



**Asian American Psychological Association
2014-2015 Annual Report**

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PRESIDENT: Sumie Okazaki, Ph.D.

President's report: Sumie Okazaki

As my presidential term draws to a close, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have served for the past two years as the association's President. I have had the amazing fortune of serving together in the leadership team with President-Elect Kevin Nadal and Vice President Helen Hsu, who are both passionate and committed leaders and advocates. It will be my pleasure to continue as the Past President for one year after I hand over the Tibetan Tingsha bells over to Kevin.

I would like to also thank from the bottom of my heart all the elected and appointed officers of the Executive Committee as well as many AAPA members who volunteer their time and effort on committees and task forces. AAPA as an organization is effective and impactful in so many different ways because of the committed volunteers who serve in many capacities. Below, I highlight my activities across the main AAPA initiatives of the past year.

Website and Communications: We have now had nearly two full years of our new and improved website that is integrated with our membership management system. Bust Out Solutions in Minneapolis, with whom we subcontract for the maintenance and upkeep, has been an excellent partner in helping our organization maintain a professional online presence. Our facebook and twitter accounts continue to serve as important social media tools for communication with allied organizations and the general public. Many thanks to Steph Pituc, our Communications Officer, for managing the content and keeping us connected.

Asian American Journal of Psychology: We completed the transition from our fearless founding editor Fred Leong to our new Editor-in-Chief Bryan Kim. Our 2014 ISI impact factor was 1.69 and AAJP continues to be ranked first of 15 journals in the Ethnic Studies category and 41st for Psychology, Multidisciplinary category (out of 129). Not bad for being a fairly new "kid on the block" in the crowded journal publication field! My many thanks to Bryan and his Associated Editors Chu Kim-Prieto and Tiffany Yip for their outstanding work and to all the reviewers and contributors for elevating the scholarly work of Asian American psychology. We also thank the Division on Students members who are partnering with Bryan Kim to write mini articles on the author of AAJP feature article for each issue.

CNPAAEMI: AAPA has continued to be actively engaged in the work of Council of National Psychology Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (comprised of the 4 ethnic minority psychology associations and APA Division 45). The organizations take turns chairing CNPAAEMI, and 2014 is AAPA's year to chair the meetings. Kevin Nadal and I attended the August 2014 meeting in Washington, DC, and I chaired the January 2015 meeting in Atlanta. We continue to support the CNPAAEMI Leadership Development Institute (headed by Alvin Alvarez), and this year we have had Dr. Lou Felipe (AAPA fellow for the LDI) participate in the meetings and discussions of the AAPA Executive Committee. CNPAAEMI is completing the next issue of our monograph series on Testing and Assessment

with Ethnic Minorities (edited by Fred Leong). Stay tuned for the announcement about its publication and dissemination.

The Alliance: Kevin Nadal and I have been serving as 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 hold occasional phone conferences and meet face-to-face once a year, rotating through the various organization's conferences. The 2014 face-to-face meeting was hosted by National Latino/a Psychology Association's biennial conference in Albuquerque, NM in October. I attended the meeting, and the Alliance had an opportunity to present our mission and the organization's work at a symposium during the NLPA conference. A continuing project for the Alliance, spearheaded by the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) concern the mental health treatment of children and youth in juvenile justice system. As of this writing, it appears that the Alliance will receive a grant from the Annie E Casey Foundation to provide new guidelines for improving the mental health services for youth of color in juvenile justice system. Helen Hsu and Kevin Nadal will be representing AAPA at the 2015 Alliance meeting, hosted by ABPsi in July.

Public Policy and Public Engagement: Late last summer, AAPA applied for an affiliate membership in the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) and was voted in. NCAPA is a coalition of 33 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). Because NCAPA and many of its member organizations are based in Washington, DC, AAPA is somewhat disadvantaged by not having paid or volunteer staff who can attend the monthly general meetings and various policy and advocacy events that take place in Washington, DC on a weekly basis. However, our affiliate membership in NCAPA has kept us informed about various national and regional policy initiatives. In a typically month, there may be one or more requests for the NCAPA member organizations to sign on to various policy and advocacy letters and petitions, with a requested response within 1-5 days. In order to respond to the rapid pace of NCAPA requests, the EC formed a sub-committee (Sumie Okazaki, Kevin Nadal, Helen Hsu, and Devika Srivastava) to evaluate and respond to these policy requests and advocacy initiatives. In ease case, we consider the relevance of the policy issue to AAPI population, especially in our work as psychologists. We, on behalf of AAPA have signed onto:

- A letter to the White House to support the selection of Minoru Yasui and Mistuye Endo as awardees of the Presidential Medal of Freedom for their heroic stances during the WWII to challenge the Japanese American incarceration
- A letter to the US House Appropriations Committee regarding Census funding process and its effect on the next decennial Census
- NCAPA statement on the 13th anniversary of 9/11 regarding the importance of addressing bias, hate violence, profiling and surveillance of South Asian, Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim communities
- A letter to the Congress for sufficient funding of the U.S. Census Bureau for FY2015

- NCAPA statement to President Obama to meet with community members impacted by stalled immigration reform efforts
- Letter in support of the nomination of Dr. Vivek Murthy as the U.S. Surgeon General
- Letter to Congress to maintain funding for community health centers for FY2015
- Letter to SAMHSA to support legislation that protect access to culturally competent mental health care
- Letter to Social Security Administration to thank them for responding to community feedback and starting to report social security data by Asian Pacific Islanders' language preference
- Letter to the White House and Congress to provide administrative relief and to act on immigration reform
- Letter to the White House on Department of Justice's guidance on racial profiling
- Letter to the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding revisions to proposed 2020 Census race/ethnicity categories
- Letter to the U.S. Senate to support the Senate resolution to recognize the cultural significance of Lunar New Year
- Support for House Bill to improve access to health care services for immigrant women
- Letter to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to grant Temporary Protected Status and to extend immigration-related relief for Nepal following the earthquake
- Open letter supportive affirmative action in higher education
- Letter in support of the California State Assembly bill for California public schools to stop using Native American mascots

AAPA Statements: A part of “giving away Asian American psychology” is for AAPA to take a stand on social issues in a timely manner. In the past year we have drafted and the EC has voted to approve the following AAPA statements:

- AAPA statement calling for more research on undocumented immigrants
- AAPA statement on Michael Brown and Eric Garner #blacklivesmatter
- AAPA statement on Indian sports mascots
- AAPA statement on murders of 3 Muslim students in Chapel Hill, North Carolina

I am particularly appreciative of the enormous efforts on part of the AAPA Executive Committee and AAPA members who helped to draft the Michael Brown/Eric Garner statement, with special thanks to EJR David, Matthew Lee, and Brandon Yoo. This statement went through multiple drafts and revisions with the entire EC pitching in with thoughtful feedback.

