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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 4:30pm
McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, 12th floor

Absent Commissioners are highlighted and remote participants are indicated by an asterisk*. Quorum was reached by attendance.

Item #1: Accepted May minutes

Item #2: Executive Director Report -- Bora

- Focused on final logistic for Unity Dinner
- Focused on the budget amendment in the Senate and in the Conference Committee

Item #3: Executive Committee Report (see Elisa's report)

- Elisa recapped her written report.

Item #4: Introduction of new commissioners

- Welcomed Commissioner Ivy Ho – Professor of Psychology at UMass Lowell

Item #5: Voting on new budget for FY 2018

- We discussed the revised budget
- Wingkey motioned to accept the budget, seconded by Kay and Mabel, budget approved.

Item #6: Summer retreat planning

- Discussed possible dates and agenda items for the summer retreat

Item #7: AAC hosting the NAPACSL

- We agreed to host NAPACSL
- AAC would be a fiscal agent in the planning
- Massachusetts Asian Caucus will be lead in the planning

Item #8: Subcommittees

- PR/Legislation: Loan Dao
 - Considering a Form to submit for press release or response statements
 - Interested in intern who has focus on PR/legislature
- HHS Committee:
 - Planning State Health Advocacy Day at State House, October 17
- Financial Education - Gilbert
 - Nothing to report at this moment
- Young Leader Symposium
 - We have a date: September 23rd



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- Waiting to finalize venue, Viet-Aid a possibility

Item #9:

Old and New Business:

- Wingkey reported out on Gambling Initiates
- Stakeholder Listening Session June 28 at 1PM
- We will set up a meeting with Carolyn Wong, she's doing a new study on problem gambling targeting Chinese American in Chinatown in partnership with BCNC
- We have a draft of 2016 annual report and will finalize and submit to appointing authorities

Reminder of upcoming events: Resource Fair (RF)

- RF: Asian Festival in Worcester, Sunday, June 25 @ Italian-American Cultural Center, 28 Mulberry Street, Worcester, MA
- RF: Boston Chinatown Main Street Festival, Saturday, July 8
- RF: Fall River Cambodian Cultural Festival on Saturday, August 5 @ JFK Kennedy Park 300 Bradford Ave, Fall River, MA 02721
- RF: Southeast Asian Water Festival in Lowell, MA on Saturday, August 19 @ Pawtucket Blvd

Item #10: Next Commission meeting: Every second Wednesday, TBD for summer retreat!

Item #11: Other Community updates & Meeting adjourned