



Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

Executive Director's Report

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Improving the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans by examining issues, advancing advocacy, and ensuring access to government.

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Executive Director's report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from September 22, 2019 to November 14, 2019.

1. STAFF ACTIVITY

Staff activity: Community events include: APIC – SPS, APIC – KC, Vietnamese Friendship Association Commencement, DENSHO Dinner, Tabor 100 Dinner, International Examiner Community Awards Dinner, APDC Meeting, Mockingbird Society Luncheon, AAPI Candidate Forum @ CID Community Center, El Centro de la Raza Legacy Awards & Scholarship Dinner, Neighborhood House Welcome Reception for new Executive Director Janice Deguchi, Police Accountability Candidates Forum, Refugee Women's Alliance Reception, 8th Annual Fil-Am History Month Celebration in Tacoma, Seattle JACL board meeting, Executive Development Institute's Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction Honoring Marci Nakano., Helping Link Gala, Family Support Center's Annual Fall Breakfast, Colectiva Legal Dinner: Roots of Liberacion – Luchando con el Corazon, Filipino Community of Seattle's 84th Annual Gala, Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees & Communities of Color Candidates Forum, COFA Advocacy Stakeholder Conference Calls (5), 2019 DENSHO Dinner "Activity Our History", Front & Centered meet & greet, APICAT, & Secretary Norm Mineta Documentary Screening & Private Reception @ UW.

Staff also attended several meetings with public officials, including: WA State Lands Commissioner Hillary Franz, Representatives from Law Enforcement, Department of Commerce, LNI, U.S. Government Accountability Office, OSPI, Health Care Authority, State Agency Complete Count Committee, Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival Planning Meeting, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Ecology, Representative Zack Hudgins, Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, Senator Bob Hasegawa, WA State Complete County Committee, Barb Chamberlain of WSDOT, Dignitaries of Nepalese Delegation, Gov. Inslee's Chief of Staff Kelly Wicker re: CAPAA's DPR & Governor Jay Inslee.

Executive Director Hasegawa will be on vacation beginning 11/18, returning to work 12/5 to resume normal business. Her away message will refer all internal and external contacts to Project Manager Mai, Chair Dickinson and Vice Chair Nguyen.

On November 4, 2019, CAPAA received a public disclosure request for details of Commissioner activity for the time period of June 6, 2019 – September 15, 2019. Staff followed all protocols as outlined in CAPAA's WAC rules (*See: 12.20.20 – 60*) and provided a formal response to the requester on Monday, November 11, 2019.

2. COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY

Commissioner Activity: Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of September 22 – November 14, 2019. Total events reported = 73; Activity Report response rate = 83.33% (10/12 respondents). Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix II.

Appointments: Two appointments were made for this reporting period:

- Commr. Sina Sam was appointed to serve upon the Language Accessibility Workgroup
- Commr. Carrie Huie Pascua was designated an alternate upon the Equity Office Task Force.

3. FINANCE

CAPAA's 2019 financial status and project reports can be found in Appendix I. The information in the reports shows that *CAPAA is in excellent financial condition*. The current balance of CAPAA's donation account is \$34,359.15. Adjustments to the budget include a contract addendum with Kaya Strategik to organize and facilitate three project report back meetings in Clark, Thurston & Whitman Counties by December 31, 2019.

CAPAA submitted a decision package for two full time employees in the FY2020 Supplemental Budget. Additional staff will allow for CAPAA to fulfill its mandate as prescribed by the Governor, state legislature, and the public we serve. The decision package can be found online: <https://abr.ofm.wa.gov/budget/decision-packages/v1/combined?budgetSession=2019-21:S1&agencyCode=087&versionCode=S20>.

Representatives of APIC-WA met with Governor Jay Inslee's Deputy Chief of Staff Kelly Wicker on Thursday, November 14th to express support for our Decision Package Request. The delegation was comprised of APIC Chairs from around Washington State, as well as former CAPAA staff and Commissioners. Executive Director Hasegawa & Vice Chair Nguyen attended the meeting in a listening capacity to provide points of information.

- Michael Byun – APIC KC Chair
- Lua Pritchard – APIC Pierce Co. Chair
- Lin Crowley – APIC-SPS Co-Chair
- Brian Locke – APIC-SPS Co-Chair
- Michael Itti – Former CAPAA Executive Director
- Brianne Ramos – Former CAPAA Staff
- Dori Peralta Baker – APIC-Yakima Co. Chair
- Blaine Tamaki, former CAPAA Commissioner
- Reynaldo Pascua – CAPAA Commissioner Emeritus
- Patrick Baldoz – former CAPAA Commissioner
- Van Dinh Kuno – APIC Snohomish Chair, former CAPAA Commissioner

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletter: CAPAA's newsletter is sent to the entire e-mail listserv of 2,026 unique e-mails on a bi-monthly basis.

Facebook: 1,624 Likes; 1748 Follows.
Fil-Am History Month Facebook Campaign in the month of October.
Meet the Commission Facebook Campaign in the month of October, November, December.

Website: CAPAA's updated webpage has launched. The website has been updated to reflect the Washington State Seal: www.capaa.wa.gov

Business Cards: Business cards have been updated to have the Washington State Seal.

5. LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTATION & ADVOCACY

2020 APA Legislative Day: Tuesday, January 28, 11:30 – 12:15 p.m. Meeting with the Governor. APA Legislative Day will consist of a smaller contingent of 40-50 community leaders from across Washington State to meet with Governor Inslee, his External Relations staff, State Representatives and State Legislators, as well as the new Speaker of the House Laurie Jenkins.

2019 POC Legislative Summit: The 2nd Annual POC Legislative Summit took place Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at various locations around the state. The summit had over 300 registrants who participated electronically from remote locations via Zoom Conferencing. Senator Bob Hasegawa, who Chairs the Senate Members of Color Caucus, will provide an event summary, including participating locations, hosts, and emergent policy priority areas, at CAPAA's January public board meeting in Pierce County.

CJTC Rulemaking Process: The process to establish criteria for a “completely independent investigation” into police use of deadly force commenced in June and public input into this process closed in October. In collaboration with the CJTC and I-940 statutory stakeholders, CAPAA co-hosted public input forums across Washington State, including in Seattle, Kent, Tacoma (2), Yakima, Vancouver, and Spokane. A matrix describing I-940 implementation requirements and progress can be found in Appendix IV.a. A community letter providing feedback on the progress of the work can be found in Appendix IV.b.

Equity Office Task Force: CAPAA was assigned to work on the “accountability” subgroup, tasked with gathering information about accountability offices, such as auditors, ombuds & civil rights offices, to inform the task force on possible accountability functions of a state office of equity. The task force also has begun brainstorming structure and staffing organizational charts for this office. Draft legislation was presented by Representative Mia Gregerson to lobbyists on Monday, 11/4. However, this legislation does not reflect any accountability measures except for making public reports on a regular basis. She also mentioned that this legislation will be updated to reflect input from the equity office task force once it's final report has been filed. CAPAA HHS Committee Chair, Commissioner Carrie Huie-Pascua, attended the 3rd meeting in Yakima County, WA, and will attend the fourth and final task force meeting in Whatcom County, WA. The Equity Office Task Force will conclude its work with a final report in December, 2020.

6. NEEDS ASSESSMENT: CENSUS 2020 WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT

CAPAA signed an agreement with Kaya Strategic to: 1) Conduct Data Analysis, Research, & Mapping of AA's and PI's in Clark, Whitman & Thurston Counties; 2) Produce Outreach/Strategy Recommendations; 3) Identify resources AA & NHPI communities locally can tap into and receive; & 4) Coordinate & facilitate one community work plan meeting within each target county, for a total of three community work plan meetings; and 5) produce a final report on all the work accomplished. The work has been concluded and CAPAA has been invoiced. CAPAA and Kaya have entered in to a second contract for Kaya to present its final report and work plan recommendations to all three counties, and to CAPAA Commissioners at its November public board meeting. The terms of this additional contract shall be fulfilled by Kaya by December 31, 2019.

7. CAPAA PROJECTS:

Minority Business Opportunity Fair: On Wednesday, October 2, CAPAA, CAAA and CHA co-hosted a business diversity opportunity fair at the Port of Seattle for members of the public to learn about contracting opportunities at the Port and the state. Presenters included representatives from OMWBE, Commerce, WSDOT, and the Port of Seattle. The event was well attended mostly by AAPI community members, as well as Commissioner Cho, Commissioner Sisavatdy, and Commissioner Gurung's family

members. Attendees provided the feedback that none of the opportunities at the port seemed accessible to small business owners, and that the presentation from OMWBE about becoming a certified MWBE was very complicated and confusing. This feedback subsequently provided by Ethnic Commission directors to representatives at the Port, OMWBE, and a representative of the Office of the Governor. There is preliminary discussion about whether to host an event like this in Spokane at the airport (GEG).

Nepalese Delegation: Thanks to the leadership of Commissioner Gurung, dignitaries of the Nepal, including the Minister and several Nepalese business agents, were able to travel to Washington for a cultural exchange. They met with locally elected officials over a meet-and-greet lunch at Everest Kitchen on Wednesday, November 12th. On Thursday, November 13th, they attended a meet-and-greet with Governor Jay Inslee, along with Commissioner Lydia Faitalia, Commissioner Tam Dinh, former Commissioner Debadutta Dash, and Project Manager Rosa Mai.

Video Project: CAPAA would like to spend \$6,000 of donation account funds to produce a brief informational video introducing CAPAA and the APA community. The target audience is Washington State decision makers (legislators, agency directors, state employees) who would benefit from a very brief tutorial of our community and the working role of CAPAA. The board previously approved this project for the last fiscal year, however staff capacity did not avail.

8. CAPAA EVENTS:

January Public Board Meeting – Pierce County

Saturday, January 18, 2020

10:00 – 2:00

Asia Pacific Cultural Center

4851 S. Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA

March Public Board Meeting –Whitman County

Saturday, March 28, 2020

10:00 – 2:00

Washington State University, Spark Building, Rm. G45

Pullman, WA

June Public Board Meeting – King County

Saturday, June 27, 2020 (4th Saturday)

10:00 – 2:00

Together Center, Garibaldi Room

16225 NE 87th St. Redmond, WA

September Public Board Meeting – Yakima County

Saturday, September 12, 2020 (2nd Saturday)

10:00 – 2:00

Fil-Am Yakima

211 W 2nd St. Wapato, WA 98951

November Public Board Meeting – Snohomish County

Saturday, November 14th, 2020 (2nd Saturday)

10:00 – 2:00

Everett Community College (Exact Room TBD)

End of Year Celebration

TBD