In closing, I want to reiterate my gratitude for AAPA leaders and members who make up our vibrant organization. Thank you for entrusting me with the opportunity to lead.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Helen Hsu, Psy.D.

As Vice President for this past year, I have focused my time on

1) Evolving into my role as Vice President. I began my term a year earlier than originally anticipated as the EC voted for an early start to fill former VP Kevin Nadal's role as he shifted into the duties of President-elect. As such there has been a learning curve as I get to know our board and constituency better, and as the EC, our partner organizations, and the convention co-chairs have all patiently assisted me in this process.

1) Supporting President Sumie Okazaki and President elect Kevin Nadal on the mission of AAPA. With the rest of of the EC we are here to have conference calls and consultations on all matters which arise for AAPA, planning for our convention and in support of promoting AAPI psychology.

2) This has included taking part on the new Policy task Force as described in Kevin Nadal's report.

4) Developing my role representing AAPA on the APA and EMPA's Ethics revision project.

Prior to becoming VP I have served for 3 years in partnership with AAPA member Tien Liang as a liasions between AAPA and the Office of Ethics of APA. We have co-presented at every convention annually along with our peers from NLPAA, ABpsi and SIP, working primarily with Linda Forrest of APA Board of Advancement of Public Interest and until very recently, with Stephen Behnke. The project has highlighted a great deal of common ground with our peers in the other EMPA's, and APA Ethics Board was receptive to feedback about how the clear individualistic, Western foundation of the current APA Ethics code did not serve our communities. We had put forth the importance of concepts such as beneficence and collectivism.

As the Hoffman report regarding APA and ethical violations have come to light, I am working with Linda Forest and Lisa Suzuki to re-evaluate the mission of Ethics boards and try to continue to work for inclusiveness of representative cultural values on the next revision of the ethics code.

5) Serving as a liason between the AAPA convention co-chairs and the Executive Committee.

-- I traveled to Las Vegas on behalf of AAPA to serve as a member of the The Alliance of National Psychological Associations for Racial and Ethnic Equity-an organization comprised of all the ethnic minority psychological associations and APA. It was an honor to attend some of the ABPsi conference workshops and also witness the Paninsie ceremony as they installed their incoming President. The Alliance is presently focused upon a collaborative project to be funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation focused upon Youth of Color within the Juvenile Justice System.

6) Coordinating with AAPA Convention co-chairs Monique Shah Kulkarni and Noriel Lim. I have provided consultation when requested from the co-chairs regarding logistical preferences and planning of the convention. I sent personal invitations to VIP's for the AAPA banquet, and ordered the custom plaques for honorees as well as arranged for shipment to an AAPA member who resides in Toronto.

I look forward to growing into my full capacity as Vice President in the year to come and have been grateful for this opportunity to serve with an excellent EC.

PRESIDENT-ELECT: Kevin Nadal, Ph.D.

This past year as President-Elect has been a very busy and productive year both personally and organizationally. It has been my pleasure to work very closely with Dr. Sumie Okazaki for the past two years, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with her as we transition into our roles next year. I am also grateful that Dr. Helen Hsu has joined the EC as our Vice President and that she will continue to serve in that role when I presume the presidency role in the Fall. I am both inspired and thankful by all of our EC members for their tireless volunteer efforts and for their commitment to making our organization great. Thank you especially to our outgoing EC members Drs. Jocelyn Buhain, Kelly Liao, and Nellie Tran for your diligence, hard work, and amazing contributions; you will be missed. And finally, thank you to our members for continuing to stay involved in the organization and for advocating for Asian American and Pacific Islander communities everywhere.

Regarding my report, this past year, I have focused my time on five major areas:

- 1) Assisting our President Sumie Okazaki with AAPA General Operations
- 2) Increasing visibility of AAPA on national levels
- 3) Giving Asian American Psychology Away
- 4) Serving on the Alliance of Ethnic Minority Psychology Organizations and the Council of National Psychology Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CNPAEMI)
- 5) Chairing the Awards Committee

Assisting our President Sumie Okazaki with General Operations

This past year, I have continued to work closely with Sumie Okazaki on general operations and overseeing the Executive Committee (e.g., initiating discussions and voting on EC actions as they arose, consulting on decisions regarding requests or funding, etc.). We have worked closely with each of the EC members, represented AAPA in a number of capacities on local and national levels, managed a number of membership-related issues, and discussed planning and leadership opportunities for AAPA. In working closely with Dr. Okazaki this past year (as well as the previous year in my role as Vice President), I am confident that I will smoothly transition into my role as President in August 2015.

Increasing visibility of AAPA on national levels

Given AAPA's history as the leading organization on Asian American mental health issues, I have focused much of my energy on ensuring that general society (particularly the general AAPI community and the general Psychology community) is familiar with our organization. This past year, AAPA joined the NCAPA (National Council on Asian Pacific Americans), which is a coalition of thirty-five national Asian Pacific American organizations around the US whose mission is to strive for equity and justice by organizing diverse strengths to influence policy and shape public narratives. Through our participation in NCAPA, we have been kept informed of various policies affecting AAPI communities- ranging from immigration issues to health care to LGBTQ issues. The chairs of the AAPA Policy Committee (Drs. Helen Hsu and Devika Srivastava), Sumie Okazaki, and I have voted on various petitions in which AAPA would sign in support. In total, AAPA has signed on to at least 10-15 petitions this past year, all which have mental health implications for Asian Americans. Further, I have served on the NCAPA Behavioral Health Committee- a group that is focused on advocating for the mental health needs of AAPIs across the US.

I have continued to represent AAPA in a number of community organizations on both local New York City

and national levels, which include my participation in 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 have also met with, and continue to be in touch with members of the White House Initiative on AAPIs, brainstorming ways that we can better address mental health issues in the Asian American community on local and national levels. I represented AAPA through a panel presentation at the 7th Biennial Center for the Study of Asian American Health (CSAAH) Conference held at NYU Langone Medical Center in October 2014. I also gave a presentation on AAPI boys and men at the inaugural SAMHSA Addressing Disparities Among Boys and Men of Color Meeting, March 8-10, 2015 in Washington DC. I also represented AAPA at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit in Atlanta in January 14-16, 2015, as well as the White House Initiative Summit on AAPIs (WHIAAPI) Forum on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders on May 12, 2015.

Giving Asian American Psychology Away

A major goal of Dr. Sumie Okazaki's presidential mission was "to give Asian American Psychology away" and to give opportunities for general society to discuss and be exposed to mental health issues affecting Asian American communities. I have continued to support her presidential theme and hope to continue that theme into my own presidency. I have work closely with our Communications Chair, Dr. Steph Pituc, on ways to improve our social media presence and increase our followers. I have been actively engaged with our own AAPA Facebook and Twitter pages, while also contributing to popular online sources like the American Psychological Association blog, *Psychology Today*, the *New York Times*, *Buzzfeed*, and others on issues related to Asian American mental health. This past year, the Policy Committee, along with the help of Drs. Matthew Lee, EJ David, and Brandon Yoo released an official AAPA statement on the #BlackLivesMatter movement and the wrongful deaths of Eric Garner and Michael Brown. I hope that AAPA continues to be vocal in the greater community, particularly regarding issues affecting Asian Americans and mental health.

Serving on the Council of National Psychology Associations for the Advancement of Ethnic Minority Interests (CNPAEMI) and the Alliance of Ethnic Minority Psychology Organizations

Along with Sumie Okazaki, I served as a member of both CNPAEMI and the Alliance. The CNPAEMI is comprised of leaders of national psychology organizations whom meet to address issues of importance to ethnic minorities and to the advancement of ethnic minority interests. Member organizations include APA Division 45, the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), National Latino Psychological Association (NLPA), Society of Indian Psychologists (SIP), and AAPA. I attended and represented the annual CNPAEMI meeting at the American Psychological Association Meeting in Washington DC in August 2014 and the National Multicultural Conference and Summit in Atlanta in January 2015. Through CNPAEMI, leaders discuss issues related to the APA, including cultural competence and ethics, leadership, and so forth. I also represented AAPA on the 2015 Henry Tomes Awards Committee, which is given for outstanding contributions in ethnic minority psychology. The awards are given to a different major racial group each year, with this year's awards being focused on African American psychologists. This past year, we gave awards to Dr. Le Ondra Clarke-Harvey (Emerging Leader in Ethnic Minority Psychology) and Dr. Beverly Green (Distinguished Contributions to Ethnic Minority Psychology).

I have also served as a member of the Alliance, which consists of the same ethnic minority organizations, but in which APA is a partner member. Through the Alliance, we continue to 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. I will be representing AAPA at the next Alliance meeting, which will take place at the ABPsi Convention from July 22-25, 2015 in Las Vegas. Specifically, I have continued to be the AAPA representative for a collaborative project between the Alliance and the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore. Through this group, we have reviewed policies and have brainstormed ways to addressing how youth of color are affected by the criminal justice system.

Chairing the Awards Committee

As President-Elect, I chaired the AAPA awards committee. In Fall 2014, I formed a committee for the AAPA-American Psychological Foundation Okura Award. The Committee consisted of Drs. Jeffrey Mio, Cindy Liu, Doris Chang, Pei-Wen Ma, Hyung Chol (Brandon) Yoo. There were three applicants, and our winner was Joey Fung. In Summer 2015, our Awards Committee consisted of Drs. Linda Juang and Debra Kawahara. We awarded the following AAPA members with these accolades: (a) Early Career Award for Distinguished Contribution to Research: Dr. Munyi Shea; (b) Early Career Award for Distinguished Contribution to Service: Dr. Richelle Concepcion; (c) Distinguished Contributions Award: Dr. Alvin Alvarez, (d) Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. Nolan Zane, and (e) AAPA Fellows: Drs. Alvin Alvarez, Stephen Cheung, EJ David, Anna Lau, and Karen Suyemoto,

BOARD MEMBER: Nellie Tran, Ph.D.

In my third 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 serving as co-chair of the AAPA Leadership Fellows Program, and assisted in overseeing the program from selection of our 2 new leadership fellows, mentoring them through their year, and working with them to produce 2 factsheets. In addition, I also worked with Brandon Yoo to develop the AAPA Experts database. Lastly, I worked to ensure the voice of AAPA in response and reaction to the APA Torture report.

Co-Chair of AAPA Leadership Fellows Program

I began to co-chair the AAPA Leadership Fellows Program with Dr. Cindy Liu. In fall of 2015, Dr. Liu and I coordinated the review and selection of the 2015 AAPA Leadership Fellows.

Throughout the year, Dr. Liu and I have worked to mentor the 2 fellows with regular emails and a monthly leadership fellows conference call. We matched each fellow with an AAPA mentor outside of the program and have worked with each fellow to develop a factsheet for AAPA.

AAPA Experts Database

In collaboration with Dr. Brandon Yoo, we developed a survey to collect nominations and self-nominations of AAPA experts. We surveyed the membership, followed up on nominations, and have developed a database of experts. We are currently working to narrow the database down to a short list of experts for dissemination to interested parties.

APA Torture Report Statement and Town Hall Meeting

I worked with the convention co-chairs to plan a town hall meeting time and space. During this time, the AAPA EC invites our membership to discuss the Hoffman report, ethics within our field and practice, and AAPA's relationship with APA.

I have also worked with Dr. Karen Suyemoto to develop a statement on the APA Torture report to be disseminated broadly and specifically to the AAPA membership.

BOARD MEMBER: Jocelyn Buhain, Ph.D.

I have been actively involved in the Executive Committee during my second 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 Student Travel Award and assisted with the AAPA Dissertation Research Grant selection process. I also contacted last year's Dissertation Research Grant winner and obtained a copy of their final report summarizing the dissertation results to the AAPA Executive Committee.

Chair of AAPA Student Travel Award Committee

The 2014 AAPA convention yielded approximately \$939.00 to be used for the 2015 AAPA Student Travel Award. There was additional revenue added (\$561 from general AAPA funds voted and approved by the AAPA Executive Committee) which created a grand total of \$1500 available for this year. Email postings to the listserv were sent and a total of 24 submissions were received. Award winners were chosen based on submission by deadline, presentation type and first time attendance at the convention. Fifteen students will receive awards of \$100.00 each. Recipients will receive their travel award at the 2015 AAPA Convention in Toronto.

BOARD MEMBER: Brandon Yoo, Ph.D.

This is my first year serving on the Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA) Executive Committee (EC) as a board member. I regularly participated in board meetings and voted on business issues. Earlier this year, I helped craft the AAPA Statement on Michael Brown and Eric Garner. Also, Nellie Tran and I worked on creating an AAPA Experts List. Finally, Jocelyn Buhain and I co-chaired the 2015 AAPA Dissertation Research Grant and Student Travel Award.

Development of the AAPA Experts List

The AAPA EC was interested in developing a list of AAPA experts who could contribute to press releases, media reports, panels, conferences, and other related mediums. With feedback from the EC, Nellie and I developed a survey to gather information of AAPA members who were interested in serving as experts.

Information collected includes demographic and educational background, areas of expertise, and qualifications.

As of July 21, 2015, we received 29 completed surveys with a wide range of expertise reported from acculturation to children/adolescents. We are continually discussing how to best disseminate this information.

Co-Chair of the 2015 AAPA Dissertation Research Grant

Jocelyn and I advertised the grant announcement and solicited another member to serve on the review board. We received a total of 7 strong applications and selected the winner

Alicia Ibaraki from University of Oregon. Her dissertation proposal was titled "Mechanisms that Perpetuate Health Disparities: Physician Stereotype & Bias."

We also selected two honorable mention recipients, Gloria Wong-Padoongpatt from University of California at Davis (Dissertation titled: Impact, Mechanisms, and Individual Variations in the Stress Response to Racial Microaggressions among Asian Americans) and Stephanie Carrera from Iowa State University (Dissertation titled: Interpersonal Risk Factors, Shame and Depression among Asian American College Students: A Moderated Mediation Model).

BOARD MEMBER: Fanny Ng, M.A.

In my first year as the student board member of the Asian American Psychological Association, I have attended Board meetings and participated in voting on Association business. I also serve as a liaison to the Division on Students' Executive Board to maintain a consistent flow of communication regarding student relevant issues within AAPA.

I assisted President Dr. Sumie Okazaki and Asian American Journal of Psychology editor Dr. Bryan Kim in a collaborative effort with in an effort to increase interest and visibility of upcoming AAJP issues. This effort summarily consisted of the selection of a feature article from each upcoming issue by Dr. Kim to be publicized through a short blurb written by an AAPA student volunteer to generate interest about the feature articles and the first authors over social media platforms such as Facebook. I interviewed the first author of the feature article for the Spring 2015 issue of AAJP under the new editorial leadership of Dr. Bryan Kim to develop the first feature article blurb and have been tasked with the ongoing effort to recruit student volunteers for future issues of AAJP. This effort simultaneously provides AAPA students with important networking opportunities that connects them with top researchers in Asian American psychology and provides students with visibility as a volunteer writer to promote AAPA and AAJP.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Frances Shen, Ph.D.

Since the new AAPA website was launched in May 2013, it has allowed for improved functionality of the membership system, increased convenience of membership renewals, and additional membership benefit functions such as discussion forums. In addition, 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. Furthermore, the previous AAPA listserv was eliminated in Fall 2013 and switched to a Googlegroups listserv.

Current Membership Numbers for 2015 and comparison with previous years:

| Membership Category | 2015 (on 7/20) | 2014 (on 7/19) | 2013 (to 6/30) | 2012 (to 8/15) | 2011 Total | 2010 Total | 2009 Total | 2008 Total | 2007 Total |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Professional | 265 | 205 | 190 | 169 | 152 | 117 | 124 | 167 | 256 |
| Early Career & First Year | N/A | N/A | N/A | 54 | 45 | 26 | 39 | 54 | 41 |
| Student | 339 | 237 | 180 | 168 | 210 | 145 | 173 | 228 | 289 |
| Lifetime | N/A | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 16 | 14 |
| Retiree | 8 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Organization | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 612 | 468 | 394 | 414 | 430 | 310 | 357 | 473 | 608 |

As of 7/20/15, there are a total of 612 AAPA members. These numbers indicate a marked increase in membership since last year, and the highest annual memberships since at least 2007. 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.

The increased membership is likely due to the improved website and limiting the listserv 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 multiple 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, we continue to require members to renew their membership before registering for the AAPA convention online 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.

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). Member lists reflect all current members for each issue, as memberships will expire one year from the date of their renewal. This ensures that all members will receive a full year of AAJP issues as part of their membership benefits, regardless of when they renew their memberships. A few 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, when the website was first launched, the membership payment did not request for mailing addresses such that a significant number of members who did not provide their mailing addresses in our membership system in order to receive their journal subscription. However, Bustout Solutions has since changed the website to require mailing addresses when members renew their memberships, and these incidences have decreased over time with this change.

FINANCE OFFICER: Kelly Liao, Ph.D.

It is my pleasure to provide the following information about AAPA's financial health. As of July 28, 2015, we have \$17,853 in our checking account and \$5,331.58 in our money market account, and \$40,167.75 in our PayPal account for a total of \$63,352.33. We continue to enjoy relatively good financial health.

During this time, we received \$36,792.1 in income and spent \$17,758.65. 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 (\$12512.51) and memberships (\$24279.59).

| AAPA Leadership Travel | AAPA journal subscription | Convention Deposits | Bustout solutions | Merchant Card Processing | Eventbrite | | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|--|-------------|
| \$1635.72 | \$4760.25 | \$9343.12 | \$1128.75 | \$230.7 | \$660.81 | | \$17,758.65 |

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Yu-Hsin Liao

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Stephanie Pituc, Ph.D.

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 2014-2015 goal to update the website frequently with relevant and current information. This has included the release of statements on topical issues such as racially motivated crime, news on upcoming events and Convention announcements, and AAJP content. AAPA has been successful in promoting followers' engagement with our social media outlets, most prominently through Facebook and posts to the website. Kevin Nadal, incoming President, has been instrumental in

promoting the activity of the Twitter account. LinkedIn has minimal engagement. Moving forward, it would be prudent to examine the current mechanisms for creating and disseminating content.

Partnering with other organizations (e.g., NCAPA) may also increase visibility and engagement. AAPA has been successful in partnering with the Asian American Journal of Psychology and Editor, Bryan S. K. Kim to disseminate the journal's most recent articles. These efforts have included disseminating the forthcoming issue's Table of Contents to APA Divisions and creating profiles of the lead author of each new issue's Feature Article.

Our goals for 2015-2016 are to continue creating and disseminating content relevant to the Association and its members, increase engagement with collaborating and related organizations, and create mechanisms for more regular updates to outlets such as Twitter. It is also a goal to continue the dissemination of AAJP content.

SECRETARY/HISTORIAN: Pei-Wen Winnie Ma, Ph.D.

I took on the role of AAPA Secretary/Historian in September 2014. During this past year, I updated the list of AAPA EC officers and term limits, and updated the term and contact email for AAPA Division chairs. In addition, I have recorded and disseminated minutes of EC meetings throughout the year, archived important documents, collated the AAPA Annual Reports from EC officers and chairs of Divisions. I also organized voting of two Board of Directors: Glenn I. Masuda and Ulash Thakore-Dunlap (09/15-08/17), as well as documenting votes on various EC matters, such as:

- AAPA will contribute \$500 to co-sponsor the Symposium on API College Student Mental Health (Vote: Approval)
- Request (not to exceed \$600) for Sumie to travel to Atlanta, GA to chair the CNPAAEMI meeting on January 14, 2015. (Vote: Approval)
- Statement for more research on undocumented AAPI (Vote: Approval)
- Statement on Indian mascots in sports (Vote: Approval)
- Statement on Michael Brown and Eric Garner (Vote: Approval)
- AAPA convention venue and budget (Vote: Approval)
- New membership dues reduction policy (Vote: Approval)
- Endorsement of National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). AAPA will sign-on to the letter and provide our organization's logo (Vote: Approval)
- Using \$561 AAPA general fund to donate to student travel fund (Vote: Approval)

In the coming year, I will work on archiving AAPA past documents and find a solution to digitize our documents.

DELEGATE TO APA COUNCIL: Karen Suyemoto, Ph.D.

This is my first year (technically first 8 months) of a 3 year term serving as the AAPA (Observing) Delegate to the American Psychological Association's Council of Representative. This position was initially established to advocate for and eventually fill a voting seat for AAPA on the APA CoR, in parallel with similar seats for the other Ethnic Minority Psychology Associations (EMPAs), the Association of Black Psychologists, the National Latina/o Psychological Association and the Society of Indian Psychologists. However, the advocacy for such seats was unsuccessful. Thus, when I took this position, the prior delegate (Alvin Alvarez) communicated that the biggest issue facing the association related to this position was to identify and define the purpose of this position in relation to how it may serve AAPA's mission, members, and goals. This task is related to strategic planning and visioning for AAPA's relation with APA, CoR, and other EMPAs. The second important context for this position is the release of the independent investigators' report into the APA ethics procedures related to interrogation and torture (the "Hoffman report").

In this role, I initially reached out to the other EMPA CoR delegates (for SIP and NLPA, as ABPsi chooses not to have a delegate). I have reviewed and monitored the APA CoR listserv throughout the year. I attended the APA CoR meeting in February 2015 on behalf of AAPA. I also attended CoR Caucuses of Ethnic Minority interests, LGBT interests, Women's interests, and a meeting of Social Justice interests.

The most pressing and urgent issues on APA CoR this year have related to APA and psychologists' policies and involvement in torture during post-9/11 interrogations. Following the release of the U.S. Senate's Intelligence Committee report on CIA interrogation techniques in December 2014, I disseminated an update to AAPA members providing information and resources for background information and APA responses. After release of the Hoffman report in July 2015, I prepared a report reviewing context and responses for the AAPA EC and collaborated with other EC members in preparing an initial response for our members. I will be attending the upcoming APA CoR meeting in August 2015, which I expect will largely focus on this issue. This central issue of ethics policy for APA and the impact of the ethics policy failure on the public perception and trust of psychologists will be ongoing in the coming year(s) and therefore likely to be central in the future foci of the AAPA Delegate's position. It also emphasizes the need for greater clarification of the role of this position and the related nature of the relation between AAPA and APA, which is an AAPA-internal task related to this elected position.

ASIAN AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY EDITOR: Bryan S. K. Kim, Ph.D.

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

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

I transitioned to Editor from Editor-Elect on January 1 of this year. We have successfully published, on schedule, four issues last year and two issues this year. This year's issues continued to contain articles that were accepted during Dr. Fred Leong's editorial term. In future issues, we are slated to publish articles that were accepted during my term.

Things are continuing smoothly in terms of the editorial team, the assignment of manuscripts, and the review process (see last item below regarding Statistics and Performance Data). Significantly, we received word from APA that the journal is **now making a profit** for AAPA and APA.

We continue to seek high quality manuscripts for publication and I have been impressed with the quality of manuscripts that have been submitted during my editor-elect term last year and editor term this year. I would like to thank my Associate Editors, Drs. Chu Kim-Prieto and Tiffany Yip, for their tremendous efforts in helping us produce a high quality journal. I also want to express my gratitude to our very capable editorial assistant, Sharon Ramos.

2. Special Features

We have continued several special features in the journal including the Book Review section (Dr. John Moritsugu continues to serve as the Book Review Editor), a section on Case Studies (Dr. Doris Chang continues to serve as the Case Studies section editor), and an International Section (Dr. Winnie Mak continues to serve as section editor). Dr. Chang spearheaded an effort with the assistance of the Practice Task Force to develop the "Guidelines to Submitting Case Reports," which can be found at <http://aapaonline.org/publications/asian-american-journal-of-psychology/> (scroll down to Addressing Practice-Related Issues). In addition, at this year's AAPA Convention, Dr. Chang will host a lunchtime networking session for clinicians and researchers, titled "Writing Case Studies: Highlighting Practice-Based Evidence and Evidence-Based Practice." In terms of the International Section, Dr. Mak spearheaded a publicity effort to encourage more international submissions. She developed an invitation letter and sent them to many researchers in Asia. We hope that these activities will increase more submissions in these sections. I want to express my gratitude to Drs. Moritsugu, Chang, and Mak for their excellent contributions to AAJP. Finally, we have continued with the commissioned Annual Review of Asian American Psychology and the 2014 Review is slated to be published in the December 2015 issue.

3. Special Issues

We received a special issues proposal from Drs. Edward Chang and Paul Kwon on the topic of Asian Americans and Positive Psychology, which was approved by my editorial leadership team. A call for papers was disseminated in November of last year with a submission deadline of July 31, 2015. Unfortunately, we have not yet received any manuscripts but there is still a little bit of time left.

We continue to encourage special issues proposals and have received inquiries from two prominent Asian American psychologists. I hope to receive their proposals in the near future.

4. Changes to the Editorial Board

As I noted in my last report in December, we increased the editorial board to 45 members beginning in January of 2014. Since then there have been no significant changes to the editorial board since we are continuing with the same board for a 2-year cycle. We will review the editorial board as we near the end of the 2-year cycle later this year and perhaps rotate out some members and bring in new members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our editorial board members for their excellent contributions.

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 me.

5. Best Paper Award

Continuing with the tradition of the AAJP Best Paper Award, Dr. Leong led a review by the editorial board of the published papers in 2014. The 2014 Best Paper Award will be presented to Arpana G. Inman, Lavanya Devdas, Valeriya Spektor, and Asmita Pendse for their article titled "Psychological Research on South Asian Americans: A Three-Decade Content Analysis". The Award will be presented at the annual AAPA convention in August. It also will be announced in the September or December issue of the journal.

6. Journal Citation Reports

I am pleased to inform you that the journal received a 2014 Impact Factor of 1.686, up from 1.405 in 2013. AAJP is again ranked first in the ethnic studies category (out of 15 journals; in 2012, AAJP was ranked first) and 41st for multidisciplinary psychology category (out of 129 journals).

7. Strategic Goals for the Future

Similar to past goals, we are endeavoring to publish high quality articles and ensure that the AAJP remains the go-to source for information on Asian American psychology research and knowledge. We are also endeavoring to increase submissions in the Case Studies Section and International Section.

8. Statistics and Performance Data

Similar to past reports, APA provided us the statistics and performance data in terms of submission numbers, rejection rates, and editorial lag time for the journal. The statistics for July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015 are appended below for your review. In summary, for the year of July 2014 to July 2015, we

received 91 new manuscripts and our rejection rate was 73%. Our average individual manuscript review lag time is 39 days.

