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MINUTES

Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

5:15-6:45 PM

Oregon Education Association

6900 SW Atlanta Street., Portland

ATTENDEES

Chair: Liani Reeves
Vice Chair: David Kong
Commissioners: Roveeda Ahmed, Teresa Ferrer, Simeon Mamaril, Patrick Sieng, Carol Suzuki, Khalid Wahab
Guests: Lucy Baker (community member), Joseph Santos-Lyons (APANO)
Staff: Joy Howard

I. Call to Order

Chairwoman Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM.

II. Adoption of Agenda

- 1) Revision: add Joseph Santos-Lyons from APANO
- 2) Vote: Adoption of agenda was motioned and passed unanimously.

III. Partnership opportunities with OCAA

Joseph Santos-Lyons, APANO (www.apano.org)

APANO is the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon. Founded in the late 1990's by activists from the Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Lao, and Filipino communities, APANO is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to civic involvement and Pan-Asian leadership development.

Partnership Opportunities (see attached)

- 1) Co-Convene a new nonpartisan Oregon Coalition for Asian Pacific American Leadership and Engagement (OCAPALA) which would incorporate an API student, API business, API faith and API 501c3 network of API organizations. OCAPALA would host a series of orientations to the elections for community leaders, who would be able to bring the information back to their communities and distribute through their networks, place of worship/business, and ballot parties. Materials about the elections and the ballot measures would be translated, interpreted. APANO, OCAA, and other key players work together to plan this out more fully, possibly including another convening organization – the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce-OR.
- 2) Co-Sponsor a Youth Advocacy Institute, with the purpose of increasing youth involvement in pan-API civic engagement and policy advocacy work. Have already planned out most of the weekend program for July 3-4, 2010 including keynote speaker Angie Chuang, and will most

likely be overnighting at Portland City Hall. Would like specific help from OCAA in reaching out to AAYLC Student Ambassadors.

- a) Vote: Commission Wahab motioned, Commissioner Ferrer seconded, approved unanimously to co-sponsor Youth Summit
- 3) Co-Sponsor 2011 Legislative Day, and provide specific support around training on the legislative process (how a bill becomes a law) and helping with logistical details in Salem.
- 4) Civic Engagement Plan: In Oregon, no API community represents more than 15% of the total API population, and APANO works intentionally to bring together leaders from the over 30 culturally and linguistically specific communities. Ninety percent of all APIA Citizen Voting Age Population (CVAP) live in the Metro Portland Tri-County region.

Within the larger community of color, API is the second largest population, and communities of color are the fastest growing yet still account for a small minority of the overall voting population at less than 15 %. This has inspired strong coalition work with other racial and social justice organizations (both People of Color and White mainstream) to gain visibility, influence and political power through strategic alliances and sharing of resources. APANO also seeks to build deep and sustainable relationships with their coalition partners with long-term goals of building a progressive movement in their region.

Action Items

- 1) Have follow-up conversation with APANO to decide whether or not to partner in their proposals
 - a) Vice Chair Kong will have a follow-up conversation with Joseph to discuss concerns in hosting Youth Summit during July holiday weekend
- 2) Joint Candidates Voter Guide – in the next month OCAA work with APANO in planning how to build partnership and create guide

IV. Review of Minutes March 8, 2010

- 1) Revision: add “Action Items” section
- 2) Vote: Approval of minutes were motioned and approved unanimously

V. Report from OACO – Joy Howard

- 1) Administrator Position
 - a) Closes 5/19/10 [announcement available at: http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oregon/job_bulletin.cfm?JobID=221624]
 - b) Paper screening – June 8
 - c) Interviews – June 23-24
- 2) Annual Reports
 - a) Each commissions annual reports are due in December 2010
- 3) Office Lease
 - a) We are still on the process of getting final approval of our impending office move to PSU’s University Center Building. The plan is to be at the new location by the first week in July.
- 4) BOLI Legislative Concept (LC) Request (see attached)
 - a) Kate Newhall, BOLI Legislative Director asked OCAA to sponsor their LC request to “Amend the pay equity statute in wage and hour law to prohibit wage discrimination based on any of the protected classes found in ORS 659A.030 (race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, and age). Make all forms of wage discrimination both a wage and hour violation in ORS Chapter 652 and a civil rights violation under ORS 659A.030(1)(b).”
- 5) Website

- a) Joy asked for the commission to please set a schedule for at least the next six months of meetings so they can be added to the website
- b) Commissioners would like a page/spot added on the website for people to submit their contact information to be added to distribution emails and mailings
- 6) Budget
 - a) Per the request of the commission chairs, budget information will be sent to all commissioners as it becomes available
- 7) Stipends
 - a) Commissioners are very concerned they have not been receiving their stipends, and the office has not been giving gratifying answers on why they stopped and how to start getting them again.
 - b) OACO is working with DAS Accounting to see how far back they are allowed to go in giving commissioners retro pay for stipends.

Action Items

- 1) BOLI Legislative Concept Request - At next OCAA meeting vote on whether or not to sponsor
- 2) Website – review OCAA website and send Joy links, resources, reports, bio updates, pictures, etc. to add to site
- 3) Stipends - Chair Reeves asked commissioners to go through their calendars for the past year and identify times when they should have received a stipend (commission meetings, commission related business, etc.) Note: Commissioners who are part of PERS do not qualify for stipends

VI. Old Business

- 1) Update: Proposed changes to implementing statute
 - a) Commissioner Suzuki will talk to Sen. Dingfelder about mix up in OACO being billed for submitting request because it was sent on agency letterhead instead of legislative letterhead.
- 2) Update: Proposed changes to bylaws – need to put official vote on record
 - a) Vote: Approval of changes to bylaw motioned Commissioner Wahab, seconded by Commissioner Mamaril and approved unanimously
- 3) Planning: Agency public meeting with ODE – Monday, June 7, 2010
 - a) Press Release & Publicity
 - i. Chair Reeves will send draft public notice to commissioners for review
 - b) Community Outreach
 - i. APANO, Neighborhood Association, Chamber of Commerce, Portland Public Schools, City of Portland, IRCO, Partners in Diversity, Anselmo Villanueva
 - c) Planning with ODE
 - i. Commissioner Ferrer will be following up with ODE to ensure that Supt. Castillo will be present, ask for content of presentation, and if they need any accommodations for equipment (i.e., laptop, projector, etc.)

VII. New Business

- 1) Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation Data Collection – Khalid
- 2) Americorp Grant – Roveeda
 - a) Due to filing issues, the grant will not be pursued at this time
- 3) Joint Resolution Urging Comprehensive Immigration Reform and Condemning AZ Law [see email May 4, 2010 at 11:30 am] (have received votes from Ferrer, Suzuki, Ahmed, Kong and Reeves)
 - a) Vote: Motioned by Commissioner Wahab, seconded by Vice Chair Kong, approved unanimously

- 4) Angie Chuang/Requests f/ APANO[see email May 4 at 11:47 am] (have received votes from Reeves, Wahab, Suzuki, Ahmed, Kong and Mamaril)
 - a) Vote: Vice Chair Kong motioned, Commissioner Suzuki seconded, approved unanimously to give \$150 donation
- 5) November 2010 Primary Election Activities
 - a) Discussion: Commissioners Wahab, Ahmed, and Suzuki expressed interest in working with APANO on voting aspect (outreach methods)
- 6) Our Ocean Proposal - Carol

VIII. Next Meeting

- 1) Date/time: June 16th – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 2) Agenda: future meeting dates, time slots for each agenda item

IX. Adjournment at 6:58 p.m.