



Minutes

Council Board of Directors Meeting

January 19, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Blazing Star Room, Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Maeda called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

I. COMMUNITY PRESENTER

Chair Maeda welcomed Ms. Dan-Tam Phan-Hoang from Hepatitis B Initiative (HBI)-Minnesota to the Council. Ms. Phan-Hoang gave an overview of the higher disease prevalence rates of viral hepatitis in Asian populations. HBI-Minnesota is a chapter of a national 501c3, and it provides direct services in their community settings, such as churches, temples, festivals. Ms. Phan-Hoang asked board members for their assistance on reaching out to multiple Asian communities. The long term goal of HBI-MN is to reduce rates of viral hepatitis in Minnesota, and enact policies that allow other organizations to do this type of testing. The organization has worked with city and county officials, as well as legislators. HBI-MN has established active partnerships with local organizations and health care providers. May is hepatitis awareness month, and Ms. Phan-Hoang is planning a joint press conference with multiple agencies on National Hepatitis testing day. Ms. Lee suggested reaching out to the Korean Services Center, given the high prevalence rate HBI-MN is also looking for an additional board member for their organization. The current fiscal agent is the national organization. Mr. Thawmoo asked if outreach had occurred in the Karen community, and there was confirmation that they had done testing at community events.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

David Maeda

Thaoke Her

Anil Hurkadli

Grace Lee

Famaati Winey

George Thawmoo

Senator Roger Chamberlain

Staff: Sia Her, Karina Vang, and Anjuli Mishra

Absent: Tsewang Ngodup, Representative Rod Hamilton, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Carolyn Laine.

With 7 out of 11 voting members present, there was a quorum.



III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Chair Maeda presented to the Board the meeting minutes of December 01, 2016.

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes of December 01, 2016.

BY: Ms. T Her and seconded by Ms. Lee. *The motion was unanimously passed.*

IV. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2016 AGENDA

Chair Ngodup presented to the Board the meeting agenda of January 09, 2017.

MOTION: To approve the meeting agenda of January 09, 2017.

BY: Ms. Lee and seconded by Ms. T. Her. *The motion was unanimously passed.*

V. LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. S Her updated the Board members on the appointment of new legislative board members. The Minority Leader in the House has recommended Representative JoAnn Ward be appointed to Noard. There are 13-15 current community Board applicants through the Secretary of State's office. Ms. Lee asked if the current applicants were from the communities that we are missing. Senator Chamberlain stated that party leaders in the Senate are addressing the subcommittee agenda.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chair Maeda would like to address efficiency at Board meetings, during his tenure as Chair.

Ms. S. Her updated members that an offer has been made and accepted to a candidate for the legislative liaison position, who will begin his position on January 30. Ms. S. Her then updated the members on the annual. The annual report has been sent to legislators on the appropriate committees. Board members who did not receive their annual report via email, should follow-up with Council staff if they would like an electronic copy.

API Day at the Capitol will take place on February 8th, the majority leader, Representative Albright, and Justice Nikki Starr have been confirmed. Ms. S. Her encouraged board members to attend the event and reach out to their respective communities. Ms. S. Her thanked Chair Maeda for his presence at meetings with legislators and in committee hearings

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee:

Chair Maeda relayed the committee's discussion on financial report reviews, now that Ms. Lee is the Board Treasurer. Going forward, Ms. Lee will now present the financial report to the Board at each Board meeting.

Government Relations Committee:

Vice Chair Hurkadli reiterated the importance of Board participation at API Day at the Capitol. He then asked the board to review the 2017 Legislative Agenda, and asked for Board approval.

MOTION: To approve the 2017 Legislative Agenda.



BY: Senator Chamberlain and seconded by Ms. T. Her. *The motion was unanimously passed.*

Events Committee:

The committee has not met since August. The solicitation for the dinner has been posted by MMB and will close on January 31. The committee will next meet on March 16.

VIII. ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. S. Her discussed the annual report during her Executive Director update.

IX. STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Chair Maeda requested that at each Board meeting there is a review of the strategic planning process. Chair Maeda reminded the Board that the Council completed 3 community forums, and will complete two more in greater Minnesota. There will also be a board retreat, likely an all-day weekend event. Ms. Deming compiled a document of themes from the community listening sessions, and board members were asked to share their initial responses. Ms. S. Her and Chair Maeda commented on the large expectations of the community. Mr. Hurkadli stated that there may be a way to communicate how the legislative priorities collected through this process can still be incorporated into the work that the Council does. Ms. T. Her asked if we would provide this feedback to those who participated in the forums. Board members expressed a desire to publicly demonstrate consideration for community feedback. Mr. Hurkadli suggested options of posting comments online or at a community event. Ms. S. Her suggested hosting a community event after the final strategic plan is complete, or a press conference. Mr. Hurkadli suggested providing an online posting of these comments and/or putting together a one-pager, in order to demonstrate the Council is acting with urgency and transparency. Ms. T. Her noted that many community members are from specific organizations, and it may be useful to share a synopsis with those organizations. Ms. Lee requested more information be posted than just the summary of the community forum, including meeting attendance numbers. Board members agreed that that given staff capacity, no action will be taken at this time. However, there was consensus that these items be further discussed at the March Board meeting.

For the March meeting, Chair Maeda asked Board members to review the community organizations' comments from the strategic planning forum.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Maeda asked Board members to email Council staff if they would like to know what committee assignments they currently have or would like to change. Ms. S. Her requested that the events committee members move as quickly as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 P.M.