

Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP)
General/Business Meeting
March 5, 2021

In Attendance: Sarah Apton, Dennis Arjo (President), Fay Beauchamp, Eve Blobaum, Betty Buck, Dona Cady, Jeffrey Dippman, Taine Duncan (Member at Large), Sylvia Gray, Peter Hershock, Barbara Lass (Secretary), Linda Lindsey, Matthew Marone, Christina Monroe, B Phillips, Paige Rogers, Roslyn Schoen (Member at Large), Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, Eric Spears (Treasurer), Deb Williams (Member at Large), and Daralyn Yee

- I. Dennis Arjo thanked Peter Hershock and Daralyn Yee, the ASDP board, the Program Committee, the conference Zoom hosts, the conference participants, and the entire ASDP Alumni Chapter for a successful conference so far.
- II. Dennis announced that an anonymous donor had made possible three awards (first place \$150 and second and third place \$75 each) for presentations at this year's conference. The awards will be called the "Founders' Award" in honor of Roger Ames, Betty Buck, and Peter Hershock. Judging and notification by a committee of ASDP board members will take place soon after the conference. The awardees will be recognized on the ASDP web page.
- III. Dennis announced that the 2022 ASDP conference is scheduled for San Diego. Peter clarified that the conference originally scheduled there for 2021 has been successfully postponed until 2022 and that an agreement about costs was reached with the hotel in San Diego. Barbara Lass encouraged everyone to attend in San Diego; the hotel is centrally located and field trips to the Japanese garden and art museum in Balboa Park are planned.
- IV. Eric Spears mentioned that it is easy to donate to ASDP on the web page now, and reminded people to please pay their membership dues there as well through Pay Pal or a check to Eric. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen thanked Eric for improving the ASDP web page and encouraged everyone to check it out.
- V. Peter introduced Christina Monroe of the East West Center (EWC) Alumni Chapter. She addressed the group briefly, indicating that the ASDP Alumni Chapter is a valuable and productive organization. She said that there is a position open on the Executive Board of the EWC Alumni Chapter and that there may be funding for various projects available through that organization.
- VI. Dennis indicated that Taine Duncan's term as Member at Large is expiring and an election for that position should take place. However, at the board meeting on March 2 Peter suggested that the election be postponed for one year given the disruptions of the past pandemic year. Taine indicated on March 2 that she would be willing to stay on for an additional year. Dennis proposed that the election be postponed for one year with Taine staying in her position, there were no objections, and the postponement was passed by general acclamation.
- VII. Eric Spears (Treasurer) reported that there is currently a balance of \$3,565.49 in the ASDP Alumni Chapter account. There has been little activity lately. Fay Beauchamp inquired about expenses this year. Peter said the virtual conference had few expenses, but some money has

already been lost on the costs of the San Diego conference and the money brought in by this year's virtual conference will be helpful.

- VIII. Peter said that there were funds available (not spent this year) that should be used before September 30. One idea for using the funds is to have honoraria for ASDP members who give virtual presentations.