



**ASIAN AMERICAN COALITION OF CHICAGO**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Lunar New Year Celebration & Asian American Conference**  
**Community Health Fair | Global Business Forum | Youth Job Fair**  
**February 23, 2013 \* Hyatt Regency O'Hare \* 9 A.M. to Midnight**  
**Hosted by the Vietnamese Community & Nghia Sinh Intl Inc.**

AACC Host Office

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**AACC Planning Committee Meeting**

6:30 p.m. – January 16, 2013

Hyatt Regency O'Hare – Tech Room

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Vietnamese Community

Doug Nguyen  
Khanh Tran  
Landy Nguyen  
Teresa Tran  
Thomas Tran

Luan Nguyen  
Ng Hieu  
Joseph Tran  
Tuyen Tran

Dinh Nguyen  
Michael Nguyen  
Nha Tran  
Doan Nguyen

Secretary

Donna Robbins

Chinese Community

Irene Cualoping  
Helen Moy

CW Chan

Leonard Louie

Filipino Community

Lourdes Mon

Expo Taghap

Indian Community

Nadja Lalurni

Prem Lalvani

Raj Mago

Indonesia Community

Japanese Community

Ron Yoshino

Karen Kanemoto

Yurimi Grigsby

Korean Community

Jaz Park

Pakistani

Sadruddin Noorani

Thai Community

Tippi Lee  
John Rutirasiri

Hon Bannapradist

Nick Bannapradist

Photo Session before the meeting with a professional photographer - Dave.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Doug Nguyen, 2013 AACC Chairperson
  - Roll call of attendees.
    - Two special guests – Yurimi Grigsby joining the AACC - attending her first meeting accompanied by her husband Jason.
2. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.  
Doug Nguyen thanked everyone for all the work that has been done of the past months, especially the last month.  
Dr. Hieu thanked Dave for volunteering to take photos of all the volunteers and members.
3. Introduction of Host Committee Members – Dr. Ng Hieu



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- Dinh Nguyen – Computer Engineer and Teacher of Martial Arts in Vietnam - Security & Safety Committee chair – will have a group of 10 people including 3 Vietnamese medical doctors along with hotel security
  - Thomas Tran - Program Book chair – much progress with the program book – front & back cover created – about 20 pages of advertisement - article from Mr. Noorani – pages of history of AACC – message from the Chair – book of about 104 pages.
  - Landy Nguyen - Reception Committee chair – will have a team of 11 members – will be wearing Vietnamese attire - to welcome and assist VIPs & guests.
  - Michael Nguyen - Chief of Technology Committee - provide DVD and PowerPoint presentation. Michael was instrumental in securing a sponsorship from the Horseshoe Casino Hammond.
  - John – assist with the sound and light system
  - Expo Taghap – professional emcee – Executive Asst. to Secretary Jesse White
  - Lily Kim – Co-emcee – Editor for program book and biographies
4. AACC Board Report and Reflection was provided by Dr. Ng Hieu
- We are working together – we are showing with this celebration that we are bringing everyone together. We are working together by partnering with the...
    - *Asian American Institute*
    - *Corporations (AFI, BCBSIL, CNA, etc.)*
    - *Council for Parliament of World's Religions*
    - *Governor's Office*
    - *Secretary of State's Asian American Advisory Council*
    - *Mayor's Office*
    - *U.S. Dept. of Commerce*
    - *University Presidents (IIT, NEIU, Washington University in St. Louis, etc.)*
    - *White House's Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and by bringing people from different communities to work together. If you remember nothing else from this year's event, always remember our AACC mission - **Bringing Asian Americans Together.***
  - We are meeting with the Governor on January 25th @ 4 pm
  - Leadership policy for AACC – rotating leadership method – different Asian Community every year to host the AACC Festival, Gala, conference, etc.
  - Rotating leadership qualities
    1. Leadership in dialogue - Responsible in leading
    2. Partnership in harmony - Respectful in partnering
    3. Unity in diversity - Responsive in diversity
  - Learn from Asian & American Leaders
    - Lao Tzu – “A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim is fulfilled, they will say; we did it ourselves.”
    - Mahatma Gandhi – “Be the change you want to see in the world.”
    - Abraham Lincoln – “Whatever you are, be a good one.”
    - John F. Kennedy – “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.”
    - MLK, Jr. – “The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important.”
    - Mother Theresa – “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”
  - Characteristics of A Great Leader
    - Clarifying mission and values
    - Servicing and volunteering
    - Initiating and acting on
    - Empowering others
  - Great Leaders
    - Live with integrity
    - Lead by example



