

# **Asian American Psychologist**

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## President's Message Gordon C. Nagayama Hall



On May 20, 2010, I attended an honorary degree ceremony at Fresno State University where my mother was posthumously awarded a bachelors degree of humane letters, along with 82 other Japanese Americans whose college education at Fresno State was interrupted by the World War internment of Japanese Americans. Despite their loss of educational opportunities, possessions, and livelihood, it was resiliency, not the internment camps, that defined these Japanese Americans. Paul Osaki, Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, was the speaker at the Fresno State ceremony. Mr. Osaki described the Nisei (second generation) survivors of the camps as "the

greatest generation," and remembered the trusting relationships they established with one another and the communities they rebuilt.

I have personally benefitted from the resilience of this greatest generation, who I have trusted since I was a baby. At the Fresno State ceremony, my favorite uncle Ben reminded me of how he carried me when I was a baby, I would suck my thumb and hold his earlobe. This was something that other Nisei have told me that I did with them. A baby has to trust someone to reach out and hold their earlobe! Many of those whose earlobes I held as a baby have passed on and I now live in a professional world where it is often unsafe to literally or figuratively hold another person's earlobe. However, I consider myself fortunate to have friends and colleagues in the AAPA community who I can trust and whose earlobes, at least figuratively, I can hold.

Unfortunately, the racial profiling that resulted in Japanese Americans being placed in internment camps did not end after World War II. Arizona, where my mother was incarcerated at Poston Camp II, is the site of the current **S.B. 1070** immigration law, which allows law enforcement officials in Arizona to act as immigration enforcement agents. AAPA Communications Officer, William Liu, has crafted an eloquent response to this law, condemning all forms of racial profiling. Dr. Liu's statement can be found on our website.

Who have you invited to our AAPA community lately? The AAPA member who recruits the most new members before the AAPA Convention in August will receive a prize of \$500. Also, the reduced rate for new members is only \$50.

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One of the many benefits of AAPA membership is the **Asian American Journal of Psychology**. AAPA members recently received the inaugural issue. Kudos to Editor Fred Leong and his editorial board for their superb work in making the journal happen!

I am grateful to the many excellent candidates who ran in the **AAPA election**. These colleagues will help our AAPA community thrive as we enter a new decade.

So, how much do you know about the AAPA community? Do you know what the "C" stands for in Christine C. Iijima Hall? Do you know the two AAPA Fellows who proposed the theory of relative functionalism to explain Asian American academic achievement? Do you know who the first woman president of AAPA was?

How about the first Pacific Islander president of AAPA? These could be some of the questions posed to the faculty and student contestants in **Asian American Psychology Jeopardy** at the AAPA Convention on August 11 at the University of San Diego Peace and Justice Center. The faculty team includes Jennifer Abe, Christine Hall, Rich Lee, and Alvin Alvarez. The student team is being formed. Please send any ideas for AAPA Psychology Jeopardy questions to me at gnhall@uoregon.edu

The theme of the **2010 AAPA Convention** is "Expanding Our Horizons: The Next Decade in AAPI Psychology." Vice President Sumie Okazaki and Convention Co-Chairs Anneliese Singh and Richelle Concepcion have organized a wonderful convention that will expand our horizons. Keynote speakers are Yen Le Espiritu, Professor of Ethnic Studies at UC San Diego, Cecilia Chung, a transgender activist from San Francisco, and Huma Ghosh, Professor of Women's Studies at San Diego State University. Community-building events will be the inaugural **AAPA Games** on August 10, organized by AAPA Fellows Nolan Zane and Yosh Kawahara, and the ever popular **AAPA Awards Banquet** on the evening of August 11 following the Convention. It's not too late to nominate your colleagues for awards! Please contact AAPA Past President Karen Suyemoto (karen.suyemoto@Umb.edu) with your nominations. Also, please register for the Convention on our website at **aapaonline.org**.

Finally, as I reported in my previous column, the AAPA Executive Committee has voted to boycott the Manchester Hyatt Hotel in San Diego during the AAPA and APA conventions and not to use the hotel's services. We encourage each AAPA member to thoughtfully consider how to respond to this issue.

Looking forward to (figuratively) holding your earlobes at our Convention in San Diego!



