



ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION

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**APIO Teleconference
Thursday, August 19, 2010 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pacific**

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Attendees:

Peter Bautista - President
Jay Mar - Executive VP
Gina Schworm-Vice President
Yuri Plowden- East Region
Phuong Ly- West Region
Kent Matsutani

Meeting called to order and roll call- Peter Bautista

Old Business:

1. Reviewed and approved of July 2010 meeting minutes–Peter. Jay motioned to accept June Meeting Minutes-Gina seconded.

New Business:

1. Officer reports; Peter, Jay, Gina, Nick and Cheryl
 - a. Peter- Business Plan update shared with Council
 - b. Peter-Rhode Island 2011 conference Update: Covered in Committee update.
2. AAPI-SEPM report-Angela Biggs
 - Not present
3. APIO Conference 2011 Planning Committee Trip to Rhode Island, August 12-13, 2010: East Region Representative, Planning Committee Chair, Yuri Plowden and Peter Bautista:
 - a. Attached Planning Committee spreadsheet file which includes; Committee Chairs, Committee Responsibilities, Schedule and Milestones and Draft Agenda Information. Please review and for assignments, roles and conference planning expectations and info.
 - b. August 12th Meeting with Marriot Hotel Sales Agent, Ted Zack with Yuri, Peter and Nick:
 1. Discussed draft contract terms and conference agenda and expectations. Overall, we feel that the hotel was very accommodating and we'll follow up with Ted Z. by October with final numbers of rooms and banquet and facility logistics.
 2. Proposed date to settle contract by October, pending the RI meeting and responses from invited groups, including Outreach, WIN/FEPM and Rhode Island NRCS & New England sponsors.
 - c. August 13 Meeting with Rhode Island NRCS sponsors; Yuri/Nick/Pete and NRCS, RI including STC-Pooh and SLT:
 1. Discussed APIO expectations of RI sponsors, as described in letter May 4, 2010 to Pooh V, STC-RI.

2. RI-SRC Eric Scherer suggested having the Northeast Technology Group work (piggy back) with APIO for a joint training conference. Focus on technology for underserved groups. Both sides agreed to work it out. Field tours and technical workshops to be arranged and provided by NE Tech. group. Estimate attendance from NE states at 70 folks.
 3. Discussed Planning Committees and Roles and determined RI/NE committee members.
 4. Discussed proposed agenda and program ideas relative to Rhode Island issues and AAPI focus.
 5. Action Items for Rhode Island sponsors and APIO Planning Committee determined.
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4. Grants Committee Article Update-Gina Schworm
 - a. Gary sent notice to the members at large, voting on the By-Laws Article III amendments. August 26, 2010
 5. Other: Peter Bautista
 - a. Reminder to submit articles for Fall Newsletter to Liz Warner in August for September publishing.

Adjourn Meeting