

Greater Washington Asian Deaf Association

Minutes of General Meeting #20151

January 31, 2015

**Place:** Tenley-Friendship Library 4450 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016

**Officers Present:**

Arisa Nakamori, Vice President  
John Grannan, Treasurer  
Nancy Chough, Board Member  
Anni Tao, Board Member  
Dae-Kun Kim, Board Member

**Members Present:**

Steven Chough  
Mark Tao  
Richard Lin  
Ron Sludzinski  
Betty Sludzinski  
Mei Liu  
Min Wook Cho

**Visiting:**

Paul Guo  
Jonathan Chanin  
Miguel Gutierrez  
Na Zhou

**Absent:**

Hua Yang, President  
Frederic Lestina, Secretary

Acting President, Nakamori called the meeting to order at **1:12PM**. Dae-Kun Kim was acting secretary for this meeting in Lestina's absence. Nancy was acting secretary to provide secretary's report from the last meeting, November 8, 2014. Nakamori asked members if there were any additional changes to meeting minutes. (Approved, with a small edit).

**Officers' Reports**

**Treasurer:**

Beginning of the month, the balance was \$7,397.47.  
We have income of \$1,618.40 which includes both the Lunar New Year tickets and interests. GWADA spent \$1,050.00 for Far East Restaurant and \$64.00 for a 6 month rental for P.O. Box, and \$14.97 for web service fee that was reimbursed to Peck Cho Kim.  
Thus, the total expense we made is \$1,128.97, which brings us a net income of \$489.43. As of January 30, 2015, GWADA has \$7,868.90.

Treasurer went through a list of memberships – who is still a member or non-member, and whose membership is expiring/needs to renew.

**President's report:**

Absent

**Vice President's report:**

Some members suggested that GWADA should offer different activities such as:

- Cherry Blossom
- Speed Mentoring
- Supporting Ronald Hirano's Book Presentation.

Would like to discuss these ideas during new business.

**Board Members' reports:**

N. Chough: 1) NADC Board accepted Fred on EB for the next 3 years.  
2) Mark Tao already updated Bylaws and sent it to the NADC EB  
3) GWADA must pay \$50 for chapter fee. College fee - \$35.  
4) The NADC website will be ready for the next 4 years.  
5) DeafNation booth will be held in July 2016 – additional information will be available on the NADC website.  
6) NADC received \$1,593.89 (30% from BAADA)  
7) BAADA – next VP meeting will be on February 12, 2015.

A. Tao: None

D. Kim: Kim reported that he put flyers for the Lunar New Year event all around Gallaudet campus. He has been receiving mixed responses – some students were interested, some students expressed their concerns on the price of admission fees.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Nakamori gave the floor to Grannan so she could make a motion.

**Motion #1:** Nakamori moved GWADA to start planning for the Cherry Blossom event. Cho seconded her motion.

11 are in favor of this motion, and 0 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

**Motion #2:** M. Tao moved GWADA to purchase a new projector equipment. This motion was seconded by N. Chough.

9 are in favor of this motion, and 0 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

Grannan returned the floor to Nakamori.

**Motion #3:** Grannan moved GWADA to implement Paypal to our website for further transactions such as membership fees and tickets payment along with donations. This motion was seconded by Cho.

11 are in favor of this motion, and 0 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

**Motion #4:** Ron S. moved GWADA to pay \$50 yearly as chapter fee to NADC. This motion was seconded by A. Tao.

9 are in favor of this motion, and 0 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

**Motion #5:** N. Chough moved GWADA to sponsor Hirano's new book presentation. This motion was seconded by S. Chough.

Ron Sludzinski moved to amend the motion by "up to \$200 for the event". The amend was seconded by Kim.

The amendment was **passed**. The motion #5 is now changed to "GWADA to sponsor Hirano's new book presentation up to \$200 for the event."

9 are in favor of this motion, and 0 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

Cho moved to close the new business, and Lin objected. The new business still continues.

**Motion #6:** Lin moved GWADA to establish a better distribution of meeting minutes and reminding members for the upcoming meetings. Kim seconded the motion.

8 are in favor of this motion, and 2 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

**Motion #7:** Cho moved GWADA to make the bylaws and meeting minutes to be available online. This motion was seconded by N. Chough.

5 are in favor of this motion, and 2 opposed. This motion was **passed**.

Kim proposed to close new business and move to announcements. Ron S. seconded his motion and passed by acclamation.

### **Announcements**

Chanin: Hello. My name is Jonathan. I am here to introduce my girlfriend's business in Philippines. We are currently taking orders for red envelopes – for one who is ordering within the United States, let us know, so I can send orders directly to you.

N. Chough: BAADA is also hosting their Lunar New Year celebration – also on the same date as ours. If you happen to be in California, it would be nice to attend their event if you couldn't make to ours.

Nakamori: Franklin and Marshall College is hosting an event, titled "Common Hour" and Dr. Patrick Boudreault will present to deaf community on April 16, 2015 from 11:30am to 12:35pm at Mayser Gymnasium.

Cho: Allow me to introduce you a few officers from Asian Pacific Islanders Association (APIA) from Gallaudet. Na Zhou is currently a treasurer for APIA. Miguel Guerrerez used to be a secretary for APIA. Both are interested in GWADA, and hope to develop better collaboration between two organizations.

*S. Chough: Allow me to ask what's the update with the Lunar New Year banquet.*

*Nakamori: We have done flyers, received some admission money, and we are still waiting on sponsorships.*

*S. Chough: What about the memberships? I have yet to see some former officers around. I hope to see them at the Lunar New Year banquet. (Italicized because this is a question, not an announcement)*

The Meeting was adjourned at **2:56PM**.

Respectfully,  
Dae-Kun Kim  
Acting Secretary for 1/31/15