



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 7:00 PM

Hosted by
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
One Liberty Plaza
New York, NY 10006

Teleconference Information:
Domestic Dial is 1-877-492-4010
Participants' Passcode is 212-225-3

JUNE 2016 MINUTES

Board Members Present: Susan Shin, Dwight Yoo, William Wang, Yang Chen (non-voting member), Will Ng, Naf Kwun, Amy Ngai, Tristan Loanzon, Lige Gu, James Cho, Diane Gujarati, 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, Jingyi (Claudia) Shi, Chris Kwok, Robert Leung*, and Joane Wong.

*Attended via phone.

There being a quorum of board members present, Susan Shin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:26 PM. Thank you to Cleary Gottlieb for hosting and welcome AABANY's newest intern, Claudia Shi.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board minutes from May 10, 2016 meeting.
With the correction of adding Sonia Low's attendance to the meeting, Tristan Loanzon moved to approve, seconded by Will Ng and approved by voice vote.

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

- a. Treasury Report (Amy Ngai)
- b. Membership Report (Tristan Loanzon)
- c. May and June Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)
 - i. Pro Bono Committee: AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Clinic (5/11, 6:30-8:30pm @ CCBA, 62 Mott St., NY, NY)

- ii. AABANY Co-Sponsors NYC Premiere of Vietnamese Fishermen v. Knights of the Klu Klux Klan Reenactment (5/11, 5:30-8:30pm @ Cadwalder, Wickersham & Taft LLP, 200 Liberty Street, NY, NY)
- iii. AAJA Trivia Bowl (5/13, 7-9:30pm @ Broad Street Ballroom, 41 Broad Street, NY, NY)
- iv. Corporate Law Committee Kick-Off Meeting (5/16, 6:30-8pm @ Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, 51 West 52nd Street, NY, NY)
- v. AABANY Presents Bootcamp: Road to the Bench (Pt. 4) – Endorsements (5/16, 6-8pm @ Lee Anav Chung White & Kim LLP, 156 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY)
- vi. Young Lawyers Committee Kick-Off Meeting (5/17, 7-9pm @ Lee Anav Chung White & Kim LLP, 156 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY)
- vii. Steve Chung’s Group Mentoring, Part II (5/18, 7-9pm @ Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, NY, NY)
- viii. AABANY Government Service and Public Interest Committee Co-Sponsors Federal, State, and Local Perspectives from Government Attorneys Panel (5/19, 6:30-8:30pm @ TBA)
- ix. AABANY Co-Presents Public Interest Roundtable Series: An Evening with Judges (5/24, 6:30-8:30pm @ Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, 150 East 42nd Street, NY, NY)
- x. AABANY Co-Sponsors: A Diversity-Focused Conversation with South Asian Actress Reshma Shetty (5/31, 12:30pm @ Paul Hastings, 200 Park Avenue, NY, NY)
- xi. Joint Committee Meeting: Government Service & Public Interest and Pro Bono & Community Service (6/1, 6:30-8pm @ Manhattan Legal Services, 40 Worth Street, Suite 606, NY, NY)
- xii. AALFNY/AABANY Summer Reception (6/2, 6:30-8:30pm @ Baker McKenzie, 452 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY)
- xiii. Pro Bono Committee: AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Clinic (6/8, 6:30-8:30pm @ CCBA, 62 Mott St., NY, NY)
- xiv. AABANY Co-Sponsors: New York Trust and Estates CLE (6/8, 6-8:30pm @ Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, NY, NY)
- xv. KALAGNY 30th Anniversary Gala (6/8, 6:30-10:30pm @ Capitale, 130 Bowery Street, NY, NY)
- xvi. Prosecutors Committee 8th Annual Reception (6/9, 5:30-7pm @ NYCLA, 14 Vesey Street, NY, NY)
- xvii. Litigation Committee Kick-Off Meeting (6/13, 7pm @ Dorsey & Whitney, 51 West 52nd Street, NY, NY)

d. Promotion of Future Events

- i. Immigration and Nationality Law Committee Kick-Off Meeting (6/15, 7:30-9pm @ Perkins Coie LLP, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY)
- ii. In-House Counsel & Corporate Law Committees Wine Tasting & Networking Reception (6/16, 6:30-8:30pm @ NYY Steak, 7 W. 51st Street, NY, NY)