# **AAPA Conference Jeopardy**

We are officially announcing the first AAPA Conference Jeopardy featuring faculty versus students! It will be a fun and exciting trivia game with no preparation required! We are looking for anyone interested in joining the student team. For more information and questions, please contact Nicole Rider (ride1413@pacificu.edu) or Steph Pituc (stephpituc@gmail.com).

# San Diego – Here We Come! AAPA 2010 Annual Convention – August 11, 2010

Anneliese A. Singh and Richelle Concepcion

It is almost time to see one another in person again at the AAPA 2010 Annual Convention in San Diego! We have been working hard with a tireless, enthusiastic bunch of folks on the AAPA Convention Planning Committee since September of last year to ensure that our time in San Diego is packed with exciting activities.

If you have been to AAPA previously, you will notice the tried-and-true activities such as the Early Birds Networking Session, Lunch Discussions, Poster Session, Book Author Signing, Mentor-Mentee Reception – and of course the amazing banquet! This year's banquet, however, has a wonderful twist – we will have some great Indian food and dancing immediately following the awards program (in addition to some karaoke fun as well!).

We are also over the moon excited about our Keynote Panel! We have three esteemed presenters who will share their wealth of experiences and insights on our theme: "Expanding Our Horizons: The Next Decade in AAPI Psychology":

- Yen Le Espiritu, is a professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at UCSD. Her research has sought to challenge the homogeneous descriptions of communities of color and the narrowness of mutually exclusive binaries by attending to generational, ethnic, class, and gender variations within constructed racial categories.
- Cecilia Chung is the former Deputy Director of the Transgender Law Center. She is an immigrant from Hong Kong and has been a San Francisco resident since 1985. In 2001, Cecilia joined the Board of Directors of the Asian and Pacific Islander Wellness Center where she once received direct services.
- **Huma Ahmed-Ghosh** is a Professor in the department of Women's Studies at San Diego State University. Her research focuses on women in Afghanistan, Muslim immigrant women to the USA, and Islam and feminism. Huma has also published articles on gendered ageing in India, widowhood, domestic violence and women's representations in beauty pageants in India.

Our very own AAPA President, **Gordy Hall**, will be facilitating a dialogue amongst the keynote panelists in order to more fully explore the connections between the past, present, and future in AAPI counseling and psychology.

Also, as we go to press with writing this article, we are attempting to secure the showing of a film that high-lights the experiences and intersections that exist for immigrant AAPI LGBTQQ individuals and communities.

There are so many issues that are important to our community as we prepare to gather in San Diego. The setting we will be meeting in – the Joan B. Kroc Peace and Justice Center at the University of San Diego – is simply an incredibly gorgeous backdrop for the connections we hope that you will both initiate and renew. Many thanks to our Planning Committee members and to Michael Ichiyama and Yosh Kawahara who were instrumental in helping us secure this beautiful venue. In the meantime, check out our Facebook account for up-to-the-minute conference information. Be sure to register, order your boxed lunch, and grab your banquet tickets (lunch and banquet tickets tend to go fast)! See you soon! ©

# Asian American Psychological Association 2010 Annual Convention

## "Expanding Our Horizons: The Next Decade in AAPI Psychology"

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 San Diego, California

The conference will be held on Wednesday August 11, 2010 at Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at University of San Diego (5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA). Immediately following the convention, shuttle buses will transport participants to the Banquet Room in Horton Grand Hotel located at 311 Island Avenue, San Diego, CA. Food will be catered by Royal India. The banquet will begin at 6:45pm.

#### **Registration Fees and Important Dates:**

You are able to register for the conference, awards banquet, or both until the regular registration deadline of Wednesday, July 21, 2009. Afterwards, we accept late registration for the conference only. Unless further notifications are made, on-site registration will be available on the day of the conference. Please note that you must register for the Early Bird Meet and Greet, the Box Lunch, the Mentor-Mentee Reception, and the AAPA Awards Banquet by Wednesday, July 28, 2010. There is no late or on-site registration for the box lunch or banquet. There will be no registration refunds after Wednesday, July 28, 2010.

## AAPA Early Bird Meet and Greet (7:30am)

Start your conference day out with good food and good company! Come mingle with current, past, and emerging leaders of AAPA in a relaxed environment. The AAPA breakfast is an excellent networking opportunity for students and early career professionals before the convention begins. Come meet and greet to discuss your academic and career goals.

#### **AAPA Lunch**

We are convening discussion groups during the lunch hour to provide members with more opportunities to network, connect, and discuss common interests and experiences. The discussion groups include divisions (Division on Students, Division on Women, and Division on South Asian Americans), task forces (Social Justice, Practice, and Early Career), and the Asian American Journal of Psychology (with the editorial team). Box lunches are available for purchase for those who are attending the discussion groups and would like a lunch or for those who prefer not to go out for lunch. Please purchase a box lunch by Wednesday, July 28, 2010 if you would like a box lunch and please register and complete the Lunch Questions on the registration form if you are interested in attending one of the discussion groups. Vegetarian lunch options are available.

#### **AAPA Mentor and Mentee Reception**

The AAPA Mentor-Mentee Reception allows students, young professionals, and more established faculty and mental health professionals to connect in a social hour setting. Students will be matched with professional members around various areas of interest or development, based on preferences indicated in the Reception Registration Form. If you are interested in attending this reception as either a mentor or mentee, please register and complete the Mentor-Mentee Reception Registration Form. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Pituc (stephpituc@gmail.com).

Please note that all ticket prices are in US Dollars.

# **Lonely No More - Finding Friends and Family at the 2009 AAPA Convention**

Zeb Lim University of Kansas



Change was in the air! It was one of those rare years when AAPA moved up North to Canada for our annual convention. After spending time in the West Coast (San Francisco, 2007 convention) and the East Coast (Boston, 2008 convention), I was excited to venture to a new territory and a new country (Toronto, Canada) to mingle with my professional family yet again.

Despite getting into Toronto late (2 a.m.), and not being an early riser, I attended the first AAPA Early Birds Meet & Greet Breakfast Meeting, which started at 7.30 a.m. I managed to catch up with past AAPA Presidents such as Drs. Karen Suyemoto and Frederick Leong in

addition to our new AAPA President, Dr. Gordon Nagayama Hall. I socialized through the game of *Human Bingo*, where one attempts to get Bingo based on attendees' trivia knowledge such as "*The National Anthem of Canada*". It is a good thing that we had a Canadian in the room, in the form of Dr. Tigerson Young, to help us with the Canadian trivia! Despite my best efforts, Dr. Arpana Inman proved to be the proverbial early bird that catches the worm; she was the first to get Bingo! Good fortune comes in pairs it seems because later that evening, she was honored as the first South Asian AAPA Fellow.

Moving on to the Opening Keynote Session, I was enriched by the knowledge shared by Dr. George Hong (clinician turned professor), Dr. Stephen Murphy-Shigematsu (biracial Euro-Asian American who taught in Japan and US) and Farzana Doctor, MSW (consultant-social worker-writer). Their messages of being flexible in providing services to the community and being open to change in one's career is highly relevant in today's fluid world.

As a member of the AAPA Division of Students, I was proud to honor four of our brightest members at the DoS' Business Meeting. Lauren Berger, Paul Kim, Alisia Tran and William Tsai were award winners in the areas of Leadership, Graduate Research, Service and Undergraduate Research, respectively. Given that approximately 50% of AAPA members are comprised of students, student members represent the backbone of AAPA's future.

Toward the late afternoon, the Poster Session dominated the hour. As I presented my first poster at AAPA, I reflected upon the importance of professionals taking the time to offer support and encouragement to graduate students and early career professionals. I certainly appreciated the words of encouragement offered by Drs. Chun-Chung Choi, Kevin Chun, and Michael Lau among others, who stopped by my poster to learn more about gifted Asian American individuals.

Another highlight in the afternoon was the New Book Launch. Dr. Kevin Nadal's book, *Filipino American Psychology*, and Drs. Nita Tewari's and Alvin Alvarez's (Editors) book, *Asian American Psychology: Current Perspectives*, were sold out before the author and editors could even go on stage to promote them. Dr. Kevin Chun's (Editor) book, *The Psychology of Ethnic Groups in the United States*, was a hit as well. I did manage to get a signed copy of the *Asian American Psychology* book during APA!

