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MINUTES

Oregon Commission on Asian Affairs

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

5:45 PM – 7:45 PM

Oregon Education Association, Conf Rm A

6900 SW Atlanta St

Portland, OR 97223

ATTENDEES

Chair: Liani Heh-Reeves
Vice-Chair: David Kong (absent)
Commissioners: Bill Chin, Teresa Ferrer, Simeon Mamril, Patrick Sieng, Carol Suzuki, Khalid Wahab, Senator Dingfelder (phone conference)
Staff: Helen Hoang

I. Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by Madame Chair Reeves at 5:47pm

II. Adoption of Agenda

1. Approved

III. Introductions

1. Conducted

IV. Report from OACO

1. Office staff gave brief overview of 2009-11 budget, referencing the \$13,000 reduction to the Supplies and Services line item and the impact it will have in supporting commissioners' travels and reimbursements
2. State mandated furlough days (10 total) will result in office closure on Fridays. Dates of these closures will be sent out to all commissioners

V. Old Business

1. Commissioner Suzuki reported that it does not look as though the Democratic Caucus is supporting the suspension of OACO, as suggested in the Governor's letter on June 8, 2009

VI. New Business

1. Discussion of Fundraiser Event - Liani, Carol
 - A.. Event will honor original founding commissioners
 - B. Date, venue and number of attendees have not been confirmed

- i. Commissioner Chin suggested having the event in 2010, to commemorate OCAA's 15th anniversary
 - ii. Commissioner Ferrer will inquire about the Chinese Garden's availability
 - 2. Other fundraising ideas
 - A. Commissioner Sieng proposed having a Lunar New Year Celebration at the Capitol
 - i. Commissioner Sieng will take the lead, with assistance from Commissioner Suzuki
 - ii. Office will provide Commissioner Sieng with the 2010 Lunar New Year date
 - 3. Discussion of 2010 Candidate Forum – Liani
 - A. APANO would like to collaborate
 - i. Madame Chair will take the lead and identify the date and location
 - 4. Discussion of Collaborative Events - Liani, Carol
 - A. Consider working with OCBA and other commissions on issues such as economic stability and empowerment opportunities
 - B. More effort in better coordination among the four commissions to share information
 - 5. Discussion of State Agency Meetings – Liani
 - A. Commissioner Ferrer will take the lead in coordinating with the Dept of Ed to present in January 2010 to look at closing the achievement gap
 - i. Madame Chair will provide a template of questions for Commissioner Ferrer to review and submit to Dept of Ed ahead of time for their preparation
 - ii. Commissioner Suzuki suggested informing the other commissions of this forum and invite them to attend
 - 1. Commissioner Wahab suggested keeping forums commission specific in order to allow the presenting agency to focus more closely on that commission instead of generalizing it to accommodate all commissions in one forum

VII. Public Testimony

- 1. None

VIII. Good of the Order

- 1. Joint Commissions Meeting, October 6, 2009, 11 am-3pm, Salem Capitol, Hearing Rm C
 - i. Commissioner Wahab suggested issuing a survey to inquire about preferred location, day, and time of Joint meetings
- 2. Thymos Book Project submissions
- 3. Miss Asian Oregon Pageant, October 10, 2009, Salem
- 4. Other: APANO grant: OCAA (by unanimous vote) will submit a letter of support
- 5. Next Meeting: 10/21/09, time and location to be determined

VIII. Adjournment at 7:10 PM.