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## APIO Teleconference Minutes May 19, 2011

- Meeting called to order at 11:05 HST
- Roll Call: Peter Bautista, Phuong Ly, Nick Vira, Gina Schworm, Angela Biggs, Kent Matsutani, Yuri Plowden, Dave Fischer (Taking notes).

### **Old Business:**

1. Review and approval of April Meeting Minutes
  - Minutes approved (Nick/Kent) contingent upon minor grammatically needed corrections that Peter submitted to NC on May 20. Peter to send out to council and for posting ASAP.

### **New Business:**

2. Officer Reports
  - a. President Update: Peter B.
    - i. Organization Presidents Meeting with Chief in April update: Presidents met with Homer Wilkes - FY-12 could be more severe for travel with an extension of FY-11 restrictions. Plan for a joint organization conference in FY-13. Plan to meet quarterly from now.
    - ii. FAPAC conference update: Peter, Nick and Gina attended meeting.
      1. APIO set up an NRCS exhibit; gave a speech for the agency and received a sponsorship award.
      2. Met many other USDA agency representatives and networked. APIO is hopefully more visible.
      3. Low turnout, about 200+ attendees because of travel restrictions, although many agencies represented.
      4. FAPAC has "Chapters" specific to certain areas, diversity, inclusive, exclusive. FAPAC pays \$500 to help start up a chapter and in turn, extracts a portion of chapter member dues. APIO may consider joining as Chapter organization.
      5. Great venue for training for APIO members, as many agencies represented and very diverse top speakers and topics covered, including the AAPI-White House Initiative Executive Committee and Commissioners.
    - iii. Update – 2011 Conference news, etc. In conversation with Ted Zack, Marriot Rep, corporate is willing to terminate contract and will keep monetary deposit made. Peter/Nick asked for agreement in writing. NC approved agreement unanimously once APIO gets the Marriot letter.

- b. Treasures Report – Nick Vira:

- i. Less than \$3,200 was needed from APIO for attendance at FAPAC meeting.
    - ii. Nick transferred \$5,000 to the checking account.
    - iii. Pooh, RI-STC, might be able to grant APIO \$10,000 for the FY-13 meeting. We'll wait and see on that possibility.
    - iv. Treasures Report approved unanimously.
3. Communications Committee Update – Liz and Kent @ 5 min
  - a. New Website: Kent mentioned that this is "going slow". May need to upgrade some website components, because basic website not adequate for expectations, per Ralph Prelinger (web designer).
4. By-Laws and Elections Committee – Gary Parks, not in attendance, however discussion by council.
  - a. FY 2012 Elections - The committee will develop the details to call for elections for the June NC Teleconference with transfer of duties to be effective by the August teleconference. The Executive VP will assume the Presidency and the Executive VP, VP, and the Region Reps from The East, Midwest, West PIA, and East PIA will be on the ballot.
  - b. Updates to By-Laws to be voted in this year
5. Scholarship Committee Update – Dave F.
  - a. Based upon the somewhat favorable results with Marriot, NC had no objections to award the three scholarships (Total of \$4,500).
6. Awards Committee update – Phuong L.
  - a. Deadline is June 17. Review information on website (apio.org). Need nominations to be submitted soon.
7. Regional Representative Update – AAPI Month Current Developments:
  - a. Yuri mentioned that she spread the word in her Region about the APIO Newsletter and that the annual training conference has been cancelled.
  - b. Dittos from Dave for PIA East.
8. Other: Suggestions
  - a. Suggest the Grants Committee pursue several avenues for funding to include CFC for APIO, APIASF scholarships for APA (Neal Hirokasha, President in Washington D.C.)
  - b. The idea of forming a Ways and Means Committee surfaced, which is hand-in-glove with the goals of the Grants Committee. NC Officers will pursue the need for clarifying the methods of funding the organization.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 12:15 PM HST (2:15 PM PDT, Seattle; 5:15 PM EDT, East Coast).