



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 7:00 PM

Hosted by
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
51 West 52nd Street
New York, New York 10019

Teleconference Information:
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MARCH 2016 MINUTES

Board Members Present: Will Wang, Susan Shin, Clara Ohr, Will Ng, Yang Chen (non-voting), Naf Kwun, Irene Tan, Lige Gu, Steve Chung, Diane Gujarati, Mike Huang, Emily Kim, Jean Lee, Robert Leung, Karen Lim, Margaret Ling, Tristan Loanzon, Sonia Low, Larry Wee, and Pauline Yeung-Ha.

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present: Helen Ahn, Chris Kwok, James Lin, Edward Lee, Amy Ngai, Simone Nguyen, and Dwight Yoo.

There being a quorum of board members present, William Wang, President, called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. Thank you to Wachtell, Lipton for hosting the meeting.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board minutes from February 9, 2016 meeting.
Robert Leung moved to approve, seconded by Tristan Loanzon, and approved by voice vote.
- b. Approval of minutes from the Annual Meeting of the Members.
Tristan Loanzon moved to approve, seconded by Margaret Ling, and approved by voice vote.

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

- a. Treasury Report (Naf Kwun)
 - i. Operating Account (as of 3/7): \$214,263.55
 - ii. Investment Account (as of 3/7): \$503,909.45

- b. February and March Highlights (summaries (with photos) about most of the events listed can be found on the AABANY blog, blog.aabany.org)
 - i. Women's and Membership Committees Present: Bloomingdale's AABANY Lunar New Year Celebration & Shopping Event (2/11, 6:00-8:00pm, Bloomingdale's, 1000 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10022)
 - ii. Tax Committee Presents: Peer Group Meeting for February (2/16, 7:30-9:30pm @ Tang Pavilion, 65 West 55th Street, NY, NY 10019)
 - iii. Real Estate, Asia Practice and Solo & Small Firm Practice Committees Present: The Latest Asian Real Estate Projects in Queens and Beyond (2/18, 6:00-9:00pm, Mudan Banquet Hall, 136-17 39th Avenue, 2nd Flr, Flushing, NY 11354)
 - iv. IP Committee Presents: Lunar New Year Committee Dinner (2/18, 6:30-8:30pm, Congee Village, 100 Allen Street, New York, NY 10002)
 - v. Young Lawyers Committee Presents: Volunteer with AABANY - Xavier Mission Soup Kitchen (2/21, 11:45am-3:30pm, Xavier Mission, 55 West 15th Street, NY, NY 10011)
 - vi. Judiciary Committee Presents: Bootcamp: Road to the Bench (Pt. 3) - The Written Application (2/22, 6:00-8:00pm, Duane Morris LLP, 1540 Broadway, NY, NY 10036)
 - vii. AABANY 2016 Annual Dinner (2/24, Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall St, NY, NY 10005)
 - viii. AABANY Co-Sponsors Columbia Law School APALSA's 5th Annual Conference: Not Your Model Minority event (2/27, 10am to 6pm, Columbia Law School, 435 West 11th Street, NY, NY)
 - ix. Immigration Committee Presents: (Almost) Everything You Wanted to Know About EB-5 But Didn't Have Anyone To Ask CLE, Pt. 2 (3/1, 6-8:30pm, Akerman LLP, 666 5th Ave., NY, NY 10103)
 - x. Government Service & Public Interest Committees Present: Joint Committee Meeting (3/1, 6:30-8:30pm, Legal Services NYC, 40 Worth Street, Suite 606, NY, NY 10013)
 - xi. Membership, Pro Bono & Community Service, Government Service & Public Interest, 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)
 - xii. Intellectual Property and Tax Committees Present: Strategic & Tax Considerations in International IP Licenses & Portfolios (3/7, 6:30-8pm, Seward & Kissel LLP, One Battery Park Plaza, NY, NY 10004)

- c. Promotion of Future Events
 - i. AABANY Co-Sponsors Voting Rights and Asian Americans (3/9, 6:30-8:30pm, NYU School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall, Room 206, 40 Washington Square South, NY, NY 10012)
 - ii. AABANY Monthly Pro Bono Legal Clinic (3/9, 6:30-8:30pm, Consolidated Chinese Benevolent Association, 62 Mott St, NY, NY 10001)