Later in the evening, the traditional Banquet Dinner to honor the successes of new and veteran torchbearers in the field was a treat as usual. It was a particularly memorable evening for me because my undergraduate mentor at Iowa State University, Dr. Meifen Wei, was presented with the Early Career Award for Distinguished Contributions. Dr. Wei is the most frequently published author in the *Journal of Counseling Psychology* in a decade, despite only starting her academic career in 2002!

Other highlights of the dinner included the moment when Dr. Matthew Lee, upon receiving his award for best poster presentation said this, "I thought I would be dining alone because my cohort of lab mates from University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign are busy with their internship, but I found a new group of AAPA family to fill the space". This statement certainly resonated with me because I almost never feel lonely attending the AAPA convention (2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards). Even though I am the only representative from my program to attend AAPA, I feel I have a family of fellow students and professionals that I return to every year.

If you felt nervous and out of place coming to AAPA or experienced what Dr. Suyemoto called that, "It's my first time at AAPA and I don't know anyone" feeling, then you should definitely consider volunteering at the AAPA Convention. For Karen, as convention co-chair for 4 years, including 3 years as AAPA Vice President and 1 year as AAPA President, she definitely knows how to walk the talk. I know I overcame my fear of being lonely at AAPA through volunteering at my first convention in 2007 and I have never looked back.

At the end of the day, all of the famous people that you may meet at the convention are just human beings. Get to know them and you will see that as renowned as they may be, they are just a part of the big AAPA family, like you and I.

## Seeking Counselor/Multicultural Specialist

Berklee College of Music seeks an experienced mental health professional to join the Personal Counseling team in their Counseling and Advising Center in the role of Counselor/Multicultural Specialist. Services include crisis intervention, short- term therapy, assessment and referral, and psychiatric hospitalization as needed. This position will have an emphasis on providing outreach and specialized services to our Asian & Asian American community. The Counselor/Multicultural Specialist will serve on committees, provide consultation, and collaborate with staff, administrators, faculty, and students on issues related to diversity and inclusion on campus as it relates to counseling and student development.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- 1. Licensed (LICSW, LMHC, Psychologist, or equivalent) or license-eligible within one year of hire required. Master's degree in Counseling or related clinical degree required along with a minimum of 3 years experience providing counseling services.
- 2. Fluent in Japanese or Korean language.
- 3. Experienced with psychological assessment, individual and group counseling.
- 4. Experienced with crisis intervention as evidenced by a minimum of 1-year experience treating a high -risk population (inpatient, day treatment, or acute outpatient).
- 5. Well-versed in multicultural theories and models applicable to counseling. Experience working with Asian & Asian American populations required.
- 6. Knowledgeable of student development and psychological theories and principles. Experience in college mental health preferred.
- 7. Experienced with consultation, training and presenting to small and large groups.

#### The AAPA Games: An interview with Nolan Zane and Rich Lee

Tai Chang

Disclaimer: The following article is based on actual interviews with real Asian American psychologists. The trash talking that takes place in this interview represents the views of the individual interviewees and do not necessarily represent the views of the Asian American Psychological Association or the author of this article.

As many of you may have heard, this year's AAPA Convention will, for the first time, include a night of recreational basketball and volleyball, dubbed the "AAPA Games," that will be held at the University of San Diego's Sports Center Gym on Tuesday, August 10, at 8:15pm. The Games represent a chance for AAPAers to have fun, make fools of themselves (and others), network, play a little ball, and raise money for the student travel awards. I recently caught up with the two esteemed AAPAers, Drs. Nolan Zane and Rich Lee, who came up with this idea, and asked them a few questions about basketball, mentoring, and how Rich and Nolan would defend against each other in a game situation.

#### TC: Where did the idea for the AAPA Games come from?

**RL:** It was during the AAPA banquet last year. I was talking about basketball and someone [Nolan Zane] mentioned that back in the day, Stan, Nolan, and grad students used to play basketball at UCLA. To be honest, I was a bit surprised to hear there was such bball love from the UCLA gang.

**NZ:** When Rich and I were talking about it, we were just joking about our basketball skills. One of the grad students said they would shame us if they were to play against us.

