

# Asian American Psychological Association 2013-2014 Annual Report

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# PRESIDENT: Sumie Okazaki, Ph.D.

President's report: Sumie Okazaki

This past year has continued to be a busy and productive year for AAPA and its Executive Committee. I am fortunate to have served this past year alongside Rich Lee, the Past President, whose presidential term had paved a way for AAPA's effort toward greater public engagement and relevance in public policy. Rich has been an invaluable source of good advice and leadership, and we will miss his presence on the Executive Committee. I also thank Rich for representing the AAPA at the recent CNPAAEMI meeting in Eugene, Oregon.

I would like to also acknowledge the excellent work of the Vice President, Kevin Nadal, whose tireless advocacy as well as his willingness to travel on behalf of AAPA, has made for a fruitful partnership. I am also grateful to the elected and appointed officers of the Executive Committee, as well as AAPA members who volunteer their time and effort on committees and task forces. Their work is not always visible to the general membership but critical to the smooth workings of an all-volunteer professional organization. Below, I highlight my activities across the main AAPA initiatives of the past year.

Website and Communications: Under Rich Lee's initiative, AAPA had contracted with Bust Out Solutions in Minneapolis to design and build a new website. This website went "live" last summer, and this past year, the EC team has worked to improve the website for greater usability. Toward this end, I have worked closely with membership officer, Frances Shen, on the membership application and renewal functionalities. We also transitioned our membership communication from the AAPA listserve, long maintained by Alvin Alvarez at San Francisco State University, to AAPA google group that allowed for increased functionality while allowing the membership officer to maintain greater control over the list membership. Our facebook and twitter accounts remain an important social media tools for communication with not just the AAPA members but also the general public.

Fact Sheets: Our AAPA Leadership Fellows, Dhara Thakar and Shu-wen Wang, were again engaged in the authorship of two additional fact sheets (trauma and violence exposure among API children; intimate partner violence among API women). The EC authorized hiring Heewon Lee, a graphic designer in Minneapolis, to format the fact sheets for a more polished, professional look. The fact sheets have been distributed through our website, social media, and through the email distribution channels of CNPAAEMI (Council of National Psychology Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests). I would like to thank Grace Kim and Sam Wan for their stewardship of the leadership program and Pratyusha Tummala-Narra and Doris Chang for mentoring the fellows on the fact sheets project.

Asian American Journal of Psychology: Under the editorial leadership of Fred Leong, AAJP continued to thrive. Our current ISI impact factor is 1.75 and continues to be ranked first of 16 journals in the Ethnic Studies category. The EC approved to designate Fred Leong as the journal's founding editor to honor his leadership role in the first five years of the journal, from conceptualizing the journal, identifying a publisher, launching the journal, and serving as its inaugural editor. We will honor him at this year's

Awards Banquet, and the designation will appear in the journal masthead and cover starting in the 2015 volume. The EC also approved a 5-year contract with the incoming editor, Bryan Kim, and his editorial team. Kudos to the AAJP editors and associate editors for their outstanding work.

**CNPAAEMI:** AAPA has continued to be actively engaged in the work of Council of National Psychology Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests. I attended its annual meeting in Honolulu, HI in August 2013, and Rich Lee attended its annual meeting in Eugene, OR in June 2014. We continue to support the CNPAAEMI Leadership Development Institute in multiple ways, including my participation in a mentoring conference call with the LDI fellows in April 2014, and having Natasha Thapar-Olmos (AAPA fellow for the LDI) participate in the meetings and discussions of the AAPA Executive Committee. Finally, I continued the involvement of AAPA that was initiated by Rich Lee in the APA Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs-led planning grant proposal to the NIH National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) program. Although the APA OEMA-led planning grant was not awarded, we were invited by a group awarded the planning grant to join in their application submission. I traveled to Washington, DC in January 2014 to represent the AAPA and to participate in the conceptualization of the NRMN grant proposal, and I provided additional feedback to the NRMN grant proposal under development throughout the spring. On behalf of AAPA, I also wrote a letter of support to the NRMN grant. The grant is currently under review. Finally, I attended the APA Council of Representatives meeting in February 2014 to substitute for Alvin Alvarez, our AAPA council representative who was unable to attend the meeting. Although AAPA and other ethnic minority psychology association representatives do not have voting rights within the APA Council, we continue to send an AAPA representative, elected by the general membership, to be an observer at the semi-annual Council meetings.

The Alliance: Kevin Nadal and I are the two AAPA representatives to the Alliance of National Psychological Associations for Racial and Ethnic Equity. Over the course of the year, the Alliance member organization's representatives from the APA and four ethnic minority organizations held bimonthly phone conferences. One main Alliance effort, initiated by the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) in collaboration with the Annie E Casey Foundation concern the mental health treatment of children and youth in juvenile justice system. Although the progress has been somewhat slow on this initiative, AAPA remains interested and committed to working with the Alliance members on this important public policy issue that disproportionately affect youth of color. Another collective effort of the Alliance has been to organize and submit symposium panel proposals to the National Latina/o Psychological Association's (NLPA) biennial conference in October 2014 (accepted) and to the National Multicultural Conference and Summit in January 2015 (rejected). I plan to travel to the NLPA conference to participate in the symposium and also to attend the Alliance's annual in-person meeting following the NLPA.

**Support for Teaching Resource Initiative:** An AAPA emerging professional member, Stephen Chen, approached the EC with his proposal to create an online consortium for the teaching of Asian American psychology. The EC approved to support Stephen's grant proposal to APA OEMA's CEMRRAT (Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training in Psychology Task Force) small grant program. Stephen was awarded the CEMRRAT grant in the spring. As a first step, Stephen

participated in the Wordpress (web content editing program) training with our web design firm, Bust Out Solutions.

**Support for Practitioners:** Following the tragedy at UC Santa Barbara and Isla Vista, California, in May 2014, AAPA issued a brief statement expressing condolences to the victims and to renew our commitment to providing mental health resources to campus communities affected by violence. Following the distribution of the statement, several AAPA members engaged in online dialogue regarding the impact that this incident had on Asian American students in their communities. The EC remains supportive of the member initiated one-day symposium on API college mental health being planned for October 2014. We also support the move to revitalize the Practice Task Force, which has been inactive for some years, so that the organization can facilitate the work of our practitioner members as well as engage the greater public awareness and knowledge of mental health issues and resources.

Public Policy and Public Engagement: This year, AAPA was again invited to the Asian American and Pacific Islander Behavioral Health Forum, co-sponsored by the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in May 2014. I traveled to Washington, DC to represent the AAPA and to participate in a day-long discussion with SAMSAH and WHIAAPI staff and leaders from other national organizations who have a stake in behavioral health equity for AAPI communities. In addition to participating in the discussions, I was encouraged by Myron Quon, the Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA) to have AAPA apply for an affiliate membership in the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA). NCAPA is a coalition of 32 national APA organizations, and it seeks to represent the greater interest of the APA communities on public policy priorities (civil rights, education, health, housing and economic justice, immigration, and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander concerns). The EC authorized our organization's application, and I participated in the phone interview with the NCAPA Program Director and the Health Policy Director. We are currently awaiting the NCAPA membership vote regarding our affiliate member application.

# VICE-PRESIDENT: Kevin Nadal, Ph.D.

As Vice President for the past year, I have focused my time on six major areas:

- 1) Assisting our President Sumie Okazaki and her Presidential Mission
- 2) Serving on the Alliance of Ethnic Minority Psychology Organizations
- 3) Forming and managing the AAPA Policy Committee
- 4) Serving as the Liaison between the Divisions and the Executive Committee
- 5) Assisting in the creation of the Division on LGBTQ Issues
- 6) Serving as a liaison between the AAPA Convention Co-Chairs and the Executive Committee

# Assisting our President Sumie Okazaki and her Presidential Mission

I have done my best to assist our president on everything related to her presidential mission, as well as with the everyday maintenance of the organization (e.g., initiating discussions and voting on EC actions as they arose, consulting on decisions regarding requests or funding, etc.). Regarding the presidential mission of "giving Asian American Psychology away", there are many ways that I have done my best to support Sumie and AAPA in this endeavor. First, I have been actively engaged in social media efforts, to ensure that issues related to Asian American Psychology have been at the forefront. Not only have I have been actively engaged with our own AAPA Facebook and Twitter pages, but I have also written in the American Psychological Association blog, the New York Times, Buzzfeed, and others on issues related to Asian American mental health. Second, I initiated and managed the AAPA Task Force on Policy and Legal Cases, which is described below. This task force eventually led to the AAPA Policy Committee, which focuses on produces policy statements regarding Asian Americans and mental health. Third, I have worked with the AAPA Fellows to discuss how to use social media as a way of advocating for policy and social justice. With the Fellows, I am also planning a presentation on "Giving Asian American Psychology Away" at our annual AAPA Convention in August Finally, I have aimed to "give Asian American Psychology away" by continuing to represent AAPA in a number of community organizations on both local New York City and national levels. These include my continual presence in the Asian American community organizations in New York (e.g., Center for Asian Children and Families, APICHA, GAPIMNY, Q-Wave) as well as in national organizations (Asian American Journalists Association, Filipino American National Historical Society, etc.). I also represented AAPA at the Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation meeting in Washington DC, where I met previous Okura Fellows and we discussed the future of the organization.

# Serving on the Alliance of Ethnic Minority Psychology Organizations

Along with Sumie Okazaki, I have served as a member of the Alliance- an organization, which comprises of all of the Ethnic Minority Psychological Associations (i.e., Association of Black Psychologists, National Latino Psychological Association, Society of Indian Psychologists, and AAPA) and the American Psychological Association. Through the Alliance, we talk about issues related to communities of color and mental health. Some of the projects that the Alliance has been involved over the past year have been addressing health disparities among communities of color and the injustices of the juvenile justice system and young people of color.

For the past year, I was the AAPA representative for a collaborative project between the Alliance and the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore. We have met twice at the AECF headquarters in Baltimore

to discuss issues related to communities of color and the juvenile justice system. Through this group, we have reviewed policies and have brainstormed ways to addressing this issue. It is expected that AECF will provide grants for scholars interested in this topic in the future and that the Alliance will continue to partner with AECF on numerous activities.

# Forming and managing the AAPA Policy Committee

Historically, many individuals and organizations have asked AAPA for support of various policies or legal cases. However, there has never been a procedure for addressing how AAPA responds to these requests. Usually, the EC reviews these requests, which can often be taxing, particularly in addition to our other duties. Because of this, I initiated and formed the AAPA Task Force on Policy and Legal Cases who was charged: "to create procedures for how to best conceptualize how AAPA can approach policy and legal cases."

The Task Force proposed the following:

First, we believe it would be beneficial for there to be an AAPA Committee on Policy and Legal Cases (CLPC). This Committee would consist of 3-5 AAPA members, who would be appointed by the Executive Committee (EC). There can be a formal application process if needed. It would be recommended that the committee consist of a diverse group of practitioners, academics, researchers, early career psychologists, grad students, etc.

The Committee on Policy and Legal Cases (CPLC) would be charged with the following tasks: 1) When an individual or group asks AAPA for support or backing on a policy or amicus brief, the proposal would be forwarded to the CLPC. The CLPC members would either review the brief themselves or would seek consultation from other AAPA members who may be experts. They may also seek legal consult if necessary. Within a 1-2 week period, the CLPC would then present the EC with a brief report, discussing whether or not they would support the case. From there, the EC can vote if they agree with the CLPC's recommendation. If the EC needs more information or would rather read the policy/ amicus brief themselves, they can do so at this time too.

2) The CLPC can potentially create "AAPA Policy Statements" on various topics of interest, which can be approved by the EC. Sample policy statements can include stances on public court cases (e.g., the 2013 Supreme Court cases on marriage equality and affirmative action). Sample policy statements can also be related to popular media (e.g., the "Tiger Mom" or "Linsanity" controversies in the past). If the EC votes yes on these statements, the statements can be published on the AAPA website, on the AAPA listserve, and through social media sites. (NOTE: A sampling of policy statements that APA has created are available here: http://www.apa.org/news/press/statements/)

The CLPC currently consists of Dr. Helen Hsu, Dr. Selena Kohel, Dr. Teresa Nguyen, Dr. Devika Srivastava. Thus far, the CLPC has produced one policy statement- the AAPA Statement on Mental Health Act (<a href="http://aapaonline.org/2014/06/30/aapa-statement-on-mental-health-act/">http://aapaonline.org/2014/06/30/aapa-statement-on-mental-health-act/</a>)

# Serving as the Liaison between the Divisions and the Executive Committee

As Vice President, I have served as the Liaison to the Divisions. Fortunately, the Divisions have been self-sufficient and very few issues have arisen. However, I have consulted with some divisions regarding

various issues, including membership, bank accounts, and others. Furthermore, now that I have assisting in co-founding the Division on Filipino Americans and the Division on LGBTQQ issues, I can consult any other Division that is interested in forming in the future.

# Assisting in the creation of the Division on LGBTQQ Issues

In Early Summer 2013, I co-founded the AAPA Division on LGBTQQ Issues, along with a core group of dedicated psychologists and graduate students. The Division was approved in August 2013 and bylaws were created shortly thereafter.

# The mission of the DLGBTQQ is as follows:

The Division on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (DLGBTQQ) within the Asian American Psychological Association is a community of students and professionals committed to understanding the social, cultural, emotional, political, and personal factors impacting Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) LGBTQQ identity. The division strives to continue to advance the psychological wellness of AAPI LGBTQQ individuals by supporting and empowering professionals and allies within the field of psychology, and producing awareness and education on the population's needs and concerns. Additionally, the division aims to appreciate and celebrate the resiliency of LGBTQQ individuals and professionals and the protective factors of community support that come from within the AAPI community. The division aims to foster the creation of psychological products (e.g., theory, research, services, clinical interventions, assessments, etc.) that are sensitive to and appropriate with the LGBTQQ AAPI experience. DLGBTQQ also aims to: (1) unite and recruit LGBTQQ AAPI psychologists, students, mental health practitioners, and their allies; (2) provide resources and support for the LGBTQQ AAPIs in psychology; and (3) advocate for research, competent practice, and culturally informed policies in working with the LGBTQQ AAPI community.

In May 2014, I served as DLGBTQQ Election Chair and the following officers were elected:

Co-Chairs: Dr. Saeromi Kim and Dr. Michael Lau

Financial Chair: Dr. Satinder Gill Student Rep: G. Nicole Rider

# Serving as a liaison between the AAPA Convention Co-Chairs and the Executive Committee

Finally, I served as a liaison between the 2014 conference planning committee and the Executive Committee and to support the works of the convention co-chairs, Dr. Anjuli Amin and Dr. Monique Shah. Anjuli and Monique were very diligent in planning the logistics of the convention, and I communicated with them frequently (via email or conference call) to consult on their planning. These consultations included, but is not limited to, the site selection, theme selection, budget for the conference, promotional mass emails, conference program, continuing education programming, and award banquet program, and so on. One of my specific Vice Presidential duties is managing details of the awards banquet, including VIP invitations and obtaining awards for the honorees and outgoing officers.

Below are the details of my responsibilities from the banquet.

## **Banquet VIP invitations**

It has become customary for the AAPA to invite various VIPs and friends of the association to the awards banquet. This year, we are extending complimentary banquet invitations to:

Norman Anderson, PhD (APA CEO)

Nadine Klasglow PhD (APA President)

Lisa Straus (APF, executive director)

Andrew Austin-Dailey (APA MFP director)

Ford Kuramoto (Okura Foundation)

Gwendolyn Keita, PhD (APA executive director for public interest)

Tiffany Townsend, PhD (APA office of ethnic minority affairs, senior director)

Gary VandenBos, PhD (APA publisher)

Bill Cross, PhD (President of APA Division 45)

Andres J. Consoli, (President, National Latina/Latino Psychological Association)

Jacque Gray (Past President, Society of Indian Psychologists)

Cheryl Grills, PhD (Past-President, Association of Black Psychologists)

Lynda Field, PhD (Past-President, National Latina/Latino Psychological Association)

Daryl M. Rowe, PhD (President, Association of Black Psychologists)

# Additional banquet reservations sold to non-AAPA conference attendees

It is customary to extend the AAPA member rate banquet tickets to the following organizations:

APA Division 45 executive committee (Professional Member rate) APA Minority Fellows (Student Member rate)

## **Award Banquet Honorees**

The following AAPA award winners will also be offered the complimentary banquet registration (once the awards committee had determined the awardees and been notified by the awards committee chair). I will also design and order award plaques for the following individuals through an online vendor AccoladeDesigns.com:

	AAPA Early Career Award for Distinguished
Derek Iwamoto	Contribution to Research
Linda Juang	AAPA Fellow
Debra Kawahara	AAPA Fellow
Kevin Nadal	AAPA Fellow
Kiran Ahuja	President's Citation
William Tsai	Dissertation Grant Winner
	APF Okura Mental Health Leadership Foundation
Joey Fung (2013)	Fellowship
Larke Huang	AAPA Lifetime Achievement Award
OUTGOING OFFICERS	
Rich Lee (past president)	Past President

Linda Juang (secretary/historian)	Secretary/ Historian
Kevin Nadal (vice president)	Vice President*
Ulash Dunlap (communications)	Communications
Alvin Alvarez (APA council	
representative)	APA Council
Cindy Liu (board)	Board of Directors
Zeb Lim (student board)	Student Board
Fred Leong (AAJP)	AAJP Founding Editor
Anjuli Amin (Co-Chair)	Convention Co-Chair
Su Yeong Kim	Best Paper Award AAJP

<sup>\*</sup> Note to save money, I did not purchase myself a plaque for outgoing Vice President

The total cost for the 18 plaques was \$515.00. I will contact the awardees and outgoing officers to see who will attend the convention. For those not attending I will mail the plaques to them.

# **Gifts for Convention Co-Chairs**

In consultation with Sumie Okazaki, we will purchase gifts for the Convention Co-Chairs, Anjuli Amin and Monique Shah, for their extraordinary service. These gifts will include personal items and gift cards. Cost: TBD

# PAST PRESIDENT: Richard M. Lee, Ph.D., L.P.

My primary responsibility as past president was to chair the Awards Committee. The 2013-2014 Awards Committee members included Puni Kalra, Stephen Cheung, Chun-Chung Choi, EJ David, Cindy Liu, Joyce Chu, Michi Fu, and Phillip Akutsu. EJ David, Puni Kalra, and Cindy Liu reviewed applications for the AAPA-APF Okura Foundation Fellowship. Puni Kalra, Stephen Cheung and Chun-Chung Choi reviewed the Lifetime Achievement Award. EJ David, Cindy Liu, and Joyce Chu reviewed the Early Career Distinguished Contribution to Research Award. Michi Fu and Phillip Akutsu reviewed the AAPA Fellow nominations. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for the Early Career for Distinguished Contribution to Service (a newly established award), the Okura Community Leadership Award, and the Distinguished Contribution Award. I recommend that the Executive Committee and Awards Committee members identify and solicit nominations for awards to increase the pool.

At the request of President Okazaki, I attended the CNPAEEMI meeting which was held during the Div 45 Research Conference in Eugene, OR in June 2014.

I also maintained the AAPA website and other social media accounts following the resignation of Ulash Dunlap as Communication Officer.

Last, I frequently consulted with Sumie Okazaki and Kevin Nadal on various EC matters, including AAPA bylaws and regulations, policy statements following national tragedies, dissemination of the fact sheets, and convention planning.

# **BOARD MEMBER: Nellie Tran, Ph.D.**

In my second year as a board member of the Asian American Psychological Association, I have been involved in the Executive Committee. My responsibilities have included attending Board meetings and voting on Association business. This year, I began training to serve as the co-chair of the AAPA Leadership Fellows Program, and assisted in overseeing the program from selection of the new leadership fellows to the completion of their fellowship year. In addition, I also served as a review committee member for the Student Dissertation Research Grant.

## **Co-Chair of AAPA Leadership Fellows Program**

I began to co-chair the AAPA Leadership Fellows Program with Dr. Cindy Liu. In summer of 2013, I participated in the selection committee of the 2013 AAPA Leadership Fellows.

Throughout the academic year, I shadowed and trained with Drs. Grace Chen and Sam Wu to take on the co-chair position for the 2014-2015 academic year. Additionally, I supported the fellow's projects, connected with individual mentors, and participated in professional development activities with the chairs and fellows.

Dr. Liu and I have drafted the call for applications for the 2014-2015 leadership fellows program and started planning programming for the sixth cohort of the fellows.

# **BOARD MEMBER: Jocelyn Buhain, Ph.D.**

I have been actively involved in the Executive Committee during my first year as an AAPA Board Member. I have participated in meetings and voted on business issues. In addition, I coordinated activities related to the AAPA Dissertation Research Grant and the AAPA Student Travel Award.

# Chair of AAPA Dissertation Research Grant

I recruited three members to serve on the Dissertation Research Grant Committee. After requesting updates to the AAPA website and sending multiple email postings to the listserv, a total of 8 submissions from doctoral students all over the country were received. The quality of research being conducted in the field of Asian American psychology was remarkable and thus the pool of applications was quite competitive. Our committee selected one winner and two honorable mentions. All three were provided official notification letters and were invited to present their research findings at the 2015 AAPA annual convention in Toronto. The winner accepted AAPA's invitation to attend the 2014 AAPA annual convention banquet in Washington, DC in order to be officially recognized and awarded the \$500 research grant.

# Chair of AAPA Student Travel Award Committee

The 2013 AAPA convention yielded approximately \$1455.00 to be used for the 2014 AAPA Student Travel Award. There was additional revenue added (\$400 from last year's uncashed student travel award checks and \$145.00 from general AAPA funds voted and approved by the AAPA Executive Committee) which created a grand total of \$2000 available for this year. Email postings to the listserv were sent and a total of 20 submissions were received. Award winners were chosen based on submission by deadline, membership status and order of authorship. Seventeen students will receive awards of \$115.00 each and one student will receive an award of \$45.00. Recipients will receive their travel award at the 2014 AAPA Convention.

# **BOARD MEMBER: Cindy Liu, Ph.D.**

My second year involvement as a board member of the Asian American Psychological Association included Board meeting attendance and voting on Association business. Because I, along with Nellie Tran will be the new co-chairs of the AAPA Leadership Fellows Program, I worked with Grace Kim and Sam Wan this past year to understand the programmatic details necessary to carry out this program for the next year. This included the selection of the new fellows, and also discussions on how to develop connections between AAPA policy activities, the conference theme, and professional development of the fellows.

# MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Frances Shen, Ph.D.

A new AAPA website was developed and launched in May 2013 with Bustout Solutions. The new website allows for improved functionality of the membership system, increased convenience of membership renewals, and additional membership benefit functions such as discussion forums. In addition to the improved functions described in the section above, memberships now expire one year from the date of renewal rather than at the end of the year. This change allows members to receive a full year of membership benefits from their exact date of renewal. In addition, the previous AAPA listserve was eliminated in Fall 2013 and switched to a Googlegroups listserve. All members were notified of this change, and informed that only current AAPA members would have access to the Googlegroups listserve in the future as a benefit of their membership fees.

Current Membership Numbers for 2014 and comparison with previous years:

Membership Category	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	(on 7/19)	(to 6/30)	(to 8/15)	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Professional	205	190	169	152	117	124	167	256
Early Career & First Year	N/A	N/A	54	45	26	39	54	41
Student	237	180	168	210	145	173	228	289
Lifetime	17	17	17	17	17	17	16	14
Retiree	9	7	5	5	4	3	7	7
Organization	N/A	N/A	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	468	394	414	430	310	357	473	608

On 7/19/14, there are a total of 468 AAPA members. These numbers indicate an increase in membership since last year, and the highest annual memberships since 2008. Since membership renewals occur at its highest rate during the AAPA convention, I anticipate that our total 2014 membership numbers to continue to increase through the beginning of August. Since we moved to the new AAPA website and membership system in 2013, the membership categories are currently divided into professional, student, and retiree members only. Thus, it is no longer possible to examine changes in membership renewals for early career/first-year and associate organization from prior to 2013.

Overall, I believe that the increased membership has been due to the improved website and limiting the listserve membership only to current AAPA members. First, with the exception of a handful of members who mail in check payments to renew their memberships, the great majority of members currently registers or renews their membership online using credit card payments. Paper-and-pencil membership

application forms are no longer available on the AAPA website to continue to encourage members to join or renew their memberships online. For members who submit paper-and-pencil membership applications, these applications are processed manually in the membership system and check payments are forwarded to the Finance Officer for processing.

Second, to increase membership renewals, the new AAPA website processes automatic renewal of membership using the credit card on file in the membership system upon its expiration. Members are automatically enrolled in automatic renewal of their membership when they join the AAPA, but they can email me directly to let me know if they would like to opt out of automatic renewal and I can manually change this setting in their account. There have been a few instances in which members were not aware of this automatic payment feature and therefore surprised when they received notification of the credit card charge, and I have had to clarify this feature with members on a case-by-case basis and processed refunds of their memberships if requested.

Third, the new website allows us to require members to renew their membership before registering for the AAPA convention in order to receive members only discounted prices. It is likely that this has helped to increase membership renewals prior to the convention.

Lastly, in January 2014, we started to limit the listserve only to current AAPA members. In the past, we had advertised that a benefit of the AAPA membership was access to the AAPA listserve. However, the listserve membership was never monitored, such that members whose membership expired were never removed from the listserve. In addition, new members were only added to the listserve upon request and not automatically added when they registered or renewed their membership. Since we switched the listserve to Googlegroups in December 2013, members who join the AAPA are now manually added to the Googlegroups listserve. In addition, I periodically check the listserve membership against the AAPA membership lists to identify expired memberships and manually remove these members from the listserve. Unfortunately, since the Googlegroups listserve is not synchronized with our membership system, the listserve has to be manually monitored by the Membership Officer. However, Bustout Solutions has informed us that it is possible that our membership system platform may offer a listserve option in the future that could be synchronized with the membership system so that this process is automatic. However, it is uncertain when this listserve option may be available.

#### **AAPA Website**

Since the launch of the website, I have continued to work with Bustout Solutions to troubleshoot issues with the membership system. First, there was an error on the AAPA website in which student members were charged an extra \$10 for membership in the Division of Students (DoS). However, DoS membership should be free for all student members and only non-student members are required to pay the \$10 division fee to support the division's activities. In December 2013, Bustout was able to fix this error on the membership system. In addition, I worked with the Finance Officer, Kelly Liao, to process refunds to all student members who were erroneously charged this fee.

Second, when the new website was launched, members were not required to provide their first and last names, mailing addresses, or other background information. Originally, Bustout Solutions had set up

the membership system in this way to allow the billing process to be more simplistic in order to avoid bogging down members with having to provide extensive information in order to register or renew their membership. Instead, members could provide this information in their profile after processing their membership payment. However, we found that many members did not complete their profile after their payment was processed. As a result, we did not have the necessary information (i.e., full names and mailing addresses) to send AAJP subscriptions to all members. We have since asked Bustout to make this change so that we require members to at least provide names and mailing addresses in order to process their membership payment. While we still do not have this information for many members who registered prior to this change, we hope that these members will eventually update their profile and this will no longer be an issue with newly registered members.

Third, since 2013 AAPA members who joined or renewed their membership prior to the launch of the new website in May 2013 were manually transferred to the new website, the membership system does not have their credit card information on file. As a result, automatic membership renewals were not available for these members. Thus, since these memberships expired at the end of December 2013, email reminders were periodically sent to notify these members that their 2013 membership have expired and to encourage them to renew their 2014 membership. These emails also reminded members of the membership benefits, including the AAPA listserve, complimentary one-year subscription to the AAJP, and the discounts on registration and banquet tickets for the annual AAPA convention. A grace period was given to these members to renew their membership before they were removed from Googlegroups listserve. At this time, 125 members with expired 2013 memberships still have not renewed their 2014 memberships. However, this was down from 286, indicating that over half of these members have renewed their 2014 membership so far.

Finally, there have been a significant number of automatic membership renewals that have failed in recent months because the credit card information on file had expired. The members and I receive email notifications of this when it occurs, and the system automatically attempts to process the renewal payment for 3 days in a row with the credit card information on file. I am currently working with Bustout Solutions to determine how to best address this issue so that we can assist members with renewing their memberships after this 3 day period and to ensure that members who do not update their credit card information and successfully renew their memberships are removed from the membership database.

## Membership Subscriptions to the AAJP

To ensure that members receive their complimentary subscriptions to the AAJP following their membership renewal or registration, updated member lists are sent to APA quarterly (the first of March, June, September, December). As of January 2014, member lists that are sent to APA each quarter reflect all current members for each issue, as memberships will expire one year from the date of their renewal. This will ensure that all members will receive a full year of AAJP issues as part of their membership benefits, regardless of when they renew their memberships. Some members have reported throughout the year that they did not receive earlier issues of the journals published in their subscription year; these incidences were reported to APA and addressed on a case-by-case basis. In

addition, as previously discussed, since the membership payment did not request for mailing addresses, there were a significant number of members who did not provide their mailing addresses in our membership system in order to receive their journal subscription. Bustout Solutions has since changed the website to require mailing addresses when members renew their memberships so that this will not be an issue moving forward.

# FINANCE OFFICER: Kelly Liao, Ph.D.

It is my pleasure to provide the following information about AAPA's financial health. As of July 16, 2014 we have \$ 27,609.91 in our checking account and \$ 13,330.81 in our money market account, and \$ 24,014.26 in our PayPal account for a total of \$64,954.98. I am very happy to report that we continue to enjoy fiscal health!