- iii. AABANY Co-sponsors: Movie Night – Seoul Searching (6/17, 7pm @ AMC Empire Time Sq., 234 West 42nd St., NY, NY)
- iv. AALDEF Annual Summer Cocktail Party (6/20, 6-9pm @ Hudson Terrace, 621 West 46th St., NY, NY).
- v. Military & Veteran Affairs Committee Kick-Off Meeting (6/21, 7-8pm @ BakerHostetler LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY)
- vi. AABANY Co-sponsors Joint Bar Networking Happy Hour (6/22, 6:30-8:30pm @ Dark Horse Tavern, 17 Murray Street, NY, NY)
- vii. Solo & Small Firm Committee Presents: Nuts & Bolts Part 1: The Ethics of IOLA Accounts Plus E&O (6/22, 5:30pm @ First Republic Bank, 10 Columbus Circle, NY, NY)
- viii. Tax Committee’s Movie Night: Seoul Searching (6/22, 7pm @ AMC Empire Time Sq., 234 W. 42nd St., NY, NY)
- ix. Tax Committee Peer Group Dinner – M&A – Part II (6/29, 7:30pm @ Tang Pavilion, 65 West 55th Street, NY, NY)
- x. Gov’t Service & Public Interest and Pro Bono & Community Service Committees Present a Reception for Law Student Interns Working in Government or Public Interest (6/30, 6:30-8:30pm @ Lee Anav Chung White & Kim LLP, 156 Fifth Ave., Suite 303, NY, NY)
- xi. Women’s Committee Kick-Off Breakfast Meeting (6/30, 7:30 am @ Urbanspace Vanderbilt (at Grand Central), 230 Park Ave., NY, NY)

3) New Business
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- a. Investment Account Update (Amy Ngai)
 An application to Vanguard was sent and it’s now in the review process. All monies in the Merrill Lynch account has been transferred to the operating account.
- b. Fall Conference 2016 Update (Dwight Yoo/Yang Chen/Will Ng)
 Fall Conference will be held at Skadden Arps on September 24, 2016. Looking into potential venues for 2017 as well. Possibly having the TAP in March of 2017 at Kaye Scholer’s offices. Discussions on Fresh Direct as the caterer for the Fall Conference and its promotions and discounts. The deadline for program submissions is June 20th – if you have any questions, please contact Amy Ngai. Discussions on ways to contact more junior to midlevel attorneys and get more in-house companies for the Diversity Career Fair & Expo.
- c. Annual Dinner Update (Dwight Yoo)
 After Dwight’s research on other comparable venues, Cipriani appears to have the best deal at 240 per person (for a 3-year contract). Discussions on the other venues and prices as well potential increases in ticket prices and sponsorship packages.

Tristan Loanzon moved to have AABANY sign a 3-year contract with Cipriani, seconded by Mike Huang, and approved by voice vote.

d. Conflict of Interest Policy Update (Yang Chen)

For new Board members, if you have not done so, please review and complete the waiver and email it to Ligea and Simone. For old Board members, if you need to update your disclosures, please do so. Ligea will email the Board the Conflict of Interest Policy.

e. AABANY Participation in ABA Annual Meeting in August 2017 (Yang Chen)

Yang was invited to attend an ABA meeting of all the local bar leaders and discussed the ABA's Annual Meeting returning to New York. ABA needs to generate more attendance and encourage program submissions from the local bar organizations. Discussed AABANY's presence at the Annual Meeting (i.e. program submissions) and the possibility of putting on the Murder of Vincent Chin trial reenactment.

f. Revised Amicus Advocacy Letter Policy (Yang Chen)

A couple of important notes: there will be a ratification process at the next board meeting when the Procedure for Expedited Consideration is invoked and abstentions can be made then. Expedited decisions will be reflected in the next Board minutes.

A couple of edits: 1) remove names of Board members on letter regarding issues or positions AABANY will be taking and 2) add procedures to let the Board know when AABANY will be invoking the Procedure for Expedited Consideration and its decision.

Will Wang moved to adopt the policy with the edits as discussed, seconded by James Cho, and approved by voice vote.

g. Lobby Day Report (Robert Leung/Chris Kwok)

Robert Leung attended Lobby Day on behalf of the Judiciary Committee. Met with aides who were responsible for judicial appointments and discussions with them on working on a pipeline for more judiciary candidates.

Chris Kwok attended on behalf of the Issues Committee. Had a few meetings with New York Members of Congress who were very receptive to AABANY's causes. Emphasized using AABANY as a resource.

h. SCS JIP's Request for Funding (Naf Kwun)

On behalf of Linda Lin, an officer of SCS JIP, Naf made a request to increase AABANY's funding by \$1,000 -- \$500 for year 2016 from AABANY FY2015 budget and \$500 for year 2017 from AABANY FY2016 budget. The Partner Bar Sponsorship is \$2,000 and AABANY has funded \$1,500 each year (last year and current year) from their discretionary budget. The increase in sponsorship level is

attributable to the increase in costs for high school and law students and SCS JIP's long term plans in hoping to extend program to college students.

Tristan moved to increase AABANY's discretionary budget by \$1,000, seconded by Mike Huang, and approved by voice vote. Naf Kwun, Amy Ngai, and Will Ng abstained.

There being no further business, Tristan Loanzon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lige Gu, and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2016 at location TBD.