#### TC: And so how did that turn into an AAPA event?

**RL:** After verifying that indeed Stan and Nolan played back in the day, I made a pronouncement of some sort that we should have a basketball tourney during AAPA. I then started walking from table to table to see if people would play.

**NZ:** A lot of my students were talking about ways people socialize at AAPA. The mentor thing is pretty formal, and we thought it would be good to do something more informal, and basketball is fun...it gives people another venue to socialize. And then we thought it would be good to have volleyball because not everybody can play basketball. It's good for students to see faculty and students in another context. When students play against you, they'll be much more likely to talk to you...they can talk about the game and whatever else they really want to talk about.

**RL:** It's a wonderful way to get to know other people outside of the staid conference setting. It's exercise and god knows we all need more of it, especially at conferences. It's a way to network while having fun, and by "networking" I really mean just getting to know people. I think you can learn a lot about a person by the way they play the game (hehehe). Oh, and I do think the game should be co-ed and should not be limited to experience or ability; it is important to not use athletics as a means of gate keeping.

#### TC: Who said they would play?

**RL:** Good question. You have to recall that I already had a few drinks in me, so my memory is questionable. Nolan, for sure. Matt Lee too, I think. There were also a few graduate students.

**NZ:** We were thinking it would be fun to have faculty versus grad students. My only worry is that if it's only Rich out there, we're not going to be represented very well. Phillip Akutsu used to play a lot. Gordy was talking about what a great 3-point shooter he is, but the data do not support that. Rich is throwing it in the black hole so I don't expect anything from him.

**RL:** When you play like I do, people will say one of two things: "He's good at defense," or "His post-game chatter is worth it."

#### TC: How did you get into basketball?

**RL:** I never played organized bball as a kid (which is pretty self-evident when you watch me play). But while in grad school, we had a departmental game every week at the school gym. Faculty and grad students played together, and it was co-ed too, nothing too formal. There were some good players, lots of mediocre players and a few beginners. After a couple years of playing in grad school though, I stopped playing.

#### TC: How about you, Nolan?

**NZ:** [In grad school] Stan played with Phillip Akutsu and me off and on. Stan had a really consistent shot and played really good defense, but as he got older he couldn't play as good defense. Phillip had a pretty good shot.

TC: Rich, some people have drawn comparisons of the relationship between Stan and Nolan to the relationship you have with Brandon Yoo. Any truth to that?

**RL:** I once tried to organize a bball game for the counseling grad students when Brandon was a first year student. He admitted that he did not play, but I figured it would still be fun for all, plus he was pretty tall (or much taller than me). Anyway, the dude was terrible on the court, but he added good humor to the game. So if you think that is comparable to Stan and Nolan on the court, then take it for what you will. But in all seriousness, I think a comparison to Stan and Nolan is quite a compliment, and I cannot disagree. I believe mentors and advisees should have healthy friendships. I am still quite close to my grad adviser, and in fact I am now close with his children too.

#### TC: Do you still play?

**RL:** I play weekly with a bunch of guys, mostly over 40, and with a few younger players. It's a wonderful mix of artists, writers, scholars, and teachers. We play for 2-3 hours and then drink beers for another 2-3 hours.

**NZ:** Yeah, I'm the elder statesman. Most of our players are in their 30s and early 40s, White, Asian American, and African American guys. But we only play once a week on Sundays. I won't play with anybody else because I don't want to get injured. You get to see people do things you haven't seen them do before, and, in the case of Rich, you probably don't want to see it again.

#### TC: Rich, how would you defend Nolan?

**RL:** Well, he is taller than me and definitely has a weight advantage. I would have to use a forearm into his back for sure. I suspect (if he's right handed) he can't drive to his left, so it's mostly forcing him to go left and then pass.

**NZ:** You know what's great about Rich is that you can run right over him. But we're going to be on the same team, so he can't guard me.

## TC: So how do we raise money from the Games for AAPA?

**NZ:** Each faculty has to put in money. Each faculty would have to put in \$10 if we lose. If students lose, they would have to pay \$5. But you've got to think of incentives. People could donate money based on how many shots you make. People in the audience could also back some people; people could donate a minimum of \$5 per shot. That would also get people to sign up too. We'll have a list of all the players and people will make pledges. If you're an AAPA officer and you're not going to play, then you've got to pledge.