Asian American Journal of Psychology

Summary of activity for the journal office between 07/01/2014 and 07/01/2015

| MANUSCRIPTS RECEIVED 07/01/2014 through 07/01/2015 | |
|--|----------------------------|
| New Manuscripts | 91 |
| Resubmissions/Revisions | 32 |
| Actions Taken | -- |
| Accepted | 15 |
| Withdrawn | 1 |
| Rejected With External Review | 41 |
| Rejected Without External Review | 18 |
| Revise & Resubmit | 39 (0 ultimately rejected) |

| REJECTION RATE REPORT 07/01/2014 through 07/01/2015 | |
|---|-----|
| New manuscripts received | 91 |
| Accepted manuscripts | 15 |
| Pending as of 07/01/2015 | 16 |
| Acceptance rate | 27% |
| Rejection Rate | 73% |

Editor Submission Counts

2014

Editor

Bryan Kim 66*

Action Editors

Chu Kim-Prieto 13

Tiffany Yip 15

John Moritsugu 2

2015

Editor

Bryan Kim 56*

Action Editors

Chu Kim-Prieto 11

Tiffany Yip 12

*These numbers include submissions that were rejected without an external review due to them being inappropriate for the journal.

Journal Turnaround Time

This section includes submissions received by the journal office during the specified time period. The statistics are an indication of how long key activities are taking in the process.

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| Submission to Technical Check Complete <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and technical check was completed.</i> | 1.9 days |
| Technical Check Complete to Editor Assignment <i>Average number of days between the date the technical check was completed and the first Editor was assigned</i> | 0 |
| Submission to Editor Assignment <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and the first Editor was assigned.</i> | 0.8 days |
| Submission to Reviewer Invitation <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and the first Reviewer was invited.</i> | 3.3 days |
| Submission to First Decision <i>Average number of days between the date the manuscript was received and the first decision.</i> | 39 days |

Reviewer Invitation Statistics

This section provides the breakdown of Total Reviewers Invited to Review during the time period, and the status of each invitation as of the report date.

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| <p>Total Reviewers Invited</p> <p><i>Total number of Reviewers invited during the specified time period. Includes Reviewers who may have been subsequently terminated or un-invited.</i></p> | 343 |
| <p>Agreed to Review</p> <p><i>Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who agreed to review and are still working on their reviews.</i></p> | 15 |
| <p>Reviewers who Completed Reviews</p> <p><i>Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who agreed to review and have completed their review.</i></p> | 208 |
| <p>Declined to Review</p> <p><i>Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who declined to review.</i></p> | 78 |
| <p>Have not Responded to Review Invitation</p> <p><i>Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who have neither agreed nor declined to review.</i></p> | 7 |
| <p>Uninvited Reviewers</p> <p><i>Number of Reviewers invited during the time period who were subsequently un-invited by the Editor.</i></p> | 13 |
| <p>Terminated Reviewers</p> <p><i>Number of Reviewers invited during the time period whose roles were subsequently terminated by an Editor who chose to make a decision without waiting for the review to be completed.</i></p> | 22 |

Reviewer Performance Averages

This section includes some key statistics about the peer review process. Unless otherwise specified, all calculations are based on reviews completed during the time period.

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| <p>Days to Respond to Invitation</p> <p><i>Average number of days between date Reviewer was invited and date Reviewer agreed or declined to review. Note the Reviewer may have been invited at any time; this calculation includes reviews that were agreed to or declined during the specified time period.</i></p> | 2.7 days |
| <p>Days to Complete Review (from Date Invited)</p> <p><i>Average days between date Reviewer was invited to review and the date the review was completed.</i></p> | 30.8 days |
| <p>Days to Complete Review (from Date Agreed to Review)</p> <p><i>Average days between date Reviewer agreed to the review invitation and the date the review was completed.</i></p> | 28.5 days |
| <p>Number of Reviews per Reviewer</p> <p><i>Average number of reviews completed by each Reviewer during the time period.</i></p> | 2.9 days |
| <p>Number of Late Reviews</p> <p><i>Total number of reviews completed after the due date.</i></p> | 91 reviews |
| <p>Average Days Late</p> <p><i>For all the Late Reviews specified above, the average number of days those reviews were submitted after the due date.</i></p> | 0.7 days |
| <p>Number of Early Reviews</p> <p><i>Total number of reviews completed on or before the due date.</i></p> | 118 reviews |
| <p>Average Days Early</p> <p><i>For all the Early Reviews specified above, the average number of days those reviews were submitted on or before the due date.</i></p> | 5.5 days |

Reviewer Recommendation Summary

This section shows the total number of Recommendation Terms submitted during the specified time period. The column of percentages is simply an indicator of the frequency with which each Term is used.

| Reviewer Recommendation Term | Reviews Completed | Frequency of Recommendation |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Accept | 15 | 7.2% |
| Major Revision | 78 | 37.3% |
| Minor Revision | 47 | 22.5% |
| Reject | 69 | 33% |
| Total Reviews Completed | 209 | 100% |

DIVISION ON FILIPINO AMERICANS (DoFA): Richelle Concepcion, Psy.D., MPH and Alicia del Prado, Ph.D.

DoFA Executive Committee (EC)

Elected Officers:

Co-Chairs: Richelle Concepcion, Psy.D., MPH & Alicia del Prado, Ph.D.

Financial Chair: Michelle Madore, Ph.D.

Student Representatives: Andy Paves & Lainie Posecion

Appointed Officers:

Mentorship Coordinator: Christine Catipon, Psy.D.

Communications Coordinator: Steph Pituc, Ph.D.

Membership Coordinator: Krista Chronister, Ph.D.

GENERAL POINTS:

The DoFA is in its 4th year of being an official AAPA division. During the 2014-2015 year, the DoFA EC both continued the work from the previous years (including increasing visibility, networking with other Filipino American organizations and associations, and exploring ways to serve DoFA members and the general Filipino American community) as well as embarked on new projects (e.g., increased membership and communication among DoFA members through DoFA listserv and social media, awarded first DoFA scholarship, started a relationship with new financial institution). The appointed officers are in the process of transitioning off the EC, and currently we are in the search process for new appointees to the mentorship and communications coordinator positions.

COMPLETED GOALS in 2014-2015:

- Sustainment of board member structure and governance
- Expanded membership and worked toward recruiting new professional and student members
- Maintained financial standing
- Awarded seminal DoFA scholarship and an honorable mention award
- Contributed to general Filipino American community
- Improved DoFA visibility through social media
- Established presence at AAPA, APA, and other national conventions

SPECIFIC COMPONENTS:

1. Sustainment of board member structure and governance.

- Regular conference calls (i.e., every 1-2 months)
- Elected officers served the first year of their two year term
- Search process occurring for two of the appointed officer positions (i.e., communications and mentorship)

2. Maintenance of financial standings.

We closed our previous account with Bank of America, and opened a new account with U.S. Bank. Our current DoFA balance is \$408.00. We chose our new banking institution for its free checking for nonprofit organizations and its national presence. We have crafted a solicitation letter in order to recruit potential donors for DoFA.