During this time, we received \$33,316.12 in income and spent \$14,039.54. Our primary expenditures were associated with our web site reconstruction, deposits for the annual convention, and membership dues owed to divisions. Our primary sources of income were associated with the convention (\$15552.52) and memberships (\$17763.60).

AAPA Leadership Travel	AAPA journal subscription	Convention Deposits	Bustout solutions	Merchant Card Processing	Eventbrite	NCMS Support	Total
\$447.49	\$4882.5	\$6403	\$1065.00	\$293.60	\$447.95	\$500.00	\$14,039.54

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Finance Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Yu-Hsin Liao

# **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, M.S., LMFT**

The role of the Communications Officer within the AAPA EC team is to oversee and update the AAPA website and contents, to ensure appropriate information is disseminated, and to create a social media presence for the organization. In addition, the Communications Officer is the contact person for members and outside queries.

We have met our 2013-2014 goal of increasing social media presence. AAPA has been successful in increasing the number of social media (LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter) followers. We hope to continue to increase our social media presence by providing relevant information and topics.

In 2013, AAPA launched its new website. The goal of the Communications Officer is to help the AAPA EC team to help reach out to members (current and potential), to create, maintain and share new contents on the AAPA website. We have met our goals of the smooth transition of the website launch and connecting with members. Our goal is to continue to update the website frequently with relevant and current information. The goal for 2014-2015 is to connect to members and produce more materials for the AAPA website.

# SECRETARY/HISTORIAN: Linda Juang, Ph.D.

In 2013-2014, I updated the list of AAPA awardees and fellowships, handled document requests, recorded and disseminated minutes of EC meetings throughout the year, archived important documents, looked into questions regarding past policies and procedures, and collated the AAPA Annual Reports from EC officers and chairs of Divisions. I also organized voting (using Qualtrics) on several elections and issues, listed below.

# For AAPA Members and Division Members:

AAPA general election for a new President, Vice President, Board of Directors Member, Board of Directors Student Representative, Secretary/Historian, and APA Council Representative. Results: President: Kevin Nadal, VP: Helen Hsu, Board of Directors Member: Brandon Yoo, Board of Directors Student Representative:, Secretary/Historian: Winnie Ma, APA Council Representative: Karen Suyemoto.

AAPA Division of LGBTQQ for three positions: Co-Chair, Finance Chair, and Student Representative. Results: Co-Chair: Saeromi Kim, Finance Chair: Satinder Gill, Student Representative: G. Nicole Rider.

AAPA Division of Filipino Americans (DoFA) for several positions: Co-Chairs, Finance Officer, and Student Representative. Results: Co-Chairs: Alicia del Prado and Richelle Concepcion, Finance Officer: Michelle Madore, Student Representative: Andy Paves.

# For the AAPA EC:

Whether AAPA should apply for an affiliate membership with NCAPA (National Council of Asian Pacific Americans) and pay the annual membership due. Result: Yes

The AAPA Leadership Fellows team (coordinated by Grace Kim and Sam Wan) proposed three different expenditure possibilities regarding the AAPA Fact Sheets that are produced by AAPA Fellows. Result: Pay Heewon to format each one of our fact sheets every year.

Does the EC approve adding about 50 additional pages to the AAJP 2014 volume at the cost (to be shared with the publisher) of \$100-125 per page? Result: Approved

Does the EC approve to designate Fred Leong as the Founding Editor of AAJP, which will be reflected in the subsequent volumes of AAJP masthead and cover starting in 2015? Approved

Nomination for the one-year interim VP position. Result: Helen Hsu

To fund travel expenses (not to exceed \$750) for Helen Hsu to attend the API College Student Mental Health symposium at Cal Tech in October, 2014. Result: Approved

# **DELEGATE TO APA COUNCIL: Alvin Alvarez, Ph.D.**

I have served as the Delegate to the American Psychological Association's Council of Representative. The central goal of this position was to secure full voting seats for AAPA as well as our sister organizations in the Association of Black Psychologists, the National Latina/o Psychological Association and the Society of Indian Psychologists. Since the amendment was not approved by the membership in Fall 2012, the central goal of this position has been to coordinate with the other ethnic minority delegates to determine and define an alternative strategy for representation to and monitoring of APA Council. I have also served as AAPA's representative to and Chair of the Leadership Development Institute Committee for the Council of National Psychological Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CNPAAEMI). This is a joint advisory board that has been charged with developing and implementing a leadership institute designed for early career professionals from AAPA as well as the three other ethnic minority psychological associations and Divisions 45 and 17 of APA. I am currently serving as the Director of the Leadership Development Institute which received funding from the American Psychological Association's (APA) Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention, and Training in Psychology Task Force (CEMRRAT). The LDI has selected six Fellows and six Mentors for the 2013-2014 cycle and is currently in the process of selecting the next cohort. This past year the LDI was launched at the Argosy University and for the upcoming year the LDI will be hosted in Albuquerque, New Mexico by the National Latina/o Psychological Association. The Fellows and Mentors undergo a day-long training at these launches which are followed by a year-long program of monthly facilitated workshops and group meetings.

# ASIAN AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY EDITOR: Frederick T. L. Leong, Ph.D.

This is my final Annual Report for the *Asian American Journal of Psychology* to be presented at the executive committee meeting at the annual convention in August 2014.

# 1. Published Issues of the Journal and Manuscripts in the Pipeline

We have continued to successfully publish all issues of the journal on schedule for the past 4.5 years. The Table of Contents for these 18 issues can be viewed at the following link: <a href="http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/aap/">http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/aap/</a> There are two remaining issues (September and December) for my term as Editor.

# 2. Special Features

We are on schedule to publish the 5th Annual Review of Asian American Psychology. We have continued with the sections in book reviews, case studies and international studies with limited success for the last two sections. It will be up to the Incoming Editor as to whether he will continue these special feature for the journal.

## 3. Special Issues.

We just published the final special issue on Culture and Prevention (June 2014) under my Editorship. This special issue was guest edited by Richard Lee and Anna Lau as part of Rich's presidential initiative. We had published special issues on the NLAAS, Tiger Parenting, Health Disparities, and Leadership during the last 4 years.

# 4. Changes to the Editorial Board

There were no significant changes to the editorial board since we are continuing with the same board for a 2-year cycle. We continue to add more ad hoc reviewers to our roster. If you know of colleagues interested in serving as ad hoc reviewers, please refer them to Bryan Kim, our Incoming Editor. Bryan has plans to expand our editorial board.

# 5. Best Paper Award

Continuing with the tradition of the AAJP Best Paper Award, we had the editorial board review the published papers in 2013. The 2013 Best Paper Award will be presented to Su Yeong Kim and her colleagues (Yijie Wang, Diana Orozco-Lapray, Yishan Shen, and Mohammed Murtuza) for their article on ""Does 'Tiger Parenting' Exist? Parenting Profiles of Chinese Americans and Adolescent Developmental Outcomes". The Award will be presented at the annual AAPA convention in August 2014. It is also announced in September or December issue of the journal.

# 6. Incoming and Outgoing Editors

The Incoming Editor of AAJP will be Bryan Kim who has been serving as Editor-Elect since January 2014 and acting on manuscripts with his Associate Editors. Bryan will become the Editor on January 1, 2014 and my term as Editor on December 31, 2014. I have requested and it has been approved by the AAPA EC that I shall be designated as Founding Editor of the AAJP on the cover and masthead of future issues of the journal.