### TC: How would we get students involved?

**NZ:** We could pledge if a grad student did something to a person, they could raise money. For example, if you block Rich's shot, I'll pay \$10. Then people could bet against their own teammates. You can do any kind of pledge as long as it's based on any kind of performance that doesn't involve injury. And, I think the money should go to the student travel fund.

TC: Great ideas guys! I'm already looking forward to the Games. Thanks for doing this interview, and for wearing your basketball shorts during it...







# **New Supervision Resource!**

- Looking for good tools for clinical supervision? How about for teaching supervision class?
- Would you like to read what seasoned supervisors of color think and feel about their development? How they've navigated complex relationships and difficult situations?
- Interested in conceptual models for working with diverse supervisors and supervisees?

Announcing a special issue called, "Sharing Wisdom: Ethnic Minority Supervisor Perspectives," in <u>Training and Education in Professional Psychology</u> 2010 Volume 4, Issue 1 (Feb). For an electronic link to the Table of Contents go to: <a href="http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/tep/4/1/">http://psycnet.apa.org/journals/tep/4/1/</a>

If you have any questions, please contact the co-editors, Susana Ming Lowe, PhD @ drsusanalowe@gmail.com or Claytie Davis III, PhD @ claytie@uhs.berkeley.edu

# The Dreaded "P" Question at Conferences

Zeb Lim University of Kansas



Are You Presenting? This often asked question during conferences would send chills down most people's spine. For the lucky few who manage to get through the peer-review process and are presenting, *phew*, sighs of reliefs for they bear the stamp of approval to be at the conference. For the unlucky ones (which means the majority), they would have to bear the invisible "Rejects" sign on their back as they attend numerous posters sessions, symposiums and workshops.

One does not have to bear the invisible "Rejects" sign! There are many valid reasons for just being a conference attendee that conference presenters are forgetting or are in denial of.

Benefits of not presenting include:

- Being less stressed out as a non-presenting attendee
- Having the opportunity to socialize and mingle with others without "presenter-itis" (presenter worrying about how the presentation will go)
- Being great supporters for fellow colleagues and friends who are presenting
- Having the time to gather interesting ideas for future research or practice

Creativity, like other good things in life, also requires a break. Even seasoned researchers need a break from presenting (just take a look at their CV!), to recharge their battery so that they could present new and exciting ideas in future conferences.

Oftentimes, we confuse quantity with quality. In essence, quality of the presentation are equally important if not more important than quantity. Hence, if one were to present once every other year, but are able to present high-end product that winds up being invited by editors of journals to publish, that would be a better outcome than the many papers or posters that are just filed away as conference fillers.

Now, if you are still dreading the "P" question, consider this... Inspiration for this article comes from the dreaded "Are you Presenting?" question!

For those who are not presenting, please take heart that you could, a) being provided an inspiration to buckle down, do research and present! or b) continue to be great supporters for your fellow colleagues who are presenting or c) write a witty, inspiring article like this to support other conference non-presenters.

#### **Clinical Interviewers Needed!**

**MedAvante, Inc.** (<a href="http://www.medavante.net/Home.aspx">http://www.medavante.net/Home.aspx</a>) conducts clinical trials primarily, although not solely, focused on mental health. MedAvante is in search of Thai speaking clinical interviewers who have diagnostic, assessment, or scale rating experience. We are also searching for Spanish speaking and Southeast Asian speaking (dialects of Gujarati, Tamil, Teluga, Marathi, and/or Hindi) clinical interviewers. Clinicians who speak these languages should also be referred to MedAvante. Interested applicants should email their contact information and resumes to Ms. Debra Sizemore at <a href="mailto:dsizemore@medavante.com">dsizemore@medavante.com</a>.

# Division 35 - Society for the Psychology of Women Section 5 - Psychology of Asian Pacific American Women

### CALL FOR NOMINATION

President Elect (2 years) – Some of the responsibilities of the President is as follow:

- President-Elect becomes President at the end of the annual business meeting held during the APA Convention.
- The duties of the President include the following:
  - o Attends Div 35 EC meetings to represent the section (midwinter and prior to the APA convention
  - o Serves on the Division's Finance Committee
  - o Arranges the meetings with the Executive committee
  - o Writes the Section's Annual Report. A copy of the annual report is to be filed with the Secretary of the Society.

