

**Miami Dade County
Asian American Advisory Board
111 NW. First Street, suite 1034
Miami, FL 33128**

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2013**

MINUTES

Present: Adam Tavakoly, (Chaired); Melissa F. Braynon;; D'Jehanshahi, Reza; Nazy Given; Josephine Gordy; Nidal Hozien; Shawn Khosravi; Barnaby Min; Shabbir Motorwala; Mehmet Ulutas, Nick Vicera; Meital Stavinsky; Manny Wong; Vivian Vicera, intern; and Mohammad Shakir, Director. In addition to potential Board candidates Dr. Subbrayan Pochi and Mr. Victor Swaroop.

Guests: Khanya Moolsiri; Khruawan Russmetes; Reinaldo Valdes;

Excused: Dr. Nasser Eftekhari; Sadrul Fasihi; Joseph Johnson; Meital Stavinsky

Mr. Tavakoly called the meeting to order 6:05 welcomed Mr. Swaroop and the FBI representatives; he thanked Ms. Cymbaluk for the refreshments she brought in. Ms Cymbaluk took the opportunity to share with the board that she received a phone call from Mr. Agarwal, Friends' Scholarship recipient to inquire about the internship with the FBI. More members arrived and made the quorum.

Minutes: Mr. Min moved to approve the minutes as amended Mr. Wong seconded. The board unanimously approved the November, 2013 minutes.

Director's Report:

Director wished happy new year and a vigorous start; he informed the board about the changes in the board of county commissioner and Commissioner Sosa being the new Chair. He informed the Board about Executive Committee elections in February. Ms. Given, Ms. Gordy, Messrs. Jehanshahi, Khosravi, and Wong were named Nominating Committee to present the slate next month. He briefed the board about the Scholarship research; attending the Japanese and Israeli Consulate events and upcoming DCLA award on January 23, 2013. He also asked the board to consider teams for the Chinese Festival, Asian Culture Festival and the APA Heritage Month planning.

Recognition Dinner Committee: Mr. Wong to update the Board about the Recognition Dinner, and expected fundraising. Mr. Tavakoly brought the tickets, single \$75 and table \$650.00
Ms. Given shared that she met the Director and Mr. Khosravi, and she is looking into various options to make the program more viable. She suggested the following to be on her team: Shabbir Motorwala, Barnaby Min. Dr. Joseph Johnson, Josephine Gordy, Reza D'Jehanshahi, Shawn Khosravi and herself. Details of the program are to be discussed by the team.
Mr. Nick Vicera was drafted to lead the membership Drive, to bring new members on Board.

Announcements: Interfaith by World Hindu Council of America Jan 20, 2013 at Fleming Ballroom, University of Miami
LOHRI Festival Jan. 19 by Punjabi Association at FAU Boca Raton
COSMOS Recognition Dinner Feb 9, 2013 at Doubletree by Hilton
The Chinese New Year Festival, Feb 17, at Miami Dade South Campus

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.