- iii. AABANY Co-Sponsors Emerging Companies: From Domestic Establishment to International Expansion (3/16, 6-8pm, Benjamin Cardozo School of Law, 55 5th Ave., NY, NY 10003)
- iv. LGBT Committee Presents Being Out and Asian Pacific Islander a Work (3/17, 7-9pm, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, 800 Third Avenue, 13th Floor, NY, NY 10022)
- v. Litigation Committee Presents Discovery Ethics Issues Confronting Practitioners CLE (3/22, 6-8:30pm, BakerHostetler LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY 10111)
- vi. Get-to-Know AABANY Happy Hour with Commercial Bankruptcy & Restructuring, Labor & Employment, Career Placement and Membership Committees (3/23, 6:30-8:30pm, Stout FiDi, 90 John St., NY, NY 10038)
- vii. Tax Committee Annual Dinner (3/23, 7:30-9:30pm, Alta Restaurant, 64 W. 10th St., NY, NY 10011)
- viii. Real Estate and Asia Practice Committees CLE Networking Event on Global Real Estate, Sponsored by East West Bank (3/29, 6:00-9:00pm, Mudan Banquet Hall, 136-17 39th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Flushing, NY 11354)

3) **New Business** OPEN

a. Annual Meeting of the Board

i. Financial Report (Naf Kwun)

Actual Annual Dinner figures were over \$100,000 more than projected. The total FY 2015 income was substantially higher than projected. The Finance Committee will continue working with incoming President, Susan Shin in FY 2016.

ii. Thank You to Outgoing Board Officers and Directors (Will Wang)

Thank you to Clara Ohr, Robert Leung, Jean Lee, Karen Lim, Steve Chung and Margaret Ling as outgoing board members for all the hard work and time put into this organization.

b. Annual Dinner 2016 Report (Susan Shin)

Thank you to the board, Kerri Gartell-Eng, Margaret Langston and Simone Nguyen for the great efforts in making this year's Annual Dinner a very successful one. Congratulations to Susan for an amazing job with the sponsorships and attendance rates. If you have any comments or feedback, please contact incoming President-Elect, Dwight Yoo. Expenses were higher than projected this year as costs were reduced greatly last year. Revenue: \$590,175. Expenses: \$274,265.

c. Annual Dinner 2017 Venue Search (Dwight Yoo/Susan Shin)

The contract with Cipriani's expires this year and we have to do some due diligence in looking at other venues. There are a limited number of venues that

have the capacity to host the Annual Dinner. Discussion of increased rates for Cipriani's and other venues' rates. If you would like to help with the venue search, please contact Dwight Yoo.

d. Fall Conference 2016 (Yang Chen)

Need to start looking for the venue now. Discussions of potential law firms and law schools that can host the Fall Conference. If you would like to help in the planning stages, please contact Yang Chen.

e. Compensation Committee Report (Compensation Committee/Will Wang)

Compensation Committee had a meeting on PTO policies and will finalize and issue a new report in the beginning of FY 2016.

f. Developing Policy and Procedure for Signing Onto Support Letters and Amicus Briefs

This issue came out of last week's LGBT Committee's request to sign onto an amicus brief. Discussions on whether the individual committees can sign onto support letters and amicus briefs without AABANY. Discussions on what procedures should be put in place as similar and urgent requests will likely happen in the near future. Need to put together an ad hoc committee soon to look at what other bar associations do in these types of situations and research protocol. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please contact Susan Shin and Yang Chen. A policy on these situations is needed to provide guidance to Yang Chen as the Executive Director responding to requests from committees and community groups.

g. AABANY response/statement regarding Officer Peter Liang (Issues & Prosecutors' Committees)

Although AABANY has not been approached by the media to address this topic, discussions took place on whether AABANY should issue a statement and if so, what would be the appropriate statement for a bar association and when would the statement be made. James Lin on behalf of the Prosecutors' Committee discussed some facts and public trial information as well as the sentencing options of the underlying case. Also, Chris Kwok on behalf of the Issues Committee discussed two issues AABANY can possibly address, if it chooses to speak on this: selective prosecution and to ask for proportionate sentencing. The Board consensus is AABANY will issue a statement and speak to the larger issues that incorporate other APA issues and facts. Issues Committee will draft a statement consistent with the Board discussions and circulate the draft. There will be a notation that Board members (Diane Gujarati and James Cho) and the Prosecutors' Committee have to abstain from AABANY's press release/statement.

h. AABANY statement or action in support of getting an APA candidate nominated for SCOTUS

Discussions on what NAPABA has been doing in its efforts to get an APA nomination for the Supreme Court Justice vacancy, including participation in a White House call. NAPABA also prepared a letter urging the Senate to fill the vacancy and has asked all of its affiliates to sign onto the letter. Discussed the Judiciary Committee issuing a statement to support Judge Denny Chin to fill the vacancy.

Motion was made by Will Ng to sign onto the NAPABA letter, seconded by Tristan Loanzon, and approved by voice vote. Steve Chung, Diane Gujarati, Jean Lee, and Larry Wee abstained.

There being no further business, Steve Chung made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Margaret Ling. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM. The first board meeting of FY 2016 is TBD.