# 7. Additional pages to cover overflow of manuscripts

The success of our journal has resulted in an overflow of accepted manuscripts. This is partly due to our acceptance into Journal Citation Reports and receiving an impact score of 1.75. With this impact score, we have seen a slight increase in submissions. To handle the overflow of manuscripts from my term without taking over too many pages from Bryan's term as Editor, I have requested funding from the AAPA EC to fund an additional 50 printed pages in the remaining issues (as suggested by Annie Hill, our Journal Manager at APA). This is a typical strategy and the request has been approved by the EC. The cost of the extra pages will be shared between AAPA and APA.

# 8. Statistics and Performance Data

APA provides us the statistics and performance data in terms of submission numbers, rejection rates, and editorial lag time for the journal. The statistics for June 2013 to June 2014 are appended below for your review. In summary, for the year of June 2013 to June 2014, we received 88 new manuscripts and our rejection rate was 59%. Our average individual ms review lag time continues to improve and was 57 days for this reporting period (down from last year's lag time of 72 days and 93 days for the year before). We have achieved our goal set last year to reduce the average lag time to 60 days (2 months).

# **INDIVIDUAL MANUSCRIPT LAG TIMES**

06/01/2013 through 06/01/2014

Overall Average: 57 days

MANUSCRIPTS RECEIVED 06/01/2013 through 06/01/2014							
New Manuscripts	88						
Resubmissions/Revisions	79						
Actions Taken	-						

Accepted	47
Withdrawn	1
Pending Decision	16
Rejected With External Review	35
Rejected Without External Review	21
Revise & Resubmit	49 (5 ultimately rejected)
Open Revise & Resubmit	11

NUMBER OF MEN, WOMEN, AND MINORIT	Y INDIV	IDUALS SERVING	G ON EDITORIAL BO	ARD IN 2014
Category	Editor	Action Editor	Consulting Editor	Reviewers
Number of Women	0	1	6	3
Of these, number of minority women	0	1	6	2
Number of Men	1	2	5	1
Of these, number of minority men	1	2	5	1
Total number of persons	1	15	19	4

REJECTION RATE REP 06/01/2013 through 06/0	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
New manuscripts received	82
Accepted manuscripts	42

Pending as of 06/01/2013	37	
Pending as of 06/01/2014	16	
Acceptance rate	41%	
Rejection Rate	59%	

	REJECTION RATE BY EDITOR 06/01/2013 through 06/01/2014									
Editor	Acceptance Rate	Rejection Rate	New Manuscripts	Accepted	Rejected	Pending on 06/01/2013	Pending on 06/01/2014			
Akutsu, Phillip	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0			
Chang, Doris	n/a	n/a	1	0	0	0	1			
Chang, Edward	5%	95%	14	1	26	7	1			
Chin, Jean Lau	167%	-67%	1	5	0	2	0			
Gee, Gilbert	n/a	n/a	0	0	1	0	0			
Hall, Gordon Nagayama	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0			
Juang, Linda	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	2	0			
Kim, Bryan	n/a	n/a	20	0	17	0	1			
Kim-Prieto, Chu	n/a	n/a	5	0	3	0	0			

Lau, Anna	300%	-200%	0	3	0	1	0
Lee, Richard	167%	-67%	1	5	0	2	0
Leong, Frederick	43%	57%	18	9	12	3	0
Moritsuqu, John	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Park, Irene	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Qin, Desiree	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Saw, Anne	100%	0%	1	2	0	1	0
Shih, Margaret	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0
Song, Anna	300%	-200%	0	3	0	1	0
Yee, Barbara	74%	26%	15	14	19	15	11
Yip, Tiffany	n/a	n/a	5	0	3	0	1

FIRST SUBMISSIONS COMPLETED BY ACTION EDITOR Submitted 06/01/2013 through 06/01/2014				
Action Editor	Number of FIRST Submissions	Number Completed	Avg Days to Complete	
Phillip Akutsu	0	0	0	
Doris Chang	1	1	105	
Edward Chang	14	14	96	

Jean Lau Chin	1	1	9	
Gilbert Gee	0	0	0	
Gordon Nagayama Hall	0	0	0	
Linda Juang	0	0	0	
Bryan Kim	20	19	30	
Chu Kim-Prieto	5	5	65	
Anna Lau	0	0	0	
Richard Lee	1	1	35	
Frederick Leong	21	21	39	
John Moritsuqu	3	3	44	
Irene Park	0	0	0	
Desiree Qin	0	0	0	
Anne Saw	1	1	60	
Margaret Shih	0	0	0	
Anna Song	0	0	0	
Barbara Yee	15	15	123	
Tiffany Yip	5	5	63	
[Change Dates]				

#### **REVISED SUBMISSIONS COMPLETED BY ACTION EDITOR** Submitted 06/01/2013 through 06/01/2014 Number of REVISED Submissions Number Completed Avg Days to Complete **Action Editor** Phillip Akutsu **Doris Chang Edward Chang** Jean Lau Chin Gilbert Gee Gordon Nagayama Hall Linda Juang Bryan Kim Chu Kim-Prieto Anna Lau Richard Lee Frederick Leong John Moritsuqu Irene Park Desiree Qin Anne Saw Margaret Shih Anna Song Barbara Yee

Tiffany Yip	0	0	0	
[Change Dates]				

# DIVISION ON SOUTH ASIAN AMERICANS (DoSAA): Anjuli Amin, Ph.D.

DoSAA Executive Committee (voting members)

Chair: Anjuli Amin, Ph.D. Co-Chair: Rahul Sharma, Psy.D Chair-Elect: Puni Kalra, Ph.D. Treasurer: Razia Kosi, LCSW-C

Secretary/Historian: Sheetal Shah, Ph.D.

Membership/Nominations Chair: Monique Shah Kulkarni, Ph.D.

Student Representative: Harpreet Bhatia, M.A.

Communications Chair: Shanta Nishi Kanukollu, Ph.D.

Senior Advisory Council (non-voting members): Shamin Ladhani, Psy.D., Neha Navsaria, Ph.D. and Lina Patel, PsyD., Ulash Dunlap, MS, LMFT, Kusha Murarka, Psy.D.

# **GENERAL POINTS:**

The DoSAA Executive Committee (EC) completed its sixth term in 2013-2014. During this time, the DoSAA EC continued its efforts to increase the Division's local and national visibility and enhance member benefits. Specifically, the EC spent time developing an action plan intended to boost DoSAA's appeal to potential members, promote DoSAA as a community resource, and further define DoSAA's objectives. Initially, focus was placed on conceptualizing DoSAA's objectives. EC members were asked to provide their thoughts/opinions to the following questions:

- We are brainstorming ways to brand/market/package DoSAA so we are most effective in serving our community. What do we want people to associate with DoSAA when they hear its name? (While we welcome using the mission/vision statements above, please feel free to include your own ideas about where you see DoSAA ideally heading.)
- 2. What areas of expertise do you bring that can help contribute to DoSAA's foundation in supporting community & education/training needs?
- 3. What would make mental health fun and/or engaging? How can we promote that within DoSAA?

The responses for each question were then qualitatively assessed and organized into common themes. EC members engaged in ongoing discussion of the resulting themes and, in conjunction, developed subcommittees or 'action teams' to address the needs of various subgroups of DoSAA's member population. The subgroups included students, practitioners, and community. In addition, a public

relations (PR) action team was created to focus specifically on the promotion of DoSAA as a community resource. Each of the subcommittees was then tasked with creating potential deliverables targeted at their respective member subgroups (E.g., students action team – mentoring program, dissertation support; practitioners action team – national therapist database, class textbooks/syllabi; community action team – partnerships with South Asian organizations, resources for public). As each action team worked to develop an initial set of deliverables, the EC as a whole held elections and welcomed a new set of officers for the 2014-2015 year. DoSAA EC also worked to prepare for the 2014 AAPA and APA annual conventions held in Washington, D.C. Convention activities included hosting an annual social hour, providing an annual student award, and recognizing a local South Asian community organization.

