



Minutes

CAPM Board of Directors Meeting

April 16, 2014

5:00PM – 7:00PM

Lady Slipper Room, Centennial Office Building

Madame Chair Batica called the meeting to order at 5:00PM with a quote from book *The Art of Focused Conversation* about the value of good communication. The meeting was held in the Lady Slipper Room, Centennial Office Building, 658 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55155.

I. COMMUNITY FORUM

Executive Director of Lao Assistance Center, Sunny Chanthanouvong, presented on his organization's mission, history, programs, funding sources, and demographics about the Lao community in Minnesota. The Lao community's main challenges include unemployment, housing, gambling addiction, elderly needs, arts and cultural preservation, health, and education.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was done along with Community Updates section of the agenda.

Present:

Elsa Batica

Tran Nhon

Danny Lee

Adeel Lari

Melissa Kwon

Priya Vanessa Outar

Shanti Shah

Tsewang Ngodup

Mukhtar Thakur

Hoeun Hach

Shivanthi Sathanandan (on conference call)

State Representative Joe Mullery

State Representative Carolyn Laine

State Senator Alice Johnson

State Senator Foug Hawj

Staff: Sia Her, Karina Vang, and Angelina Nguyen

Absent: Hedy Tripp, George Thaw Moo, and Ananda Liyanapathiranage.

With 11 voting members present (out of 14), there was a quorum.



III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Madame Chair Batica presented to the board the minutes of March 25, 2014.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nhon noted votes on the Resolution from March 2014 Board meeting was not unanimously favorable as indicated by the minutes, but rather there was one abstention and one vote in opposition. Mr. Lari clarified that the Board's suggestion was incorporated in the Resolution, not the other way around as recorded in the minutes. Mr. Thakur suggested that records of motions and votes should be included in meeting minutes, and that an attachment of the Resolution should be printed and provided along with the minutes at every meeting.

Madame Chair Batica informed Board members that the email sent to all Board members prior to the meeting contains all relevant documents, including the resolution Mr. Thakur presented at the emergency Board meeting in March.

MOTION: To approve March 25, 2014 meeting minutes.

BY: Mr. Lee and Dr. Ngodup seconded. Votes: 10 ayes, 1 nay. *Motion was approved.*

IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Madame Chair Batica presented to the board the revised minutes of February 27, 2014.

MOTION: To approve March 25, 2014 meeting minutes.

BY: Ms. Shah and Mr. Nhon seconded. *Motion was unanimously approved.*

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2014 MEETING AGENDA

Madame Chair Batica presented to the board the agenda of April 17, 2014.

MOTION: To approve April 17, 2014 meeting agenda.

BY: Mr. Nhon and Mr. Lari seconded. *Motion was unanimously approved.*

VI. COMMUNITY UPDATES

Madame Chair Batica represents the Filipino community. There will be an Easter Festival on April 19, 2014 in Oakdale. On May 31, 2014, the Filipino Center will host its second annual Anniversary Dinner and Open House.

Mr. Hach represents the Cambodian community. There will be a graduation ceremony for Cambodian high school students on June 7, 2014. On June 17, 2014, there will be a celebration to honor Cambodian veterans.

Mr. Lee represents the Hmong community. The Hmong Veteran Monument financial committee met its fundraising goal of \$150,000. Next steps are for the bill to go to Committee. On May 23, 2014, there will be an appreciation dinner for those who support this bill.

Dr. Kwon represents the Chinese community. NAPAWF's Fundraiser event will be on May 24, 2014 at Como Park in Saint Paul. On June 28, 2014, the AAPI Women Leadership Summit will be held, location TBD.



Mr. Thakur represents the Indian community. KFAI Radio pledge drive is still on-going this spring; its goal is to raise \$90,000.

Ms. Outar represents the Indo-Caribbean community. SEWA health disparity project is informing Indian community members about health care directives and caregiving.

Ms. Shah represents the Northeast Indian community. There will be a Jain holiday on the weekend of April 19-20, 2014.

Ms. Sathanandan represents the Indian community. The Spring Festival by Bujarati community will be on May 10, 2014, time and location TBD.

Mr. Nhon represents the Vietnamese community. Mr. Nhon shared that the founder of Vietnamese Social Services, a former CAPM heritage award winner, passed away last week. There will be a rally of veterans at the end of April to commemorate end of Vietnam War, details TBD.

Dr. Ngodup represents the Tibetan community. There are many upcoming events, details TBD.

