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OCAPIA Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 9:30 AM - 12 PM
Oregon State Bar, Sandy Room
16037 SW Upper Boone's Ferry Road, Tigard, OR 97224

ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Stephen Ying
Vice Chair: Mari Watanabe
Commissioners: Kathleen Jonathan (phone), Ping Khaw-Sutherland, Joseph Santos-Lyons, Chanpone Sinlapasai, Michelle Vlach-Ing (phone)
Absent: Senator Dembrow, Representative Whisnant
Guests: David Tam, OCAPIA Commissioner candidate (phone); Janet Soto, Policy Coordinator, Office of Economic & Business Equity; Jennifer Duncan and Dr. Lionel Johnson, JHS Multicultural Film Festival; Christian Smith, intern, Department of Corrections
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer

I. Call to Order – The meeting called to order at 9:33am. Chair Ying welcomed new OCAPIA Commissioner Chanpone Sinlapasai. She is the President of IRCO's board, a DOJ victims' right advocate and an immigration lawyer.

II. Roll Call - Nancy called the roll and a quorum was established. Chair Ying invited the guests to introduce themselves: Christian Smith is an intern at the Department of Corrections. Janet Soto is Policy Coordinator for the Office of Economic and Business Equity.

III. A. Approval of March 2015 OCAPIA Minutes

In Item V., D., 2. "Chuukese" was misspelled and will be fixed.

MOTION (Watanabe/Santos-Lyons): To approve minutes as corrected. **CARRIED.**

IV. B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by common consent.

V. Old Business

A. Review and update committee work

1. Civic Engagement Committee – The Committee is working with the White House Initiative Asian American Pacific Islander (WHIAAPI) to bring a Roundtable event to Portland, that would bring representatives from different federal agencies to speak with the API community about the services they offer, as well as hearing from the community what their needs are. It will be on Thursday, 7/23/15 at IRCO's main campus from 11am - 1:30pm and lunch will be included. This is a free event and lunch will be provided. There will be another Roundtable in Eugene in October. Commissioner Tam will think about

possible no-cost venues in Eugene. Lucy noted that someone from the Governor's Office might like to attend.

2. Education Committee

- a. The Advocacy Commissions' first Joint Education committee meeting was on 5/5/15. Members of OEIB and ODE attended. Topics of discussion included diversifying the workforce and the 2014 Minority Teacher Act report. OEIB added 2 recommendations to its report based on the Joint Education Committee meeting and is interested in another meeting with this OAC Committee later this year.
- b. HB 3499, comprehensive reform for ELL statewide programs was discussed.

MOTION (Santos-Lyons/Sinlapasai): OCAPIA to endorse HB 3499, comprehensive reform for ELL statewide programs. **CARRIED.**

- B. OCAPIA Fundraiser update – Commissioner Khaw-Sutherland gave an update on venue prices and the Commissioners decided they need to look elsewhere, such as the Moda Center in Portland. It was suggested that former OCAPIA Chairs be invited to be on the planning committee.
- C. Recruitment of OCAPIA members – Commissioner Vlach-Ing will resign when session ends and has a replacement candidate in mind. She will follow up with that person. Another suggestion is Michael Om, a leader in the Korean community, who lives in Salem. Chair Ying has a person in mind as well.
- D. Biennial Report of the OCAPIA for the Legislature – OACO staff have all the needed information and will make the biennial report available online.
- E. Chair's letter of support for an appointment of a Director of Diversity & Inclusion in the Governor's Office was reviewed. Lucy reported that OCBA and OCFW are also writing letters and requesting a meeting with the Governor to discuss.
- F. OCAPIA's Letter of Support to City of Portland for an API Diversity and Civic Leadership program – The City of Portland agreed to fund this requested program and Vice Chair Watanabe will testify on this on behalf of OCAPIA later this week.
- G. Report from OACO's budget hearing – The General Government subcommittee had a work session and voted to approve a permanent .5 staff Policy Analyst for the OACO. Senator Winters will carry the bill for the Senate, and Representative Frederick will carry it for the House.

VI. New Business

- A. OCAPIA Leadership discussion – Chair Ying announced that he will be stepping down as OCAPIA Chair. The nominations for Chair and Vice Chair will be conducted at the September regular meeting of the Commissions and elections will be held at the November meeting.
- B. Ratification of e-vote for 2015 Legislative Session Bills supported by OCAPIA
 1. SB 454A - Employers to implement paid sick time for employees
 2. SB 939 - Create programs to assist children of incarcerated parents

3. HB 2002 - OR CJC to receive and record profiling complaints
4. HB 2934A - OHA basic health plan
5. HB 3525 - Person who obstructs reporting of unlicensed immigration consultant commits crime of obstructing governmental or judicial administration,
6. HB 3308A - HECC to address disparities in higher education among communities of color

MOTION (Watanabe/Khaw-Sutherland): To ratify all the bills read into the record.
CARRIED.

- C. Janet Soto, Policy Coordinator, Office of Economic & Business Equity (EBE) – Governor’s Office of Community Engagement. Procurement issues and the work of the EBE. She thanked the OCAPIA for its advocacy. Janet briefly discussed her role as Policy Coordinator to ensure equity is part of the work moving forward.

Janet explained that the Governor intends to appoint a new Director of Diversity and Inclusion and thanked the OCAPIA for their letter to the Governor about the importance of retaining and filling this position, and the OCAPIA’s willingness to assist in the search. She noted that at this year’s Asian Pacific American Heritage Month proclamation signing ceremony each speaker noted the absence of API leadership at the table in the public sector and in the private sector.

- D. Report on Legislative Day on 4/13 with APANO – OCAPIA’s sponsorship of the APANO legislative day in Salem helped make possible 80 community members meeting with 30 legislators. Legislators have noticed that seeing communities of color in the Capitol is a more common sight this session. The next legislative day in Salem is February 15, 2016.

- E. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month proclamation signing 5/19 – wrap-up. It was agreed that the event was successful and fun, with outstanding speakers. Commissioner Sinlapasai requested that the API communities be notified of any upcoming API community events with the Governor’s participation, such as the Governor’s dedication of an annual Hmong Day.

VII. Report of the Administrator

- A. OCAPIA General Fund – Lucy noted that all Commissions must have submitted invoices for leadership or advocacy sponsorships by the end of June.

VIII. Items from Commission Members – items were covered earlier in the meeting

Commissioner Khaw-Sutherland attended the WHIAAPI API Summit in Washington, DC which she found to be very beneficial for sharing with other state commissions and making links for Oregon API interests with federal resources and asked Commissioners to consider attending next year. She will also serve on a trade mission to Malaysia in 2016.

Chair Ying noted that the Governor will go to Korea and other parts of Asia in October 2015.

IX. Public Comment - Jennifer Duncan JHS and Dr. Lionel Johnson.

Jennifer and Dr. Johnson shared information with the Commissioners about their free film series. They are looking for 2 APIs to serve on their Advisory Board. The orientation meeting is May 28th, from 6-7:30pm.

X. Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 12:03pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 15th, 2015, 9:30am – 12pm
OS Bar, Sandy Mtg Room, 16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd., Tigard 97224

Note: Executive Appointments will accept Interest Forms at any time to fill an empty slot.