In 2014-2015, the DoSAA EC plans to continue carrying out its newly developed action plan. Specifically, focus will remain on the development of deliverables targeted at member subgroups in the hopes of increasing DoSAA's visibility and appeal amongst those interested in South Asian mental health issues.

# Goals completed in 2013-2014:

Sustainment of board member structure and governance.

Maintenance of financial standing.

Continuation of membership and listserv.

Ongoing development of organization structure.

Involvement in community outreach and interventions.

Presence at AAPA, APA and other national conventions.

Offering annual DoSAA Student Award.

Support for local South Asian organizations affiliated with convention cities.

#### **SPECIFIC COMPONENTS:**

## 1. Sustainment of board member structure and governance.

Process:

- Monthly conference calls conducted by the Chair
- Ongoing involvement of all EC members in DoSAA activities/projects
- Conducting elections for 2014-2015 EC

## 2. Maintenance of financial standing - Treasurer's Financial Report

- The current DoSAA balance as of July, 29th, 2014 was \$ 872.20.
- In November of 2013, DoSAA made the decision to change banks from Bank of America to PNC Bank. This change was due to the increase in monthly service charges of \$16 for business accounts below \$3,000. Since DoSAA keeps a balance averaging under \$1,000 per month, it was not cost-efficient for us to keep the account at Bank of America.

The 501c3 Determination letter and Bylaws from the AAPA were obtained from the AAPA Executive Committee and all the paperwork was in order to open the new account with PNC Bank. Hard copies and e-copies of the information will be transferred to the incoming treasurer. It is also our recommendation that the AAPA have a shared folder for all of the Divisions in the AAPA to have these document accessible for future banking needs of the divisions.

## 3. Continuation of membership and listserv – Membership Report

- We have a total of 46 paid members as of May 2014: 18 professional members and 28 student members. Annual dues are \$10 regardless of membership type.
- DoSAA, through social media and informal local chapters, continues to increase visibility and membership support. Other marketing efforts include.
  - DoSAA Listserv.
  - AAPA website.
  - Sharing information about DoSAA on Division 45, AAPA and SAPNA listservs.
  - DoSAA Facebook Page.
  - DoSAA social event at AAPA and APA conferences.
  - DoSAA membership flyers.
  - Consultation and networking in cities or geographic areas that members reside in.
- **Process:** The EC has focused on our Facebook page as a way to market DoSAA and disseminate information to members and the South Asian community at large. Our newsletter continues to be distributed and is sent out via the listserv and through AAPA's listserv to make us more visible and was a great success. Several EC board members have worked to gather momentum for a clinical consultation group within their respective cities as a means of retaining membership, making use of the DoSAA network and fostering continued professional support. EC members have also been working to revamp our mission statement in efforts to more effectively recruit members for AAPA and DoSAA. Membership numbers continue to be a focus of DoSAA, as we hope to retain and increase membership.

#### 4. Continuation of outreach efforts

EC Members have written articles and been interviewed for local and national counseling or psychological associations, conducted presentations and workshops, and outreached to other organizations in order to bring more visibility to DoSAA and issues concerning the South Asian American community. DoSAA has been making an increased effort to connect with other divisions within APA, such as Division 45 and Division 17, as well as working with elder members in the field of psychology to increase our presence within the community.

Throughout the 2013-2014 year, the DoSAA EC has worked to develop an independent website. This is an endeavor that is still in progress, but the goal is to have the website up and running by 2015. The website will contain information about events across the country relevant to DoSAA members (i.e. anything related to South Asian mental health), articles related to South Asian mental health, a directory of South Asian clinicians and mental health professionals, relevant teaching resources, relevant blog posts, and information directly pertaining to the Division (e.g., our newsletter). Other outreach efforts for the 2013-2014 year included regular updates through our Facebook page and emails on our listserv about upcoming awards and events. The Facebook page has also become a forum for people to share information about their research projects or share articles related to South Asian mental health.

# 5. Planning for AAPA, APA and other national conventions

The AAPA and APA convention time will be used to promote DoSAA and to create activities that have a direct impact on the internal structure of DoSAA. Incoming (2014-2015) DoSAA EC members will be presenting at this year's AAPA conference, while two current EC members are co-chairing the conference. DoSAA is also hosting its annual networking social at the APA convention, during which a local South Asian organization will be recognized for its contributions to the South Asian community.

**Process:** The EC conducted a mid-year conference call to evaluate the needs and priorities of DoSAA, identify challenges faced in meeting said needs, generate potential solutions, and revisit our mission. EC members then sought to determine how to integrate our mission and potential solutions into the AAPA/APA conference activities. This conference call was productive as the EC was able to identify the strengths and limitations of DoSAA. It was understood that the EC must continue to place an emphasis on increasing and enhancing membership, as it can impact the infrastructure of DoSAA. It was also decided that fundraising activities would be directed towards DoSAA membership (i.e. student award) and towards support of external organizations.

Dosaa EC members have been active in being present in other conventions including the American Psychological Association (APA), American Counseling Association (ACA), National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS), California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT) in an effort to recruit a diverse group of mental health professionals.

# 6. Annual DoSAA Student Award

DoSAA's annual award for students dedicated to exceptional contributions to the field of mental health, psychology, and the South Asian community will be given again this year in addition to a monetary prize. One winner will be announced at the AAPA convention in Washington, D.C.

**Process:** Following last year's process, a request for submissions for the DoSAA Student Award was sent out on the DoSAA and SAPNA listservs. The request entailed applicants to write a brief summary about research or community work they have or are currently engaged in, with respect to the South Asian population. These submissions were read and evaluated by the DoSAA EC and an awardee chosen prior to the AAPA convention.

# DIVISION ON FILIPINO AMERICANS: E. J. R. David, Ph.D & Kevin Nadal, Ph.D.

# **DoFA Executive Committee (EC)**

#### **Elected Officers:**

Co-Chairs: E.J.R. David, Ph.D. & Kevin Nadal, Ph.D. Financial Chair: Richelle Concepcion, Psy.D., MPH

Student Representative: Gregory Desierto, M.A., Ph.D. Candidate

# **Appointed Officers:**

Mentorship Coordinator: Christine Catipon, Psy.D. Communications Coordinator: Steph Pituc, Ph.D. Membership Coordinator: Krista Chronister, Ph.D.

## **GENERAL POINTS:**

The DoFA just completed its third year of being an official AAPA division. During 2013-2014, the DoFA EC focused on increasing visibility, networking with other Filipino American organizations and associations, increasing its members and membership involvement, exploring ways to fundraise to support possible DoFA projects, and exploring ways to serve DoFA members and the general Filipino American community. DoFA also elected a new set of officers for the next two years. In 2014-2015, the DoFA EC hopes that through the leadership of the incoming officers, guidance from outgoing officers, and collaboration with DoFA's membership and other organizations, the division will continue to increase membership involvement and community impact.

#### Goals completed in 2012-2013:

Sustainment of board member structure and governance.

Maintenance of financial standing.

Continuation and growth of membership.

Contribute to general Filipino American community

Improve visibility through social media.

Presence at AAPA, APA, and other national conventions.