3. Expansion of membership.

- We currently have 61 due-paying DoFA members. This number is a significant increase from our membership count in last year's annual report, which was 41 individuals. Annual dues are \$15 for all professional members, \$10 for early career professionals, and \$6 for students.
- The DoFA listserv has fostered communication among DoFA members, including the support for conducting psychological research on Filipino Americans.
- A DoFA recruitment letter was generated to circulate in order to recruit prospective members among the college student populations and appears to have been successful. A more thorough analysis of how our recruitment efforts have been effective and how they can be continued is needed.

4. Awarded seminal DoFA scholarship.

- Provided one \$500 scholarship and one \$100 honorable mention to two recipients (Jessica Petalio and Crystal Faith Cajilog, respectively) who demonstrated advancement in psychology for Filipino Americans.
- This year's awards were funded from proceeds from Dr. Kevin Nadal's "Filipino American Psychology: A Collection of Personal Narratives" (Author House, 2010).

5. Contributed 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.
- Developed and distributed a scholarship for Filipino American students interested or studying psychology.
- DoFA Mentorship Coordinator Dr. Christine Catipon spoke on two professional panels at UC Irvine for the student group Pilipino Americans in Social Sciences (PASS), one talking about her career as a psychologist, and the other about the challenges of being Filipino American in an industry where she is a minority. She also presented at FAHNS (Filipino American National History Society) as a panelist with EJ David, Kevin Nadal, and other Filipino American about Filipino-American mental health, where her specific section addressed Filipino American mental health among college students and the impact of acculturation on identity development. She has also provided training seminars for working with Filipino-American college students to the pre-licensed staff members at work. She also received contact information to connect with SCPASA (Southern California Pilipino American Student Association) to possibly present or offer mentoring for college students who are considering a career as a psychologist.

6. Improved visibility through social media.

The DoFA uses social media to continue to increase visibility and membership support. An official DoFA logo was voted on and featured on DoFA Facebook page. Social media outlets include:

- AAPA website
- Facebook group and page

- DoFA Twitter account.
- DoFA LinkedIn account
- Plans for Wikipage for DoFA to be created in the next year

7. Planning for AAPA, APA and other national conventions

The AAPA and APA convention time in 2014 was used to increase visibility of DoFA, increase DoFA membership, and impart education about the health needs of Filipino Americans. In 2014, DoFA members presented at various organizations. In July 2014, several DoFA members and officers attended and presented at the Filipino American National Historical Society National Conference in San Diego, CA. In August 2014, DoFA members participated in a Filipino American Psychology Forum in San Diego, CA an event that is co-sponsored by Alliant International University. In March 2015, the Wright Institute in Berkeley, CA sponsored Dr. Kevin Nadal to present a continuing education seminar on, “Providing Culturally Competent Services for Filipino Americans”. DoFA will have a meet and greet during the lunch hour at AAPA 2015. Also, please see above regarding Dr. Christine Catipon’s presentations at UC Irvine and FANHS.

DIVISION ON STUDENTS: Ming-Che Tu

Executive Board

Chair – Ming-Che Tu
 Assistant Chair – Sumin Na
 Secretary/Historian – Anjni Patel
 Treasurer – Ariane Ling
 Publicity Coordinator – Elsa Lee
 Membership Coordinator – Yuchuan Chen
 Expansion Coordinator – Caroline Luong-Tran

The Division on Students (DoS) of the Asian American Psychological Association (AAPA) has seen another productive year in 2014-2015! The newly inducted DoS Board members began numerous initiatives with specific focus on improving the overall experiences of students within AAPA as well as growing our student membership base. The DoS Board proudly reports that we have made significant progress along these objectives.

Expanding Membership. One important initiatives to help promote DoS entailed different outreach efforts to maximize our visibility. The very first project the new Board engaged in was the creation and dissemination of a promotional flyer that introduced AAPA and DoS and, more importantly, outline the benefits and instructions of joining us. The Board then e-mailed this flyer to psychology departments across the country requesting them to help distribute the flyer to their students.

Another initiative involved maintaining an active online presence for DoS. Not all Asian American students of psychology might be ready or able to become a member of AAPA and DoS, but all it takes to stay connected is by clicking the “like” button on our Facebook Page! Through thoughtful and active posts of relevant and stimulating information by the publicity coordinator, Elsa Lee, the DoS Board has attracted and accumulated a sizable following. We have so far seen an incredible growth from a little more than 400 “likes” to nearly 800 since we took office one year ago. The number of membership has also grown from 221 in the summer of 2014 to 278 in the spring of 2015.

Improving Membership Experience. During the 2014 internship application, DoS arranged mock interviews and mentorship for members who were applying. Each student was paired with an experienced mentor from his/her field of interest for a mock interview session and one-to-one discussion. The feedback we received from participants was overwhelmingly positive, as it helped alleviate some of the anxiety and uncertainty in the process.

The Board continues to support and recognize exceptional student members within AAPA with annual DoS Awards for Graduate Research, Undergraduate Research, Leadership, and Student Service areas. A subcommittee consisting of Vice Chair Sumin Na, Treasurer Ariane Ling, and Expansion Coordinator Caroline Luong-Tran facilitated the nomination and evaluation process. The recipients for the DoS Awards in 2015 included P. Priscilla Lui for the Graduate Research Award, Ahmed Alif for the Undergraduate Research Award, former DoS Chair Fanny Ng for the Leadership Award, and Lay Vang for the Service Award. They will also be formally announced through the DoS listserv and Facebook page.

Looking Ahead. As the Board completes its first year in office, great strides were made towards important goals and next steps have been outlined. Some highlighted areas for continued growth for the second half of the Board’s term include:

- Continuing to provide member-oriented services to fulfil the organizational mission of professional development, community, and advocacy for our members, such as
 - Information and guidance for students in BA or MA programs interesting applying to Ph.D. programs
 - Other types of mentorship support for Ph.D. students applying for internship
- Expanding organizational relevance and publicity through social media and other avenues, such as
 - Creating a Twitter account
 - Subsidizing membership fees for first-time AAPA members

As the representative body of the student membership within AAPA, the Board continues to unify, strengthen, and foster the student voice and the development of future leaders of AAPA through our activities described above. 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: **278**
- Available Funds: **\$2,358.08**
- Facebook® “Likes”: **792**

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

DLGBTQQ Executive Committee

Elected Officers:

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

Financial Chair: Dr. Satinder Gill

Student Rep: G. Nicole Rider

GENERAL POINTS:

The DLGBTQQ just completed its first year of being an official AAPA division. DLGBTQQ was organized by an interest group in 2013 and formally recognized as a division of AAPA in 2014. During 2014-2015, the DLGBTQQ focused on exploring ways to increase visibility and membership involvement. Our first division lunch hour during the AAPA 2014 convention was attended by 15 people, with a great mix of students, professionals and guests from other divisions who wanted to show support and allyship. While we are in our initial building stages, our main goals are to increase visibility and membership, and one longer term goal is to build a mentorship network.

Goals completed in 2014-2015:

- Sustainment of board member structure and governance: 2 conference calls and one in-person meeting at the AAPA/APA convention in August 2014.
- Continuation and growth of membership: ongoing efforts via listserv and convention in-person meetings. We are recruiting volunteers for the membership leadership position.
- Contribute to general LGBTQQ community: Many ideas generated during DLGBTQQ's first lunch hour meeting were focused on increasing access to LGBTQQ resources for the AAPI communities, e.g. increasing public knowledge re: gender identity development, writing Facts Sheets accessible in many languages, and creating links to national and local LGBTQQ resources

While progress has been slow, we have made progress towards some of our goals:

1. We launched the listserv and hope to get people involved to share short bios, resources, and communicate about ongoing concerns.
2. Nic Rider, our student rep, took the initiative to advocate for gender inclusive bathrooms at AAPA conventions going forward. This request was welcomed by the convention organizer. This is a great example of small steps that can make large institutional ripples and essential changes for individuals in our organization.
3. Saeromi Kim was appointed as liaison to the APA's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (CSOGD), and is charged with receiving and sharing communication through listserv emails.

DIVISION ON SOUTH ASIAN AMERICANS (DoSAA): Rahul Sharma, Psy.D.

DoSAA Executive Committee (voting members)

Chair: Rahul Sharma, Psy.D
Co-Chair: Puni Kalra, Ph.D.
Chair-Elect: Hina Pant, Ph.D.
Treasurer: Gagan Khera, Ph.D.
Secretary/Historian: Sheetal Shah, Ph.D.
Membership/Nominations Chair: Monika Parikh, Ph.D.
Student Representative: Chandni Shah, MS.Ed.
Communications Chair: Fyeqa Sheikh, Psy.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., Anjuli Amin, Ph.D.

GENERAL POINTS:

The DoSAA Executive Committee (EC) completed its seventh term in 2014-2015. During this time, the DoSAA EC, with five new officers joining, and two officers shifting roles, continued its efforts to increase the Division's local and national visibility while refining its infrastructure to execute that process. Specifically, the EC spent time re-assessing DoSAA's short-term and long-term goals, and defining its trajectory. Early in the year, focus was placed on EC members becoming more acquainted with each other and our areas of interest. This was soon followed by a process of understanding DoSAA's objectives. EC members, just as last year, were asked to provide their thoughts/opinions to the following questions:

1. 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, who had access to the qualitative responses of last year's board, engaged in ongoing discussion of the resulting themes. EC members also were designated to previously devised subcommittees or 'action teams' to address the needs of various subgroups of DoSAA's member population. (The subgroups included **Students, Practitioners, Community, and Public Relations.**) Each of the subcommittees was then tasked with reviewing and revising previously identified "deliverables" targeted at their respective member subgroups. As each action team worked to revise this set of deliverables, a fruitful discussion emerged regarding the size and infrastructure of the EC.

DoSAA EC also worked to prepare for the 2015 AAPA and APA annual conventions held in Washington, D.C. Convention activities included hosting an annual social hour and providing an annual student award. It should be noted that discussion among the EC led to the exploration of giving more awards of smaller amounts in the future. Since recognizing a local South Asian community organization proved challenging in the timeframe leading up to the AAPA convention, that award is going to be given at a later time.

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 2014-2015:

- Strengthening and sustainment of board member structure and governance.
- Maintenance of financial standing.
- Continuation of membership and listserv.
- Continuation of outreach efforts
- Presenting and recruiting at AAPA, APA and other national conventions.
- Offering annual DoSAA Student Award.
- Having a clear vision as to who we are, and a plan as to what and how we want to communicate this and expand our reach.

SPECIFIC COMPONENTS:

1. Strengthening and 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
- Review of by-laws and description of officer responsibilities
- Thorough discussion of EC members' subcommittee designation process, incorporating official roles and responsibilities, as well as officers' strengths and areas of interests
- Strengthening the leadership process of the EC by having Chair, Co-Chair, and Chair Elect confer/consult in advance of calls and when handling important issues that arise

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

- The current DoSAA balance as of July, 29th, 2015 was \$618.10 (before bestowing the \$100 student award)

3. Continuation of membership and listserv – Membership Report

We have a total of 48 paid members as of November 2014: 22 professional members and 26 student members. Annual dues are \$10 regardless of membership type. [NOTE: The current estimate is higher; however, at the time of making this report, there were challenges to obtaining a more accurate reporting. The current estimate is over 50 members currently.]

- 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, as well as other facebook pages (e.g., AAPA)
 - DoSAA Facebook Pages (Organization page and Closed Members page)
 - DoSAA social events at AAPA and APA conferences.
 - DoSAA membership flyers
 - Consultation and networking in cities or geographic areas that members reside in.
- **Process:** The EC has continued to focus on our Facebook pages as a way to market DoSAA and disseminate information to members and the South Asian community at large. Our membership on our Organization page has grown steadily (from 143 “Likes” this time last year to 175 currently). Subscribers appear to appreciate our regular postings about important topics (e.g., addressing LGBT issues in South Asian communities; addressing issues of suicide; controversy regarding skin-lightening), as well as highlighting achievements of professionals whose work are aligned with DoSAA’s mission. 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. EC leadership successfully reviewed and revised DoSAA’s 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 2014-2015 year, the DoSAA EC has sculpted a viable structure and content of a future independent website. The initial plan was to have the website up and running by 2015, but the implementation has proven to take longer than expected. 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 2014-2015 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. Presenting and recruiting at 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. Current (2014-2015) DoSAA EC members will be presenting at this year's AAPA conference, while one current EC member is involved as an AAPA Leadership Fellow. DoSAA is also hosting its annual networking social at the APA convention.

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), National Multicultural Conference and Summit (NMCS), National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), and South Asian Americans Leading Together Summit (SAALT) in an effort to recruit a diverse group of mental health professionals.

6. Offering 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 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 will be chosen prior to the AAPA convention.

7. Having a clear vision & plan as to how to communicate DoSAA's vision and objectives, and expand its reach.

EC members spent much time early in the year crafting a succinct way of introducing who we are and what the benefits are of joining AAPA and DoSAA. The refining process served us well at NMCS and SAALT in particular. We anticipate that this, in conjunction with what we communicate at presentations and social events at AAPA and APA, will continue to help us achieve our goals.

The EC has also made upcoming plans to host local networking gatherings. We anticipate that providing such spaces, and taking the opportunity to communicate who we are and who AAPA is, will further allow us to expand our membership and further our goals.