



*Asian American
Advisory Council*

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

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MINUTES OF July 25th, 2018 MEETING

2:00-4:00 pm, Deerfield Field Office, 5th Floor conference room
(at 1755 Lake Cook Road)

Or by phone: Call in #: (888) 494-4032, Access Code 6075024803 #

- I. **Call to order:** Stany called the meeting to order at 2:11 pm. Welcome all to the monthly meeting – a special meeting for election.

Members Present: In-person: Stany, Bino, Nancy, Barbara, Benny, Linson, Sabastian, and Marjorie. Called in: Lily, John, Gauri.

- II. **June 27, 2018 Minutes, Approve or Amend minutes:** Members reviewed the minutes. Under “nomination section”, did we discuss that during that meeting? That was done previously, should be removed from the minutes. Delete everything under the section. And there were more discussions on nominations. Discussions on by laws, and nominees to be Asian origin were to be added. By email, Santhosh had input which needs to be added to the minutes.

Business announcement: add word “American” between Chinese and Conference.

Ronica, Gauri, and John, Nancy participated by phone.

The minutes were passed with corrections and amendments.

Benny proposed pass the minutes with amendments and Sabastian seconded.

III. **Old Business:**

Membership / Voting: Nancy received one nomination of new council member who was present at the meeting. New membership voting is tabled.

Joint Council Meeting: The next joint council meeting is scheduled on **August 30th at 1911 S. Indiana** (changed from August 29th). We do not have an agenda yet. Let the new officers know who will be attending so our council can provide a headcount to the joint council.

Professional development / LCW training: Sharie is the person who offered to conduct the training, suggested one training where it is close to Loyola. Do it after work, someone suggested during work hours. But the trainer may not be available during work hours because the trainer also has a day job. Someone suggests lunch hour. This suggestion may not workable due to the limited time – may need two hours. Bino suggest emailing members and ask who are interested in the training, to have a group of people rather than one individual.

Stany said we’d identify a trainer and work out logistics of time and send out an email to members. We’ll also find out the costs of the training, then notify the people in nearby areas.

IV. **New Business:**

- Council election: During last meeting, it was decided that George will be conducting the election. First round, nobody wanted to accept the nomination except for Nancy. Second meeting we decided to send out another nomination to council members. George was on vacation and said



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he was not interested in being a chair of the election subcommittee. He resigned from the committee.

Our bylaws says the selection by secret ballot. The second nomination, Nancy's name was not included, we had different nomination. Marjorie contacted each person that was nominated.

Both Bino and George resigned from the election subcommittee. Stany asked Marjorie to help with this election as she is not a voting member of the council. She volunteered to do it.

Marjorie compiled the list of nominees and contacted each person that was listed on the ballot. She asked George and Bino for all the ballots they had. We now have three members who had accepted the positions. They appear on the ballot, Barba, Linson, and Santhosh. As of now, Marjorie has eight ballots.

Bino expressed that one person is not on the list who was nominated.

Barb, Linson, and Santhosh were elected for the respective positions. We've got ten ballots – Santhosh will be the new chairperson, Co-chair is Linson, Secretary is Barbara Hiram. Congratulations to the new officers.

Leadership seminar: subcommittee is working on it.

Bino expressed a concern that a few members are not coming to our meeting for long time. If a member is not coming to our meeting for three consecutive meetings, if they are no longer interested in being a member, they should resign from the council. Bylaws says we MAY (discretionary) ask for the resignation. It should be up to our subcommittee. Nancy asks for the past minutes so she can look up who has not come to the meeting. Marjorie said the Membership subcommittee should look into it. Bino said that it is subcommittee's job to get the new members, not their job to persuade them resigning. If a person has not come to the meeting for a long time, we can contact them.

One more concern from Marjorie is the letterhead. We have not discussed the new letterhead. We'll add an agenda item to talk about the letterhead. Council members decided to keep the logo. We should do the same for the letterhead, and get the council's agreement on using the different letterhead.

Bino raised a new suggestion on going over the bylaws during the next meeting. He thinks there are some confusions on the bylaws. He gave an example on election nomination process.

Not many people are fully aware of the bylaws' clauses such as Member needs to be Asian origin. We'll need to provide the bylaws to new members.

Goals of accomplishments: Marjorie does an annual report to various groups. She suggests our council to set up goals.

A list of two or three goals to be developed or identify a couple each year to show that the council is working toward achieving them. We came together is not only recruiting new members but as volunteers to find out what services we can provide. We can do a new needs assessment by looking at language issue, and services related to Burgo consent decree.



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V. **Institute Day:**

Marjorie and Bino have worked on next speakers for next institute day.

VI. **Next Council teleconference:** August 22nd, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

VII. **Adjourn meeting:** Nancy proposed to adjourn the meeting, Barb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM.