assembly 65 (Chris Kwok)

APA Voice is putting these forums for 2 state senate races in District 65 (Lower East Side, Chinatown, Battery Park) and District 16 (Flushing, Rego Park). AABANY along with many other APA organizations will be co-sponsoring the forums. There will be quite a few candidates running for District 65 in November 2016 and it will be an important election. If you have any questions or would like to submit a question for the forum(s), please contact Chris Kwok.

d. AABANY Response to Recent Police Shootings

Yang is out at events representing himself as Executive Director and wants to assess the Board's thoughts and reactions to ensure he is representing AABANY correctly if asked what AABANY thinks about the recent shootings. Discussions whether AABANY should even respond, what the response(s) would be, and the consequences of not responding and responding. Sensitive topics like the recent shootings are brought up at Board meetings quite a lot and the Board realized it is more important to engage in the discussion of these topics. Discuss the possibility of having forums to speak to our members about these issues.

e. Requests for recommendations (Yang Chen)

- i. NYPD Recruitment Advisory Committee - NYPD is looking to get various leaders from the community to assist in strategies to recruit diverse officers and improve police-community relations. If you are interested or know someone who would be ideal for this, please contact Yang.

- ii. Women associate attorneys to participate in trial practice CLE happening at Shira Sheindlin Award for Excellence in November – NYSBA’s Commercial and Federal Litigation Section is looking for a diverse CLE on trial practice and is seeking to identify associate-level women lawyers to participate.

There being no further business, Tristan Loanzon made a motion to adjourn 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 August 9, 2016 at location TBD.