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- Develop a winning strategy
- Build a great team
- Inspire staff & volunteers to greatness
- Create a responsive organization
- Leadership Summits
  - Mayor of Chicago – July 10, 2012
  - Governor of Illinois – January 25, 2013
  - President of the United States – not realistic to meet with the President. We have instead identified a member of the White House Staff to engage with.
- 5. Updates from Host Committee Members
  - Community Health Fair from 9 am – 1 pm
    - Secretary of State Advisory Council has a handle of the health fair – numbers are solid – 20 to 25 vendors – 3 nursing schools coming - Suzie Surapiboonchai will be at the health fair early to direct the nurses.
    - Still waiting for a confirmation from the White House for Valerie Jarrett to attend, who will kick off the health fair.
    - Ken Munson, Regional Dept. of Health & Community Service, will discuss the Affordable Care Act.
    - Doug Nguyen will emcee all day. He'll drop in every session to say a few words. He'll introduce Secretary of State, Jesse White @ 11:30 am and the tumbling team after and then lunch will be served.
  - Global Business Forum & Youth Job Fair from 1:00 pm to 5 pm
    - Two flyers were handed out for the afternoon workshops
    - Educational Conference – 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Panel of 4 University Presidents moderated by Victoria Chou from UIC School of Education – 3 specific questions – (1) Trends/issues emerging among Asian American Student body - drop out and success rate (2) What are you doing to meet the needs of the Asia American student body (3) cast a 3 to 5 year vision to meet the challenges – how are you going to engage the Asian American prospective students in order to increase the enrollment – 12 min for each & the rest of the time Q&A
    - Workshops from 3 pm to 5 pm – workshops for Asian American Youths conducted by the Asian American Institute – group of high school students – encourage your kids and grandkids of high school age to attend – conducted twice from 3 to 4 and 4 to 5 – expecting a large amount of students to attend – college students as well
    - 4 pm to 5:30 pm Interfaith Prayer session - Grand Ballroom – deepest issues of the day are spiritual in nature – come support Raj – 3 choirs – Doug Nguyen will say the opening prayer – Several religions will be represented - Dr. Hieu will finalize how the room will be divided .
    - Exhibit tables will be outside the meeting rooms – part of the business forum – they'll pitch their products and services – they'll also be recruiting
    - Global Business Forum taking place from 3 pm to 5 pm – George Mui will be kicking off the business forum – if you want to attend send an email to the AACC
  - Evening Program 3 parts from 6 pm to 9 pm
    - Part 1 – entertainment, part 2 dinner and part 3 business – begin with US Navy Band (donating their time & talent) then Chicago Children's Choir (ages 6 to 16) will sing a few songs including the AACC Unity song composed by Irene Cualoping and Keith Uchima and Happy Birthday during the cutting of the cake (choir will be paid by donation) – Dances by the Filipino, Vietnamese, Thai and Indian communities. John purchased the video screens for AACC to use free of charge for the video & PowerPoint presentation. Jesse White Tumblers will perform before we move to part 3, Then the business part of the program – Keynote speaker, Grand Asian Award will be presented by the President of the AACC Board together with the Chair. Pan Asian Award will be presented by the AACC Board. Received confirmation from the mayor's office and governor's office that they will be attending. Community Exemplary Award will be presented by the Governor or his associate. The



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Youth Who Excel Award will be presented by the Mayor if he stays late; otherwise it will be presented by the representative from the White House.

- Food Selection – if anyone has a special need for food please let Dr. Hieu or Doug Nguyen know. Fish, chicken and vegetarian – should know how many of each food type – food tasting on Thursday, January 30. .
  - The dance after will be first come first serve. The ticket does say if you plan to attend please notify AACC in advance.
  - Corporate sponsors – Mr. Luan Nguyen & Irene Cualoping – To date these major sponsors have signed on, which include Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, American Family Insurance and CNA Foundation, Horseshoe Casino Hammond, Popular Community Bank and R.M. Chin & Associates. C.C. is working to secure a sponsorship from Hartford and we should know more by February's meeting.
  - Ticket Sales – sold 54 tables includes the holds, awardees and corporate sponsors. The guarantee is 500.
  - Program Book – about 104 pages – Thank you Thomas, Lily, and Dave for working on the books. Lily needs some bios and ages are still needed for a few. Bios 300 words for the adult and 150 for the youth.
6. Announcements of AACC 2013 honorees – Doug Nguyen – list of honorees handed out
- Youth Who Excels Award are on the list
  - Exemplary Community Service Awards are on the list
  - AACC Pan Asian Award – Lourdes Mon
  - AACC Grand Asian Award – Hon. James R. Thompson
  - Congratulations to all the honorees

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Additional photo session after the meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. – Hyatt Regency O'Hare

**Minutes prepared by Donna Robbins, 2013 AACC Secretary**