

Asian American Commission - Meeting Minutes –September 11, 2007

In attendance: Ramesh Advani, Tackey Chan, Hung Goon, Gene Hartigan, Debbie Ho, Dr. George King, Kai Lau, Paul W. Lee, Kao Li, Sorat Ly, Tina Matsuoka, Paul Shaw, Neelam Wali, Geoffrey Why, Joseph Wong, Tony Yee

11:05AM- meeting called to order by Chairwoman Neelam Wali.

The meeting minutes of 8/14/07 were presented and accepted.

Presentation was made by Giovanna Ngretti on a program for “Increasing Diversity in Civic Leadership” (IDCL).

President’s Report

Chairwoman/President Wali reported on the Candidates Forum for the Fifth Congressional District sponsored by AAC was held on August 25.

Lowell Town meeting sponsored by AAC is planned for September 27.

Advocacy Committee Proposal

Tackey Chan presented a proposal for Advocacy Committee Composition, Rules and Procedures. Paul Shaw made motion to accept the proposed committee; seconded by Tackey Chan.

Mr. Chan reviewed the terms of appointment for commissioners. Applications are due by September 15. Applications will be forwarded by Leverett Wind, ED to appointing authorities.

Modification of proposed term limits shall read “no more than two consecutive terms”, Strike language “maximum of six years”. Motion to accept by Ramesh Advani; seconded by Mr. Chan.

Outreach Committee Report

Kao Li proposed a contest to develop a logo for AAC.
Electronic newsletter is being designed by AAC adviser.
Additional town meetings are being planned statewide.

Fundraising Committee

Leverett Wing announced that AAC Unity Dinner/Fundraiser is scheduled for May 10, 2008, at the Boston Sheraton Hotel.
Other ideas for smaller fundraisers were discussed such as a Roast or Comedy Night.

Economic Development Committee

The idea for a job/resume bank was presented.

Education Committee

Data Collection is planned regarding the needs of Asian American students.

Presentation on Commonwealth Seminar

Joel Barrera presented the Commonwealth Seminar which aims to educate community representatives on legislative advocacy. The application process is open for the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.