

**ASDP Alumni Chapter of the East West Center Annual Meeting  
ASDP 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference, Seattle, Washington  
Saturday, March 31, 2012, 3:30-4:25 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

1. Opening Remarks: Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen, President

Jessica thanked outgoing At-Large member Carolyn Kadel for her great service and recognized the current board members. Vice President Julien Farland was unable to attend the conference; Dona Cady represented him for the Board meeting. Officers Joanna DelMonaco, Treasurer, and Roberta Adams, Secretary, stood up to be recognized. Jessica welcomed Sylvia Gray, our new At-Large member; Janine Fujioka, At-Large member, was unable to attend the conference.

2. Suggested Revision to Chapter By-Laws: Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

- The Board of Directors would like the membership to consider changes to our current By-Laws. Article VIII of the By-Laws stipulates that the Board “must notify the membership by electronic mail at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting of any proposed changes in the By-Laws.” Is the membership willing to suspend this so that we can discuss and vote on changes at this meeting? Moved, seconded, and voted to do so.
- Jessica presented each change for discussion and agreement; minor changes to clarify wording are not outlined herein.
- Propose changing the name from Alumni Chapter of Asian Studies Development Program to Asian Studies Development Program Alumni Chapter of the East-West Center.
- Discussion of Article III. Section 1: why are EWC staff included as members? This acknowledges their involvement in the programs and the work that they do on behalf of the chapter. Section 2, associate members, should we include University of Hawai’i people who have given lectures for programs? Consensus that only people participating in programs should be included.
- Article V, Section 2, how are non-elected members selected? It will be up to ASDP and ARCAS to recommend who shall represent them; ARCAS could hold an election if they so wished. The position of editor is voluntary; no term limit because they can hold it “until they collapse.”
- Article V, Section 7, clarification requested on whether the possible two full terms should be successive. This was discussed at the Board meeting and it was felt that a second term could be after a hiatus.
- Article VII, Jessica mentioned the various ideas that had been suggested for soliciting dues, such as placing this on the registration form every year and putting a request in the newsletter.
- With no further discussion, the question was called. Moved, seconded, voted to adopt the changes to the By-Laws as presented, with minor revisions recommended in this discussion. Members thanked the Board of Directors for their work on this. The By-Laws as amended will be posted on the ASDP Alumni web site.

### 3. New Business, Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen

- Proposal to conduct a survey of ASDP members in June to ask how many people have participated in which events, to look at the effectiveness of our outreach and to ask members to report on the results of what they've done with what they've learned at ASDP. The survey instrument will be put together and run by the Board of Directors then emailed to the membership.
- ARCAS has been carrying the responsibility for the national conferences. Since 2014 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASDP Alumni Association, the Alumni Board discussed hosting it in 2014. It would be a new experience for us to take on the planning to do this. Jessica proposes forming a 2014 conference committee; it will take a lot of work in advance. We will need to decide where to hold it to serve the most people, who has the proper facilities, etc. When asked who would be in charge of that, Jessica responded that we need to do it collaboratively, have some roundtable discussion to come to some decisions; "we are happy for all the help we can get."

### 4. Business/questions from the Floor:

- Request that we have a half day at the conference for students to present papers; how can we spread the word among our students? We could provide some scholarship support for students; students from colleges at/close to the conference site might be more likely to participate since they would not have to travel. Can we start this in 2013? It would have to be advertised; request that this be forwarded to Michele Marion, local arrangements chair for the 2013 conference, who had to leave the conference prior to this meeting, so that she can post it on the Call for Papers. We have had students give papers and do poster presentations in the past, with each institution funding their student; there was a panel the last time the conference was in Seattle, and at the Boston conference. ASIANetwork sponsors faculty/student collaborative research and uses Freeman Foundation money to take students to sites, then they do a poster presentation at their national conference. Perhaps we could organize something of this kind.
- Question regarding the number of alumni in the chapter. Peter Hershock estimates it may be close to 1300. Until the mid-1990s, anyone who participated in an ASDP program filled out an agreement in triplicate, with one copy going to the EWC, where a secretary entered all the data. As the number of workshops grew, we were getting 40-150 people participating 4-5 times per year, so trying to sort this out became unwieldy. A decision was made to count people who did the summer programs; everyone up till then was grandfathered in. We don't have a record of everyone who did all of the workshops. We have 750-800 officially listed as active members, in terms of those on the Listserv.
- Discussion of starting an ASDP Alumni Facebook page; show of hands indicated only about one fourth of those in attendance use Facebook. But it is a good way to reach out to those who don't come to the meetings, to post photos from trips, to bring in the students and the younger people. It could be a way for alumni to keep up with things, spread the word more quickly and publicize planning and events. Jessica noted those of us here are perhaps 10% of those who have been affected by ASDP programs.

## 5. Concluding Remarks

- Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen summarized main points of the meeting, especially in regard to planning for the years ahead.
- Betty Buck lauded the wonderful newsletter we had this year; a round of applause for our new editors, Rachana Sachdev and Peter Giordano. Members are encouraged to send information about all of the great things you are doing for inclusion in the September newsletter, [rsachdev@susqu.edu](mailto:rsachdev@susqu.edu) or [pete.giordano@belmont.edu](mailto:pete.giordano@belmont.edu).
- Jim Peterson from University of the South is looking for someone to teach Japanese full time on a line that will turn into a tenure track position. They are the second largest campus in the U.S., on 13,000 acres on a mountain top. Betty Buck suggested that Sandy Osaki could send out the announcement if he sends it to them.
- Betty Buck reminded everyone about the International Conference in Beijing this summer as well as the Tibet tour; see the EWC web site for details.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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