

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OFFICERS COMMITTEE

Office of the Surgeon General
United States Public Health Service

EC Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2009

I. DATE/TIME:

Date: June 9, 2009

Time: 1200H – 1230H EST

Teleconference Line: **866-815-9815**; Passcode: **924272**

II. ATTENDANCE:

CAPT Frances Gipson

CDR Paul Jung

LCDR Sally Hu

LCDR Ruby Lerner

LCDR Quynh Nguyen

LCDR Chauha Pham

LCDR Fei Xu

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1207 hours by LCDR Chauha Pham.

B. CAPT Allan Lock Award

- LCDR Chauha Pham recapped that the Call for Nominations for the 2009 Annual APAOC Awards, which included the CAPT Allan Lock Service Award, was already sent out this year, but due to additional comments regarding the criteria, this issue is being revisited.
- As background, CAPT Frances Gipson, the APAOC chair in 1998, explained that the CAPT Allan Lock Award was created to continue CAPT Lock's legacy as the founder of APAOC and the award is intended to recognize an officer's outstanding involvement in APAOC activities.
- CDR Paul Jung added that the current criteria state that the CAPT Allan Lock Award is open to any current or past voting members of APAOC. Eligibility is limited to only voting members because the other two awards, the RADM Samuel Lin Senior Officer Award and the RADM Kenneth Moritsugu Junior Officer Award, both exclude current voting members. Therefore, the CAPT Allan Lock Award would allow past and current voting members to be eligible for recognition.
- CDR Jung also noted that the CAPT Allan Lock Award is specifically geared to recognize an individual's outstanding commitment to APAOC activities versus the public health impact, which is more broadly covered by the other two awards.
- CAPT Gipson agreed that the intent of the CAPT Allan Lock Award should be to recognize an individual who has shown significant involvement in the APAOC organization, and therefore, she agreed that including only past and current voting members addresses this point.
- LCDR Pham mentioned that CAPT Gipson originally had proposed that the CAPT Allan Lock Award include general members and Asian Pacific American (APA) civilians to which CAPT Gipson explained that this was because in the past, certain PACs included APA civilians. However, CAPT Gipson agreed that the criteria to include only past and voting members for the award was acceptable because the award should go to someone who has contributed significantly to APAOC.
- LCDR Pham noted that the 2009 Call for Nominations for the CAPT Allan Lock Service Award states that the award is open to any current or past voting members of APAOC, and CDR Jung confirmed that the current nomination criteria would not need to be changed.

- CDR Jung asked whether non-officer civilians were eligible to become voting members of APAOC to which LCDR Sally Hu responded that they were, but the Membership & Nominations Subcommittee has to make the selection. Since that is the case, then non-officer civilians who become voting members of APAOC could also be eligible for the CAPT Allan Lock Award.
- LCDR Pham thanked CDR Jung for his hard work and service to APAOC since this is his last year as a voting member.

IV. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1224 hours.

Respectfully submitted by:

LCDR Quynh Nguyen Date: 6/9/09
Executive Secretary

LCDR Chauha Pham Date: 6/10 /09
Chair