



**ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Lunar New Year Celebration & Asian American Conference**  
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AACC Host Office

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**AACC Planning Committee Meeting**

6:30 p.m. – November 28, 2012

Hyatt Regency O'Hare – Tech Room

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Vietnamese Community

Doug Nguyen  
Khanh Tran  
Nha Tran

Luan Nguyen  
Ng Hieu  
Sanh Tran

Joseph Tran  
Michael Nguyen

Secretary

Donna Robbins

Chinese Community

C. W. Chan

Irene Cualoping

Filipino Community

Aurora Austriaco

Indian Community

Prem Lalvani

Raj Mago

Surinder Sangha

Indonesia Community

Japanese Community

Ron Yoshino  
Lori Yokoyama

Karen Kanemoto

Megan Nakano

Korean Community

Jaz Park

Lily Kim

Thai Community

Tippi Lee  
John Rutirasiri

Sucie Surapiboondai

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1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Nguyen, 2013 AACC Chairperson
  - Roll call of attendees.
2. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. AACC Progress Report was provided by Dr. Ng Hieu
  - Met with 3 printers for the program book – bids/quotation with quality of work were submitted. Met with last one two days ago and the quotation will be provided by tomorrow evening – Program Book Committee will meet to decide which printer



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- Applications for Exemplary Community Service and Youth Who Excels awards from Pakistani and Vietnamese communities were received. We encourage that applications be submitted ASAP. Printer will need time to prepare and design. Meg Nakano unable to open applications online. Secretary will email them. Submit Pan Asian and Grand Asian Awards applications ASAP.
- Host Committee will not nominate anyone for Pan Asian and Grand Asian Awards. The Host Committee needs to be neutral to keep in line with the motto of organization.
- Met twice with board members to follow up on day of meeting with Mayor Emanuel. After the meeting, we were encouraged to form our working group. Next steps will invite each community up to three members to form a working committee specifically for the meeting with Mayor Emanuel. He's willing to partner with AACC in order to get action. Need each community's participation. Each community will need 1 to 3 representatives with resources (from human to financial resources) to make the projects possible.
- Mayor's office continue to work with AACC. Mayor announced complete project naming the station as Asia on Argyle – celebration by the end of December. 1st project will be the "Chicago Asian Village." We will take part in raising capital to create the village to attract more tourists to Chicago, create more jobs for Chicago and showcase Asian American achievements in and contributions to America. 2nd planned project will be the "Chicago Asian Tower." We don't have money to build the one like in China but will have a tower that will support itself. It will be a self sustaining community. There will be committees for the project to raise money and our participation is important.
- Dr. Hieu will meet with Governor Quinn to plan for a Board meeting with the Governor to discuss how the Asian community can help bring more jobs to Illinois, can help improve Illinois student achievement, and increase Illinois export to Asia. We need an action committee.
- AACC logo and symbol and motto shared at last meeting stand for AACC vision, mission, and value and services. Logo is for AACC vision – promoting peace, prosperity and progress for all people. AACC emblem is for AACC mission - bringing Asian American together – AACC moto is "Together we shall succeed!" Motto is the guiding principle for us. It stands for AACC values: cooperation, collaboration, teamwork, partnership. Together we are stronger.

#### 4. Updates from Host Committee Members

- Program agenda for the entire day of Feb. 23, 2013 – The flyer may be used to hand out to the communities.
- Health Fair to kick off at 9 am. At the recommendation of Dr. Hieu, Doug Nguyen had invited 3 representatives from the White House to participate. A myriad of health exhibits will be there for health screenings, blood tests, etc. Secretary of State Advisory Council has been put to work. Thai Nurses Association's help is needed. We need more vendors. Health care vendor form provided. 200 seniors committed to come but needs 2 buses. Someone will come and talk about Obama Care.
- Illinois Secretary of State mobile unit will be present to issue driver's license and state license
- Restaurants donating food for 1000 individuals.
- Need to pay for internet connection, electricity, etc. so solicit vendors does not need to be traditional health vendors.
- Global Business Forum will take place on the other side of the hall along with job fair and corporate sponsors. Prior to that, there will be an Educational panel with Sec. Arne Duncan and 4 university/college presidents; UIC Dean of Education Victoria Chou will moderate – trends in terms of success, achievements, drop out rates, basically cast a vision for their colleges.
- Global Business Forum – coordinated by George Mui from Dept. of Commerce. There will be a special guest from the White House Commission on AAPIs. Already have 150 RSVPs from area



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businesses.

- Each event has ready-made audience, just need to provide speakers/presenters
- 200 youth volunteers (high schools and colleges) to come and volunteer – Youth Outreach Program of Asian American Institute to provide training on AAPI identity issues. There will be 2 separate workshops – 1 for high school and 1 for college students.
- Interfaith prayer session being led by Dr. Hieu and Raj Mago.
- We need vendors for health fair, job fair and business expo. Corporate sponsor regardless of the level they will be provided an exhibit table (full day's exposure). Right now we only have colleges for our exhibits
- Evening Gala, Part 1 – AACC entertainment (1 hour) – Jesse White Tumblers, Chicago Children's Choir, Great Lake Navy Band, four communities will take part in the entertainment program. Mayor Rahm Emanuel will address the audience. Part 2 – business part of the program – awards presentation. The Governor will address the audience and will present the Exemplary Community Service award. The representative from the White House will present the letter from the White House and present the Youth Who Excels award. That is the tentative evening program.
- Corporate sponsors – There are some progress. We've received responses but still no real commitments yet. There was a commitment but no amount yet. American Family may provide more than last year's amount if not the same. A request was made to provide the list of the potential sponsors.
- Ticket Sales – pay for tickets today. Get your additional tables and make payment at the same time. There are still good tables open. See Khanh Tran and Maria Tran after meeting for tickets/tables.
- Program Book – met with 3 printers and two printers provided their quotations. The last one will submit their quotation by tomorrow and the Program Book Committee will decide on the printer. One printer from Pakistani, one from Indian and one from Vietnamese. Another quote can be submitted. The contact information will be provided to Dr. Hieu after the meeting. The printers are familiar with AACC.

5. Committee Chairs

- Doug Nguyen announced the committee chairs and committee members.

6. Applications for AACC Awards – Only received applications from 2 communities. Suggestion was made to allow submission of applications on Word. Provide the application as soon as possible. The deadline for submission is December 31, 2012. The guidelines and applications are available online.

Whatever funds we get on December 31, 2012 is the budget we go with.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. – Hyatt Regency O'Hare

**Minutes prepared by Donna Robbins, 2013 AACC Secretary**