



ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION

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**APIO Annual Business Meeting
Kansas City
March 16, 2010 7:00-9:30**

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Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>
Gary Parks	Kansas
Peter Bautista	Washington
Jay Mar	Wyoming
Shawn McVey	Connecticut
Manivong Phengrasmy	Indiana
Gina Schworm	Ohio
Rod Clark	Colorado
Cheryl Morton	Pacific Islands Area
Hani Nguyen	Michigan
James Amps III	Florida
Brenda L. Venable	Rhode Island
Walter Marshall	Rhode Islands
Diane Hickling	Connecticut
Astor Boozer	New York
Mark Zinon	Massachusetts
Michelle Moore	Rhode Island
Irene Fang	Texas
Mani Gomez	Alaska
Kent Matsutani	Colorado
Monica Chin	Missouri
Rebekah DeWind	Michigan
Michael S. Kenyon	Rhode Island
Angela Biggs	Illinois
Larry Yamamoto	Pacific Islands Area
George W. Clark IV	New Hampshire
Karen Woodrich	Vermont
Yuri Plowden	Pennsylvania
Carol Rickless	Massachusetts
Paul Bjorg	North Dakota
Lisa Lund	North Dakota
Phuong Ly	California
Dan Wright	New Hampshire
Nga Watts	Florida
Chris Clarke	Massachusetts
Kipen Kolesinskas	Connecticut
John Xiong	Minnesota
Nick Vira	Montana
Phoukham Vongkhamdy	Rhode Island
Oliver Miranda	Maryland

A. Old Business: Peter Bautista

Review and approve Meeting minutes from the February 18, 2010 teleconference.

Nick Vira motioned to accept/Yuri Plowden seconded/minutes approved by the council

B. Treasurers Report: Nick Vira

Report reviewed by the Council. Kent Matsutani proposed to move part of the balance of checking to savings to use for operating expenses.

Retain no more than \$10,000.00 in checking at any time.

Motion to accept/seconded/ treasurer's report approved by the council.

C. Executive Board Update-Peter Bautista/Jay Mar

- 1) Business Plan updates: See attachment
 - a) Discussion of all action items updates to date
 - Discussion on APIO mentoring program-Jay Mar (Chair) recommended the following updates to this action item;
 - To maintain committee to proceed with mentor program development.
 - Proposed to have a report by committee prepared by the 3rd quarter.

Business Plan 2010 updates: Motion to approve, Seconded, approved by the Council.

- 2) 2010 Joint Conference Report: Peter Bautista
 - a) Executive Council Meeting held on 3/15/10: councils met and developed a unified message for Chief regarding 6ea. recommendations taken from the “Employer of Choice Report” supporting diversity and inclusion. This was presented to Chief on the same day.
 - b) APIO Meeting with Chief White on 3/16/10: Presented to Chief along with Council, APIO concerns and requested for his support and follow up on these concerns. A letter to follow to Chief.
 - c) Other misc. concerns were discussed.

D. Regional Representatives Report

Shawn McVey-East Region: reported his referral of a scholarship applicant to the New Jersey SEPM for a possible SCEP program. Also, Shawn also informed the council of his stepping down as East Rep. because of his news of a new job in Lincoln, Nebraska. He recruited a replacement for East Representative, which is Yuri Plowden from, Soil Scientist Pennsylvania. Peter Bautista appointed Yuri as East Rep. Effective April 2010 for the remainder of term (thru 2010).

Gary Parks-Northern Plains Region: reported his stepping down from position due to the end of his term and recruitment efforts to find volunteers to nominate for this position. Peter on behalf of the council commended Gary for his significant contributions to the organization, including; chairing the Election Committee and 2010 Conference Local Site Committee.

Mani Gomez-West Region: reported her communication efforts to the SEPM's in her region. She has had no feed back as of yet.

Mani Phensgramy-Midwest Region: reported his outreach efforts to his constituents in the past and his plans to increase efforts in the future to recruit members and network with constituents.

Nga Watts – East Region: reported her challenges with networking to constituents and SEPMS in the region. Nga was involved with the 2010 Conference Auction and Poster/Technical presentation Committee serving as Co-Chair on both.

Dave Fischer-PIA East Islands (HI): Dave wasn't present at meeting, however he provided in advance of the meeting a report. See attachment of report. Peter spoke on behalf to verbally report on regional news and Dave's involvement as Scholarship Committee – Chair.

PIA-West Islands: Jocelyn Bamba, Guam: was not present, no report. It was noted that this position's term was up this year.

Notes: Discussion of Duties of the Regional Representatives were reviewed by Jay Mar and Pete Bautista

- Know who your SEPMS are and network with your regional constituent, including AAPI communities and APIO members.
- Be prepared to report at the Council teleconferences every other month regarding outreach efforts.
- Regional Representatives are responsible for recruiting membership.

E. SEPM-AAPI Report-Angela Biggs:

- Informed council of her new position as ASTC-Field Operations in Indiana.
- BASU update: Informed council that all 6 Scholars enrolled in program, two of which are now placed and converted as FTE, career employees.
- 2010 AAPI - Poster Contest. Bulletin forthcoming, requested for participation.
- Angela's position as National Council Advisor will be ending on 09-30-2010. She would like to remind everyone to help find a replacement. She will not be able to relinquish her position until one is found.

F. Standing Committee Reports:

1) Elections-Gary Parks

- a) Dan Curtis elected for the Northern Plains Region
- b) Gina Schworm was elected for the APIO Vice President
- c) Pam Aguon was elected for the PIA Region

d) Pete Bautista appoints Yuri Plowden as the replacement for the remainder of the term for Shawn McVey East Region.

2) By-Laws Gary Parks

a) Updates from the "Annual APIO Business Meeting" "08" meeting have been made, specific to section regarding the Nominations and Elections sections. Will be posted on website ASAP.

3) Awards- Yuri Plowden

- a) Committee :Yuri, Winnie C. and Shiraz Vira
- b) Information of APIO Awardees to be presented during the APIO Awards Luncheon on 3/16, Tuesday.
- c) APIO Farmer of the Year went to Mr. Bernard Watson of Guam. This was first time this award was given out by APIO and will institutionalized this time forward.

4) Scholarships-Dave Fischer (report)

- a) Reviewed eight applications and awarded three scholarships for 2010
- b) Notified all applicants of their status.
- c) Sent copy of all notifications to Nick Vera, Treasurer.
- d) Phuong Ly will announce awardees at the Annual Meeting Luncheon.

5) Communications Committee - Kent Matsutani will be working with Liz to re-create a more interactive web-site. Input from the Regional Representatives would be helpful, to include a comment section for posted items. Peter motioned for Kent & Liz to re-create the website, Nick seconded, Motion approved by the Council.

G. New England states presentation for 2011 APIO Conference: RI, CT, VT, NH, NY, ME, DE and MS:

- a. STCs of the sponsoring states were present to formally request for APIO to consider their invitation to host FY 2011 conference.
- b. A PowerPoint presentation by Pooh Vongkhamdy & Michelle Moore (RI) of the New England States was presented to showcase the region.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting on April 22, 2010 5:00 p.m. EST