



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian American Commission

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## Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Office of the State Auditor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted on left.

1. Elections of Officers  
Speech by candidate(s)  
Vote by ballot
  - Candidates for officer positions went uncontested. The following are the 2012 officers: Paul W. Lee - Chairperson, Geoffrey G. Why - Vice Chairperson, Karen Tseng - Treasurer, Kenneth An - Secretary.
  - Motion to accept the results - 1<sup>st</sup> Om Ganda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kay Dong
2. Commissioner Manual  
Seeking Commissioners to collectively write a manual on responsibilities, state ethics, Open Meeting Laws, & answers to common question
  - Evelyn Tang has volunteered to work with Jason.
3. 2012 Initiatives  
Resource Fair, first event in Quincy on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> will be our first pilot. Geoffrey Why and Kenneth An's agencies will host tables. The Commission is working on inviting other relevant agencies to be along side of us at the event. We will need to figure out an attraction mechanism to draw the crowd. If any Commissioner has close relationship with any particular agency, please contact Jason.

Young Leader Symposium

  - Priti Rao, Kay Dong, & Chris Chanyasulkit are knowledgeable about working with young people and politics. Kenneth An is leading the project and will send out more information.
4. 2012 Unity Dinner  
Identify co-chair(s) and an awardee
  - Paul Lee is speaking with Vinit Nijhawan from Boston University about becoming a co-chair and to host the next dinner. The theme is around Asian entrepreneurs. If any Commissioner knows any possible co-chair/awardee, please contact Jason.
  - New Commissioners understand that the Commissioner does not receive state appropriation. Other suggestions for future funds include doing a lobbying day, do healthcare related work which brings in pharmaceutical partners, and looking into foundation grants.
5. New business
6. Old Business
7. Election of Officers Results
8. Next Commission meeting:  
**Every second Tuesday of the month. Location is TBD.**