Secretary (2 years) – Some of the role and responsibilities of the secretary are as follow:

- Creates and Circulates roster of the Executive Committee meeting
- Prepares agenda with the President by sending out a call for agenda items and report
- Responsible for taking notes during our meetings both during the conference calls and the section's business meeting at APA
- Prepares unapproved minutes for distribution at the next Executive Committee meeting
- Keeps records of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the annual business meeting

**Newsletter Editor (2 years)** – Serve as the editor for the section's annual Newsletter, highlighting the work of the section and the accomplishments of our members.

Student Representative (2 years) - Some of the responsibilities include:

- Participate on the Division 35 section 5 Executive Committee (e.g., conference calls, virtual meetings, etc.) and/ or sub-committees and communicate needs, progress, etc. to student section members as well as to the Division 35 Student Representative.
- Assists with developing and co-facilitating APA Convention and Division 35 Suite programming.

Contact Phi Loan Le (le\_philoan@sac.edu) and Dhara Thakar (dharathakar@gmail.com) for any additional information about the positions.

#### Self-nominations are welcome. Nomination materials should include the following:

- (a) A letter from the nominee indicating their willingness to serve, including a brief statement describing the nominee's expertise, experience, and interests in the psychology of Asian Pacific American women;
- (b) A current curriculum vita.

Candidates elected will serve on the Executive Board for two years, and will be required to attend monthly conference call.

Nomination materials should be received by no later than **July 31, 2010.** Please submit nominations via e-mail to le philoan@sac.edu.

# **AAPA Membership Column**

Debra Kawahara Membership Officer



As AAPA approaches the mid-year mark, I am happy to report that membership has been on the upswing in the last month. Needless to say, there is still much work to do in increasing the numbers of members in AAPA.

The current membership is at approximately 222 AAPA members. For those of you who are new members or those of you who have continued your membership, thank you for your interest and support of AAPA. It is greatly appreciated because these membership

dues provide a large portion of the funds for member benefits and ongoing functioning of the organization. The newest benefit for current members is the new journal, the *Asian American Journal of Psychology*. This journal publishes the latest in Asian American psychology by scholars, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, and mental health professionals.

Have you heard about the **MEMBERSHIP CONTEST**? Dr. Gordon Nagayama Hall, the current AAPA President, has committed to giving \$500.00 to the person who recruits the most members to AAPA by the August 2010 convention. It could be YOU! Presently, Yuki Okubo has recruited the most members, but there is still time to act.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or need information about your AAPA membership. I can be reached by e-mail at <a href="mailto:dkawahara@alliant.edu">dkawahara@alliant.edu</a> or by phone at (858) 635-4613. If you want to join or renew your membership, AAPA memberships can be processed through the AAPA website at <a href="www.aapaonline.org">www.aapaonline.org</a>. All you need to do is click on the Membership Application link under "Membership" on the left side of the page.

# **AAPA Finance Officer Report: Spring Quarter 2010**

Krista M. Chronister



I am pleased to provide the Executive Committee with a brief fall quarter report of our accounts. As of June 1, 2010 we have \$23,071.61 in our checking account and \$45,568.38 in our savings account, for a total of \$68,639.99. AAPA continues to enjoy fiscal health!

During the winter quarter, we received \$3,938.00 in income and spent \$2,169.25. Of the total income, \$2,346 was from convention registrations; \$100 from donations; \$1,072 from membership dues; and \$420 from newsletter advertisements. Most expenses were associated with the AAPA 2010 convention and AAPA sponsorships.

# 2010 AAPA Membership Application

	PLETE THE FOLLOWING:		
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	Student Member	\$35.00	\$
	Associate Organization Member	\$70.00	\$
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	Student Member	\$6.00	\$
C. Division on South Asian Americans <sup>1</sup>	Professional Member	\$15.00	\$
	Early Career Professional	\$10.00	\$
	Student Member	\$6.00	\$
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	Division on Women	\$25 \$35 \$50	\$
	Division on South Asian Americans	\$25 \$35 \$50	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			\$

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