# **SPECIFIC COMPONENTS:**

## 1. Creation and Sustainment of board member structure and governance.

- Quarterly conference calls, including an in person meeting at the AAPA/APA convention in July/August 2014.
- Call for Nominations for 2014-2016.
- Conducting Elections for 2014-2016.
- Incoming Officers for 2014-2016

Co-Chairs: Alicia del Prado and Richelle Concepcion

Finance Officer: Michelle Madore

Student Representatives: Lainie Posecion and Andy Paves

The appointed officers will stay on and keep serving for at least another year (2015).

# 2. Maintenance of financial standings.

- We are in the process of setting up a new bank account, as our previous account with Bank of America was closed. Based on our membership dues, our current DoFA balance is approximately \$400.00
- We have also crafted a solicitation letter that we will send out to potential donors this coming year.

# 3. Continuation of membership.

• We had 41 individuals who have paid their membership as of May 2014, which is a significant growth from the approximately 20 members we had last year. Annual dues are \$15 for all professional members, \$10 for early career professionals, and \$6 for students.

# 4. Contribute to General Filipino American Community.

- Produced and released a video statement about the possible mental health effects of Typhoon Haiyaan (Yolanda)
- Crafted and released a statement about the national immigration issues.
- Developing a scholarship for Filipino American students interested in psychology.

# 5. Improve visibility through social media.

The DoFA uses social media to continue to increase visibility and membership support. These efforts include:

- DoFA Listserv.
- AAPA website.
- Sharing information about DoFA on AAPA listserv.
- DoFA Facebook Page.
- DoFA Twitter account.
- DoFA LinkedIn account.
- DoFA social event at AAPA conference.

# 6. Planning for AAPA, APA and other national conventions

The AAPA and APA convention time in 2013 was used to increase visibility of DoFA, increase DoFA membership and create activities that had a direct impact on the internal structure of DoFA. Some of the DoFA EC members presented at the 2013 AAPA and APA conferences. DoFA also participated in an inter-division session during the AAPA conference. DoFA co-sponsored a self-defense workshop during APA along with Division 44 (Society on LGBT Issues in Psychology). Andy Paves, a DoFA member, a clinical psychology doctoral student at the University of Washington and elected DoFA Student Representative, and a professional mixed-martial arts fighter, facilitated the workshop that included Filipino martial arts techniques. DoFA will have a meet and greet during the lunch hour at AAPA 2014.

DoFA members and officers also presented in various conferences throughout the country. This coming July 30<sup>th</sup>, several DoFA members and officers will be attending and presenting at the Filipino American National Historical Society National Conference in San Diego. Furthermore, several DoFA members will be conducting a Filipino American Psychology Forum on August 3<sup>rd</sup> in San Diego, an event that is cosponsored by Alliant International University.

# **DIVISION ON STUDENTS: Fanny Ng**

Under the leadership of Chair Fanny Ng, the Division on Students (DoS) of the Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA) has continued to make significant progress toward continuing to improve the overall experiences of students within AAPA in concrete, innovative, and measurable fashions between 2013 and 2014. Following the DoS Membership Survey spearheaded by Membership Coordinator Jennifer Hsia and Expansion Coordinator Aakash Kishore, the DoS board accomplished two major milestones in our history to address various concerns and interests of our members:

- DoS Townhall Meeting. The first ever DoS Townhall Meeting was held on April 23rd, 2014 as
  part of an effort to create a virtual space to help student members connect to DoS. We aimed to
  increase transparency of board operations, raise awareness about student issues, and solicit
  feedback from members. Attendees expressed their interests in having more research and
  mentorship opportunities available within AAPA. They also shared and discussed ideas about
  membership outreach through media and sharing student resources.
- DoS Webinar. The first ever DoS Webinar was held on May 12th, 2014. It aimed to provide student members with valuable distance access to leading scholars. Our first topic was "Alliances across Racial Differences: People of Color Working Together for Racial Justice in Psychology." Dr. Karen Suyemoto and Dr. Beth Boyd offered a rare opportunity for attendees to learn from their work and experiences related to cross-racial collaboration and discuss their questions about cross-racial minority relationships and minority status.

Ongoing activities of the Board includes:

# Increasing the visibility and relevance of DoS:

 Publicity efforts coordinated by Publicity Coordinator Chak Wong increased our number of Facebook followers to our DoS page by over 100% or 200 followers for a total of 442 "likes" since two years ago. The increased visibility strengthens DoS as a resource for student members to be connected and informed about news from AAPA, including conference news.

## DoS Awards:

The Board continues to support and recognize exceptional student members with annual DoS Awards for Graduate Research, Undergraduate Research, Leadership, and Student Service. The nomination and selection process is coordinated by Treasurer Alicia Ibaraki, who is leading a review subcommittee drawn from the Board.

# • DoS Social Activities:

- An annual tradition of at least 6 years running serves to strengthen our community and recruitment efforts. DoS board members take this opportunity to connect with our student membership and provide informal channels for feedback and ideas about further development of professional and personal growth opportunities for members.
- The Annual AAPA Student-Faculty Basketball game is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> season and serves to strengthen community relationships and networks.

# DoS Advocacy:

The Board continues to be active in representing the concerns of students and offering recommendations on issues impacting students through:

- Working with Convention Chairs to ensure continued support of student poster presenters' poster boards at the upcoming Convention
- Strengthening DoS's relationship to EC through Student Representative

#### • DoS Archives:

 With a renewed focus on the future of DoS, we have established a permanent DoS archive using Dropbox sought to preserve records of our activities, knowledge, and experiences for future generations across revolving DoS leadership. A shared "AAPA DoS" folder is regularly maintained by Secretary and Historian, Ming-Che Tu.

A Board Transitional Meeting was held on July 27, 2014 to discuss and prepare for the transition of the DoS leadership to encourage continuity and the sharing of lessons learned, challenges, and ideas. As the representatives of the student membership of AAPA, the Board strives to unify, strengthen, and foster the student voice and the development of future leaders of AAPA through activities supporting our operating pillars of -- professional development, community, and advocacy. We gratefully acknowledge the support from fellow student members, our mentors and advisors, and AAPA as a whole.

# State of Asian American Psychological Association, Division on Students

Active Members: 225Available Funds: \$3,274.01

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Outgoing Executive Board 2012-2014	Incoming Executive Board 2014-2016	
Chair - Fanny Ng	Chair - Ming-Che Tu	
Assistant Chair - Jin Kim	Assistant Chair - Sumin Na	
Secretary/Historian - Ming-Che Tu	Secretary/Historian - Anjni Patel	
Treasurer - Alicia Ibaraki	Treasurer - Ariane Ling	
Publicity Coordinator - Chak Wong	Publicity Coordinator - Elsa Lee	
Membership Coordinator - Jennifer Hsia	Membership Coordinator - Yuchuan Chen	
Expansion Coordinator - Aakash Kishore	Expansion Coordinator - Caroline Luong-Tran	

For a more detailed DoS Annual Report, please visit tinyurl.com/DoS-Full-Annual-Report.

# DIVISION ON LGBTQQ, Michael Lau, Ph.D. & Saeromi Kim, Ph.D.

DLGBTQQ was organized by an interest group in 2013 and formally recognized as a division of AAPA in 2014. Elections were held in 2014 with Saeromi Kim & Michael Lau serving as co-chairs, Satinder Gill serving as financial chair, and Nicole Rider serving as student representative.

DLGBTQQ is a newly formed division, and we plan on meeting during the lunch hour at the upcoming AAPA convention to meet with members interested in the division to discuss plans and initiatives. In the meeting we hope to publicize and recruit members, and prioritize our work for the near future.

Mike and Saeromi

AAPA CONVENTION CO-CHAIRS: Monique Kulkarni, Ph.D. & Anjuli Amin, Ph.D.