



**Asian American
Bar Association
of New York**

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

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 7:00 PM

Hosted by
Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP
575 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Teleconference Information:
Domestic Dial is 1-888-453-4405
Participants' Passcode is 428658

MAY 2016 MINUTES

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

AABANY Committee Chairs, Members and Others Present: Simone Nguyen, Victoria Liu, and Sylvia Chin.

*Attended via phone.

There being a quorum of board members present, Susan Shin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. Thank you Boies Schiller for hosting tonight's meeting.

1) Old Business

- a. Approval of Board minutes from April 12, 2016 meeting.
Tristan Loanzon moved to approve, seconded by William 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. April and May 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 (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 to 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)
 - vi. AABANY Co-Sponsors Intro to Islamophobia and Xenophobia: Deepa Iyer, Yalini Dream, Hina Shamsi (5/5, Asian American Writers' Workshop, 112 West 27th Street, NY, NY 10001).
- d. Promotion of Future Events
- 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 @ Cadwalader, 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 @ New York Law Department, 100 Church Street)
 - ix. AABANY Co-Presents Public Interest Roundtable Series: An Evening with Judges (5/24, 6:30-8:30pm @ Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman, 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)

3) New Business

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a. AALFNY Summer Reception Co-Sponsorship and Community Service Scholarship Donation (Sylvia Chin)

This year's Summer Reception will be at Baker & McKenzie LLP. This is the main fundraiser for AALFNY's Community Service Scholarship. This year, AALFNY will give out two scholarships and the purpose is to assist law students to work in community service organizations that serve the Asian American community. Sylvia would like to request AABANY make a donation this year. Last year, AABANY donated \$1,000. Discussions regarding Discretionary Budget allocations and welcoming the Board to make individual donations.

Larry Wee moved to donate \$500 from the Discretionary Budget for this event, seconded by Dwight Yoo and approved by voice vote.

b. AABANY Annual Sponsorships (William Ng)

A number of firms have indicated they would like to provide lump sum sponsorships instead of the multiple sponsorships for various events. Will has been doing some research by looking into other bar associations' corporate packages and circulated a working draft of the annual sponsorship packages. Discussions on the same and how to best customize these annual sponsorships. May need a budget in the future for marketing these packages. If you would like to assist Will in this project, please join his committee. New email address is aabanyponsorships@gmail.com.

c. Winetasting Update (Yang Chen)

This year's Winetasting event will be held at NYY Steak on June 16th. Board members are invited. Have secured sponsorships but will need another headline sponsor.

d. Fall Conference Update (Yang Chen/Dwight Yoo)

Waiting to hear back from a couple of law firms we have asked. Law school option is Fordham Law School but AABANY would have to cover all the costs.

e. Annual Dinner Update (Dwight Yoo)

Cipriani's new rate is \$240 per person for a 3-year contract. This is up from the \$230 per person from the previous years. Reached out to some hotels and evaluating the options. At the next meeting, we may have to discuss raising sponsorship levels and individual tickets. If you have any speaker ideas, please contact Dwight.

f. Amicus Advocacy Letter Policy (Susan Shin/Yang Chen)

Policy and Protocol drafted by ad hoc committee which consisted of Yang Chen, Dwight Yoo, Susan Shin, Chris Kwok, Larry Wee, and Tristan Loanzon. Circulated it tonight so the Board members have an opportunity to review and

will be prepared to vote on this at the next meeting. One important note: policy gives discretion to President, President-Elect, and Executive Director when there is a time crunch. Any comments or concerns, please email Yang Chen.

g. Movie Night: Seoul Searching (Susan Shin/Yang Chen)

AABANY along with the Asian American Arts Alliance and other groups are organizing a group outing for the June 17th theatrical premiere of this movie. With ticket purchase, free admission to the after party.

There being no further business, Tristan Loanzon made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Amy Ngai, and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016 at location TBD.