

MINUTES

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ASIAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday – April 26, 2006 – 2:00 p.m.

Jim Thorpe Building – Conference Room G-91
2101 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Advance written notice of regular scheduled meetings was filed with the Secretary of State on December 14, 2005. The agenda for this meeting was posted at the State Office of Personnel Management (OPM). This meeting was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Section 301 through 314 of Title 25.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hung Le, Chair
Tinny Chang
Dr. Evelina Morales
Dr. Rita Raman
Dr. Yoshi Sasaki
Vasithy Sengdara

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Kyung-Whan Min
Thuy Pham
Nick Wu

OPM STAFF PRESENT

Brenda C. Thornton
Linda Williamson

VISITORS PRESENT

Rod Davidson – Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians (OSAP)
Mary Davidson – Registered Parliamentarian and President, OSAP, Sooner Unit
Phyllis Freeman Stewart – President, OSAP
Amber Theinert – Reporter, Capitol Network News
Giovanni Perry – Vice-Chair, Governor's Advisory Council on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs
Shirley Russell – Director of Legislative Affairs, OPM
Diane Haser-Bennett – Administrator of Management Services, OPM
Faith Frazier – Administrative Assistant, OPM
Greg Thomas – Director of Classification, OPM
Joyce Fryar – Test Administration, OPM
Natasha Riley – Director of Personnel Assessment, OPM

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Hung Le called the meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian-American Affairs to order at 2:15 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS.

Chair Le welcomed and thanked each one for attending. Guests, council members and staff were asked to provide self-introductions.

C. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 25, 2006, MEETING.

Ms. Vasithy Sengdara recommended that the minutes of January 25, 2006, be corrected to read as follows:

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS. (Page 2)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. Nick Wu informed the council that Governor Henry hosted a luncheon on November 3, **2005**, to honor the official delegation visiting Oklahoma...

Dr. Evelina Morales' motion to approve the minutes as corrected was seconded by Dr. Yoshi Sasaki. The motion carried unanimously.

D. PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP – ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

Brenda Thornton introduced Mr. Rod G. Davidson, who is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian, a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and the American Institute of Parliamentarians, and serves as the 2005-2006 Parliamentarian for the Oklahoma State Association of Parliamentarians (OSAP). Mr. Davidson introduced the two persons assisting him with the workshop as Ms. Mary Davidson, Registered Parliamentarian and President of the OSAP Sooner Unit; and Ms. Phyllis Freeman Stewart, current President of the OSAP. Mr. Davidson opened the workshop with a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of Robert's Rules of Order and some background information about the author, General Henry M. Robert. The group addressed in more detail the procedures for small boards and the handling of main motions and amendments. They then provided examples of some orders of business (agenda) through role-play and handouts. They concluded the workshop with an invitation for everyone to attend a more in-dept workshop scheduled for June 2, 2006, and a drawing for copies of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief*. Dr. Sasaki and Chair Le were the winners.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Sasaki reported that State Senator Gilmer Capps, Chairman, Aerospace and Technology, introduced a group of visitors from Japan during a special session held in the Senate at the State Capitol. Those visitors included Dr. Ryojiro Akiba, President of Hokkaido Aerospace Science and Technology Incubation Center (HASTIC); Dr. Kenichi Ito, Vice-President of HASTIC; and Ms. Misuzu Onuki, Aerospace Business Consultant. Those introduced from Oklahoma were Mr. Charles J. Lauer, Vice-President of Business Development, Rocketplane Inc. of Oklahoma and Michigan; and Dr. and Mrs. Sasaki. Dr. Sasaki stated that Rocketplane Inc. is working with the Japanese group to develop a space vehicle that could be used by the public for outer space tourism and expects further developments including a future visit by Dr. Yusuke Maru.

Dr. Sasaki recommended that the council consider expanding their efforts to include interaction with the Asian-American students attending the state's universities. He would like to invite Dr. David L. Tan, OU's Advisor of the Asian-American Student Association, and some of the students to attend a future council meeting.

Dr. Sasaki announced that Professor Andrew L. Phelan, Academic Director with the University of Oklahoma's School of Art, College of Fine Arts, plans to visit Japan and China in May 2006 to develop student and art exchange programs with the Asian countries.

JUVENILE CRISIS/SAFETY & SECURITY

No items to report at this time.

HEALTH CARE/SOCIAL SERVICES

No items to report at this time.

ARTS/CULTURAL

Ms. Sengdara shared the following information:

- The Laotian Women's Association postponed their 20-year anniversary celebration until September or October;
- The Laotian community and the Lao-American Association will have their New Year celebration at the Buddhist Temple (7600 North Kelley) on May 13th and the 27th. The college and high school graduates will be recognized at the May 27th celebration; and
- The Asian Society of Oklahoma will have their annual festival on May 27th at the Myriad Gardens.

Ms. Tinny Chang shared that the Oklahoma Chinese Times and the Oklahoma Chinese Cultural Foundation would celebrate their tenth anniversary in 2007. During the entire month of February 2007, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Centennial and during the Lunar New Year, she will have an exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center on Asians in Oklahoma.

Dr. Rita Raman announced that the Indian Association held a health fair on April 22nd. She also invited everyone to attend the philosophical lectures that the India Cultural Foundation holds during their monthly meeting at the Hindu Temple.

EDUCATION

Ms. Sengdara handed out the following:

- Announcement of an Oklahoma City Public School Meeting on April 26, 2006, to review the Oklahoma City Public Schools' Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Plan;
- A packet of information about the GATE program;
- 2006 summer school schedule for the 'No Child Left Behind' Program; and
- The schedule for the summer educational program that includes classes for beginning Spanish.

Ms. Chang reported that ten principals and teachers arrived in Oklahoma City from China on April 17th for a one-week visit. Each visitor stayed with a host family. One member of the group plans to return with more teachers and is working toward the development of an exchange program.

The University of Oklahoma, along with three Chinese schools in Edmond, Norman and Stillwater, held their first Chinese speech competition with approximately 150 in attendance. There are plans to make this an annual event.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Chair Le officially withdrew his recommendation to create a legislative subcommittee.

G. NEW BUSINESS.

There were no items presented at this time.

H. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

There were no comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Le adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.