Others not mentioned either had nothing to report or were not present.

VII. CAPITOL UPDATES

The Legislative Session in recess this week.

Senator Johnson shared that API Day at the Capitol was a great event. The current legislative session is going well. It is expect to be done a couple more weeks after recess.

Senator Hawj agreed that API Day at the Capitol (DATC) was a success. Minimum wage and anti-bullying bill passed. Dr. Bruce Corrie had brought Indian constituents to visit him like he had asked at DATC.

Representative Laine shared about a farmer's market bill to help small vendors participate in the farmer's market. She attended the premier showing of Shadow War on April 16, 2014.

Representative Mullery shared that the anti-bullying bill was passed, about which API youth had shared their concern with him. There is a minority contractor bill to help small contractors get a fair chance of winning work contracts with the State. The bill regarding the four Councils of color will have interim hearing sessions between this and the next legislative sessions.

DISCUSSION: What is the impact of DATC? Are there any weaknesses that CAPM should address moving forward?

Senator Johnson: CAPM is now more active in Legislature's eyes, especially with API women's bill.



Senator Hawj: DATC turnout was great. Number of legislators who spoke at rally was impressive. When we talk about CAPM, we're also talking about all Councils of color, so be aware. CAPM's mandate is to confirm API matters for and to Legislators, an example was testifying on the Asian Carp bill.

Representative Laine: Events are secondary, confirming policy is more effective work. Rallies (such as the one at DATC) mobilize the populace, but don't affect legislation. The OLA report is a wake-up call and it will bring legislative action. The Council's job is not to organize events or deal directly with issues, but act as a liaison between the API community and the Legislature. We need to have measurable outcomes to show our effectiveness.

Representative Mullery: No constituents have seen him since DATC. They need to meet with legislators to affect legislation.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: ACCOMPLISHMENTS & MONTHLY PRIORITIES

A copy of the Executive Director's Report was provided to board members and guests at the meeting. Ms. Her highlighted key activities, interactions, and monthly priorities.

- Admin – We can post Board meeting minutes and agenda online moving forward.
- Hiring – Interviews will start in the next week or two for the Legislative Liaison position. Attachment B is the job description.
- Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) Report – the OLA presented to the Senate State and Local Government Committee on April 2, 2014. Ms. Her and board member, Mr. Nhon were present; in addition, Senator Johnson was present as well as she is a member of the committee. Ms. Her and Mr. Nhon testified.
- Financial Report – No new significant updates. Attachment A is the budget.
- Staff Capacity – Thank all staff members, Chair, Vice Chair, and all Board members during this time while our team is understaffed.
- Strategic Plan – Ms. Her is working with a consultant on this project.
- Policies and Procedures – Ms. Her is working with the Executive Committee on this, expected completion date is September 2014.
- Early Childhood Education Report – Angelina is conducting focus groups. A contract with Wilder Research will be finalized in the next few days to deploy the survey.
- API Votes Advisory Committee – Meetings between the OSS, CAPM, and API-led nonprofits will continue in preparation for this fall's election.
- Day at the Capitol – CAPM is effectively building relationships with community-based organizations, as shown by the high turn-out at DATC. Attachment C is the DATC Recap.
- Legislative Session Update – Attachment D contains all of CAPM's legislative work.
- Community Outreach – Staff has been involved with the community in various ways, including but not limited to attending the Tibetan New Year, Cambodian New Year, and



Asian Heritage Day at History Center. E.D. continues to meet with new Karen community leaders.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee:

- Open Meeting Law review with Attorney General's Office. CAPM is in compliance.
- Met with FMR to get an update on CAPM's finances.
- Obtained information about hiring protocol from Human Resources.
- Met with Sen. Saxhaug to discuss OLA report and DATC.
- Met with the Governor's staff: Chief of Staff, General Council, and Appointing Staff re OLA report and how the Governor's Office and CAPM might better work together.
- Asked all Board members to call legislators about HOME bill and domestic violence towards API women.
- CAPM attended the signing of Minimum Wage bill into law on April 14, 2014.

Events Committee: CAPM's annual Heritage Dinner will be on May 9, 2014. We have sold 10 tables sold so far. We already invited the community at large and past attendees. Mr. Thakur, Ms. Shah, and Sen. Hawj offered to buy a table each. Rep. Mullery can invite Hennepin County to purchase a table.

Government Relations Committee: Committee met on April 3, 2014, to discuss OLA Report and strategize moving forward.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM.