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OCAPIA Minutes Wednesday, March 19, 2014

10 AM - 12 PM

Oregon State Bar, Sandy Room

16037 SW Upper Boone's Ferry Road Tigard, OR 97224

Attendance:

Chair Stephen Ying

Vice Chair Mari Watanabe

Commissioners Ping Khaw-Sutherland, Jennifer Kleskie, Joseph Santos-Lyons, Michelle Vlach-Ing

Absent: Mahendra Shah, Senator Michael Dembrow, Representative Gene Whisnant

Staff Lucy Baker, Administrator, Nancy Kramer, Executive Assistant

Guests Simeon Mamaril, Filipino American Association of Portland and Vicinity; Amy Platt, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon Studies Project; Dr. Junghee Lee, Portland State University; Andrea Morgan, Oregon Department of Education; Cheryl Myers and Eloisa Miller, Governor's Office of Economic and Business Equity; Jenny Lee Berry, Governor's Office of Diversity and Inclusion

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

II. Roll Call

A quorum was established part-way through the meeting.

III. Approval of January 2014 OCAPIA Minutes

MOTION (Santos-Lyons/Kleskie): To accept the minutes as written. CARRIED.

IV. Old Business

A. Interest Packet for Prospective Commissioners – Nancy

Nancy gave the Commissioners a virtual tour of a new OCAPIA webpage devoted to materials that prospective Commissioners would appreciate when considering service on the OCAPIA. The Commissioners made suggestions of things to add, including contact information for the OACO, a link to Commissioner meeting minutes and the Governor's Executive Appointments' Interest Form page.

B. Hosting A Meet and Greet at Fall OCAPIA Meeting

The Commissioners decided by common consent to host an outreach event immediately following the November 19, 2014, OCAPIA meeting, from noon until 1pm. Invited guests

will include APACC, PBA, CACA, APANO, the Governor's Office and other community members. It will be an opportunity for community partners and other interested community members to meet the Commissioners and learn more about the mission and the work of the Advocacy Commission.

Chair Ying and Commissioner Khaw-Sutherland will lead the planning committee for the event. The budget was set at \$500, and the committee will look into sponsors for the refreshments.

The Commissioners also agreed that they would like to hold all future OCAPIA meetings at the Oregon State Bar facility. Nancy will convey this to the OS Bar and confirm that this is possible.

C. Board Recruitment

Vice Chair Watanabe and Commissioner Santos-Lyons have been in contact with potential commissioners: Kathleen Jonathan is applying and Van Truong is interested. The Commissioners asked Nancy to send them the deadlines for submitting Interest forms for this next round of Executive Appointments.

In addition, Kendall Clawson, Director of Executive Appointments, may contact the Chair and Vice Chair regarding any potential candidates she has identified as well as following up with Commissioners interested in reapplying for a second term on the Commission. The Commissioners agreed to continue to recruitment for new Commissioners.

D. Education Committee Report

This report will be covered under New Business.

E. Civic Engagement Report

Multnomah County will contract with TeleLanguage.com for interpreting at voter booths. The Elections Office will have designated space and staff to assist people who speak a primary language other than English.

Commissioner Santos-Lyons will reach out to Multnomah County and offer assistance with language translation during voting time. OCAPIA will work with APANO to help and also ask its networks for volunteers to assist.

V. New Business

A. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Proclamation Request for May 2014

The Commissioners would like to hold a ceremony similar to previous years, with the Governor's participation. They will review last year's proclamation and submit edits to the Proclamations' Office with at least 30 days' notice. Nancy will send Joseph the proclamation, and he will send revisions to the Commissioners and solicit new ideas.

B. Oregon Studies Project - Andrea Morgan, Education Specialist, Oregon Department of Education (ODE); Amy Platt, Oregon Historical Society (OHS)

The Commission welcomed Andrea Morgan to speak about the Oregon Studies Project which she is leading. It is focused on developing more inclusive history curricula and resources available to teachers in Oregon. There have been several efforts in the past to grow resources available to social studies teachers for curricula that include the many cultural and racial groups that make up Oregon's history. Oregon Legislature passed an Oregon Studies bill a few years ago, but was unable to appropriate financial resources for its implementation. The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) has also contributed to the effort and created the Oregon History Project, an online resource for learning about Oregon's past.

During the 2013 Legislative session a second Oregon Studies bill was passed: SB 739A. This bill includes a budget of \$146,000 for implementation, is managed by the Oregon Department of Education and specifically requires that the Oregon Advocacy Commissions be consulted as social studies curricula are developed. It has a very short timeframe, however. The bill requires that new curricula be ready by July 1, 2014, for use during the 2014-2015 school year. Oregon Studies is especially interested in incorporating curricula already created, and will also establish a web-based portal where new resources can be added over time. Also, the OHS' Oregon History Project is collaborating with the Oregon Studies Project to combine their resources online. The standards for social studies are set by the Oregon Education Board and, school districts choose how to teach it, which makes access to online resources so helpful.

The Commissioners asked whether the teachers will be adequately trained to teach the new materials. Andrea noted that training for social studies teachers has always been difficult due to lack of budget, but having the resources available to teachers will be important.

In a short discussion on vetting submitted materials for completeness and suitability to be included in new curricula, Andrea let the Commission know that the Oregon Council for Social Studies, other teacher groups and the Office of Education Equity will be part of the review process.

The initial budget for the Oregon Studies Project will be used by Fall of 2014, when the new curriculum must be available to teachers statewide. In order to make this a sustainable resource, the advocacy help of OCAPIA and the other Oregon Advocacy Commissions would be much appreciated in order to maintain a modest ongoing budget to support the work of integrating new information into curricula, collecting new resources, and making them available online. Amy Platt spoke briefly about the role of the Oregon Historical Society in making historical resources available on line and their work in creating the Oregon Encyclopedia.

The Commissioners considered how to ensure the inclusion of all key API communities' history in Oregon. It was suggested that OCAPIA host public hearings and take testimony for the Oregon Studies project, by partnering with the Governor's Office and APANO. OCAPIA will continue to raise awareness about equity concerns for underrepresented communities.

The Commission thanked Andrea Morgan and Amy Platt for their presentation.

C. APANO Invitation to OCAPIA to be a Community Partner for 5/17 Stronger Communities, Stronger Families Event

The Commissioners approved by consensus to sponsor, at no cost, the Cultural Competency Forum, which is co-sponsored w/OHSU.

D. Potential Partnership with White House Initiative on AAPIs

The Commission discussed a WHIAAPI invitation to API Boards/Commissions nationwide to submit an idea for a project partnership. A concept that may be appropriate for OCAPIA to submit is based on Oregon schools' success in organizing dual immersion language programs, and studies show that students who speak a second language have higher graduation rates. Oregon has an emerging model for these programs and Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has publically thanked OCAPIA for its support. If OCAPIA submitted this partnership proposal to WHIAAPI it would require that OCAPIA first consult with ODE and those in the community interested in dual language programs. Although there is no budget associated with the WHIAAPI proposal, it is likely they would sponsor flying a subject matter expert to Portland. The application is due March 28th and Lucy can assist with completing and submitting the application. Commissioners acknowledged that this is a very tight deadline, but are interested in exploring this partnership with ODE for the WHIAAPI submission either this year or next.

MOTION (Santos-Lyons/Watanabe): OCAPIA will work to submit an application to the White House Initiative for Asian American Pacific Islanders partnership project. CARRIED.

Andrea Morgan of ODE suggested that OCAPIA speak with David Bautista, ODE Assistant Superintendent, regarding this partnership.

E. Review of the 2014 Legislative Session

Lucy provided an overview of the fast moving 2014 short legislative session and congratulated the OCAPIA for its good work and testimony on key bills. Chair Ying thanked the office for its work in keeping Commissioners abreast of bills and hearings. Lucy reviewed the 3 bills that OCAPIA voted electronically to support:

- HB 4116A, Community Colleges Offer 2-Year Scholarships for under-represented students.
- SB 1569A, OHA to Establish a List of Chemicals Harmful to Children
- SB 4054A, Renaming Ballot Measure for Short-Term Drivers Card

MOTION (Watanabe/Santos-Lyons): To ratify the 3 bills supported by OCAPIA in the 2014 short legislative session, as read into the record. CARRIED.

The Commissioners agreed to improve their planning and strategic alignment on bills for the 2015 session by reviewing proposed bills earlier and deciding at the January 2015 OCAPIA meeting which bills they will support.

F. Governor's Office Reports

1. Office of Economic and Business Equity – Director Cheryl Myers

Cheryl introduced her new Deputy Director, Eloisa Miller. Eloisa came from the Procurement Department at the Oregon Department of Transportation. The annual Governor's Marketplace event will be on April 30th in Salem.

Cheryl also announced that effective March 24, 2014, she will be the new Chief of Staff for Higher Education Coordinating Committee (HECC). The new Director of Economic and Business Equity will be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate sometime in the Spring.

The Commission congratulated Cheryl on her new appointment, and thanked her for her excellent service as the Director of Business Equity. They also welcomed Eloisa Miller.

2. Office of Diversity and Inclusion – Deputy Director Jenny Lee Berry
Jenny congratulated the OCAPIA for its participation in the 2014 legislative session. She announced staffing changes in the Governor's Office: the new Jobs and Economy Senior Policy Advisor will be Vince Porter; the new Oregon Business Development Department Director will be Sean Robbins.

Jenny and Frank Garcia are working with the Governor's Office on an Asian Pacific American Heritage month proclamation signing event.

The Commissioners thanked Jenny for her reports.

G. Ratification of \$300 sponsorship for APANO/IRCO Community Leadership Institute

Commissioner Santos-Lyons briefly described the Institute and its work in leadership development focused on growing civic engagement and addressing racial disparities facing the community.

The OCAPIA had voted electronically to support a \$300 sponsorship for the 2014 Leadership Graduation cohort for 2014. OHSU, Warner-Pacific and Oregon Education Association are other sponsors. The graduation ceremony will be at Portland City Hall from 12pm - 2pm, on Saturday, 5/12/14, room 110. The \$300 requested will cover expenses for refreshments and photographs. Commissioner Santos Lyons thanked the OCAPIA for their support and recused himself from the ratification vote for the sponsorship.

MOTION (Kleskie/Watanabe): To ratify the e-vote supporting a \$300 of sponsorship to the APANO/IRCO Community Leadership Institute. CARRIED.

H. Review and Approval of Human Trafficking Internship

Lucy reviewed the final version of the human trafficking internship with Commissioners.

MOTION (Santos-Lyons/Kleskie): To approve the Sex Trafficking Internship presented. CARRIED. This document is attached.

I. Jefferson High School Multicultural Film Festival (JHSMFF) Request

The Jennifer Duncan, Executive Director of the JHSMFF, invited the OCAPIA to suggest topics and themes important to the API community to her. Her team would then research

films that speak to these topics, to be included in the Film Festival. Commissioner were asked to send their ideas to Nancy.

J. Other Business.

No further business.

VI. Report of the Administrator

A. OACO Permanent Budget Reductions

Lucy Baker discussed the permanent budget reductions being required from the Oregon CFO for many state agencies, which for OACO amounts to a \$2,896 permanent budget reduction beginning immediately. These reductions are different from and in addition to the 2% holdback of the current budget also required of all state agencies. The Commission discussed the list of budget line items that Lucy is suggesting to the Advocacy Commissions as potential for permanent reduction. The list is appended as part of these minutes. Following short discussion, the Chair called for a motion to approve the recommended permanent budget reduction.

MOTION (Vlach-Ing/Watanabe): To approve a permanent budget reduction such that the following items be permanently reduced:

\$749 reduction: In state travel

\$80 reduction: Out of state travel

\$180 reduction: Staff training

\$354 reduction: Office expenses

\$1500 reduction: Telecommunications/teleconferencing.

CARRIED.

The Commissioners thanked Lucy for her excellent work at finding budget reduction options. They also noted that budget reductions seem to be a constant requirement and that OCAPIA and the Advocacy Commissions have little left of their budget to run their Commission.

Lucy announced some great news regarding the budget: The OACO received notice that all of the 2% budget holdback will be returned to the Advocacy Commissions which amounts to over \$8,000 into the current biennial budget. This is unusual and attributed to a letter from the joint Chairs of the Advocacy Commissions to the Legislative Fiscal Office in 2013 saying that the OAC's budget was depleted and could not withstand further reductions. The LFO agreed and recommended to the legislature that the 2% budget holdback be restored to the OAC's. Great advocacy by the Chairs!

VII. Items from Commission Members

Because the number of issues being discussed by the Commission has grown, it was agreed by common consent to expand the meeting time by 30 minutes such that regular OCAPIA meetings will begin at 9:30am and end at noon, beginning immediately. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 21, 9:30am – 12pm.

Vice Chair Watanabe and Commissioner Khaw-Sutherland announced that they will present a training on Cultural Competency, similar to the presentation they conducted last year, on

Thursday, June 19 from 8am to 3pm. There will be three panels, one on each of the following topics: New Immigrants, Asian Muslims, Pacific Islanders. They will submit a request for OCAPIA sponsorship by the May meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

Former OCAPIA Chair and Commissioner Simeon Mamaril spoke about Filipino contributions to Oregon for the Oregon Studies project. The Commissioners thanked Simeon for his contributions.

IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.