



ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER ORGANIZATION

APIO Teleconference Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2011

Meeting commenced at 3:00pm – Pacific

Attendees: Peter Bautista, Cheryl Morton, Yuri Plowden, Kurencio Ngowaki, Nick Vira, Mani Phengrasmy, Gina Schworm, Phuong Ly and Jay Mar.

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1. Old Business:
 - a. Reviewed and approved January Meeting Minutes
 - i. Nick motioned to approve, seconded by Yuri.
2. New Business:
 - a. Officers Reports: President, Exec. VP and VP (30 min)
 - i. 2011 APIO Conference Approval was sent out NHQ Chief's FNM Memo dated 1/27/11.
 1. Concern was expressed regarding, effect the travel budgets cuts are having on the 2011 Rhode Island Conference.
 - a. Regional representatives were asked to assess their regional attendance and provide update of finding to council.
 - b. Peter will write the Regional Conservationists and STC's to send their SEPMs to their conferences. Yuri and Cheryl to assist.
 - ii. Talent Management Division's solicitation for agreement opportunity with APIO, related to AAPI recruitment and outreach proposals.
 - a. Peter prepared a written proposal (\$50K), including several proposals and submitted to TMD and O&A Divisions on 2/13/11.
 - b. TMD/OAD proposal was discussed and provided to APIO council. This is the first time to actually partner with agency at this capacity formally. If at a minimum the proposal provided solid strategies for agency work with APIO and AAPI.
 - c. Awaiting TMD/OAD response to proposal.
 - iii. FAPAC Conference 2011 In Seattle, WA (May 9-13)
 - a. Peter has been working with Farook Sait (FAPAC) with Conference planning and APIO invitation to attend conference.
 - b. Peter requested council to provide money for travel/per diem to send 3 officers to attend.
 - c. As requested by Yuri, Peter provided justification/benefit for FAPAC attendance.
 - i. Meet and network with higher level national organization that would help leverage our concerns to HQ, which hasn't been achieved to date.
 - d. Peter was requested to provide an accurate cost for the committee to vote on next meeting.

- iv. Return-Rights Issue, Letter from Deputy Chief – Management dated 2/15/11. Copies of letter provided to Council.
 - 1. Discussion of Return Rights status quo position of the agency with reasoning provided. No further action or decision made on this.
- v. Membership notices to past members.
 - a. Regional Reps. to follow up on expired memberships for their area.
- vi. NRCS (Whitehouse Initiative) AAPI Action Plan:
 - 1. Peter will join Deputy Chief Management Division Director (O&A, HR and TM) meeting on 2/24/11 to discuss Final Draft of Action Plan.
- vii. Treasurers Report: Nick Vira
 - a. No treasures report for February.
- viii. 2012 APIO Conference: Jay Mar
 - 1. Requested Regional Reps and officers to get a feel from your region about hosting a conference in 2012.

b. Introduction of National AAPI SEPM Report – Kurencio Ngowaki

- c. 2011 Planning Conference Update; Yuri Plowden
- i. Yuri provided update of conference agenda, sponsor arrangements, speaker commitments, hotel and overflow info and next planning committee meeting for 2/23/11.
 - ii. **See attached draft from RI.**

3. Standing Committees:

- a. By-Laws and Elections Committee; Gary P/Doug D-NIA
- b. Communications Committee; Liz Warner/Kent-NIA
- c. Natural Resource Committee; Nga/Oliver-NIA
- d. Conference 2012 Conference; Jay/Gina-requesting search for 2012 conference location
 - i. Awards Committee-Phuong Ly to chair committee to start the process in advance of conference.
 - ii. Auction Committee -Gina Schworm to chair committee and start process in advance of conference.

4. Regional Representatives Reports (10min)

- a. East Region-Yuri Plowden-Reported earlier in the agenda
- b. Mid West-Mani Phengrasmy-No report
- c. Northern Plains-Dan Curtis-NIA
- d. Pacific Islands Area-Dave Fischer-NIA
- e. Pacific Islands Area West-Pamela Sablan-Aguon-NIA
- f. South-Nga Watts-NIA
- g. West-Phuong Ly - Requested clarification on sending notices to expired members. Response to use your discretion, and to take opportunity to get acquainted and garner input and involvement.

Meeting adjourned: 4:30 p.m. PST

Action Item	Responsible Party	Completion date
Letter to STC's to send the SEPMS to their conferences. Yuri will draft the letter and forward to Cheryl to format for Peter's approval	Peter Bautista Yuri Plowden Cheryl Morton	
Regional Reps. to help determine the attendance concerns for their area and provide updates at Council Meetings.	Regional Representatives	
Proposal with budget request for FAPAC conference attendance of officers (4 ea.)	Peter B.	
Work with TMD agreement and proposals with APIO.	Peter B.	
Regional Reps to follow up on expired memberships for their regional states.	Regional Representatives	
Awards committee to start the planning process for Conference.	Phuong Ly	
Auction Committee to start planning process for Conference.	Gina Schworm	
2012 Conference Proposals from states. Process to involve (Solicitation, Evaluation and Selection) Regional representatives to solicit states for interest to host conference. At 2011 conference proposals to be presented and selected by council.	Jay Mar and Regional Reps.:	