



# NAAPAE Newsletter

National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education

## NAAPAE Conference Call for Papers and Presentations

April 25-28, 1989  
San Francisco

NAAPAE would like to invite you to submit a proposal for a paper, a workshop, or a panel presentation for our 12th Annual Conference, to be held at the Miyako Hotel in San Francisco on April 25-28, 1990. Entitled *Asian and Pacific American Education: New Directions for the 1990's*, the event intends to encourage thoughtful inquiry and sharing of information among researchers, educators, parents, government officials, corporate leaders, and the general public on a range of timely issues facing Asian and Pacific Americans.

Please note that the deadline for submitting your proposal is December 15, 1989, at which time the conference committee will begin to review the proposals. All presentations will be made on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, 1990.

Papers will be considered under the following general strands: Asian and Pacific-American Studies, Equity Issues in Education, Policy Development, Business/Career Education, Instructional Practices and Resources, and Research.

To receive your application form or for more information about the conference or the call for presentations, please call conference chairpersons Janet Lu (415/834-9455) or Rosita Galang (415/666-6878).

We're looking forward to seeing you at the conference next year.

## Asians Denounce Hiring Policies of Educational Services Agency in Washington State

The hiring policies of Seattle's Educational Service District (ESD) 121 came under heavy fire last July, as the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) in Seattle denounced the organization and its superintendent, Dr. Terry Lindquist, for policies which they said deliberately excluded Asian Americans and other minorities from professional positions within the district.

ESD is a state regional agency which provides a variety educational services to school districts serving approximately 20,000 teachers and administrators and 300,000 students. According to JACL, while the student population in the district served by ESD 121 is 22 percent Asian, the candidates interviewed and the final selection committee were 100 percent white.

Ben Nakagawa of JACL charged that Lindquist and the ESD board refused to even interview minority candidates who applied for four administrative positions in the Service District.

In particular, Nakagawa expressed his dismay that an interview was not granted to Dr. Valerie Ooka Pang, who had received requests for interviews from many other universities, including San Diego State University and California State University in Sacramento. Also overlooked, he said, was a qualified black female candidate.

Lindquist denied the charges, claiming that the district hired the most qualified people available and that affirmative action guidelines were applied. At the same

time, however, he said that particular affirmative action plan needed to be re-examined and improved.

In a letter to the ESD 121 board, JACL made six demands, which included:

- written assurance that all screening and interview committees will have minority representation;
- that job descriptions be clearly defined;
- the drafting of affirmative action policies which reflect the student population of the district;
- the drafting of a written recruitment plan which will be open to minority input;
- a commitment from ESD 121 to hire qualified Asians, Blacks, Latinos and Native Americans at the first opportunity; and
- a letter of reprimand to the ESD 121 superintendent.

According to JACL, none of these demands have been addressed, although ESD has reviewed its affirmative action policies.

In its latest related action, ESD has advertised a new position of Director of Administrative Services, which answers to the superintendent. Asian Americans promised to keep close scrutiny on who will be appointed to this new post and on the hiring process itself.

## Don't Miss a Single Issue of the NAAPAE Newsletter !

It is easy to forget to renew your NAAPAE membership. Unfortunately, if you do, in a short period of time we have to interrupt the benefits that come with it, including your subscription to this newsletter. To insure your continued membership, please check the expiration date on your membership card or on the upper right-hand corner of the mailing label on all your NAAPAE correspondence. Should your renewal date be coming up soon, make sure to fill out this form and return it to us as soon as possible with your check. We look forward to having you as part of NAAPAE for a long time to come.

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## NAAPAE News

### NAAPAE Chapters Update

#### Hawaii Chapter

In order to create a structure from which to conduct dialogue, forums, and training events, Hawaii has founded HAAPAE — its own chapter of the National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education. Its goals are similar to those of the national organization, with slight modifications so as to accommodate Hawaii's needs and priorities.

HAAPAE held its first meeting on October 14, 1989 at the University of Hawaii Law School, which was attended by 35 people. The meeting focused on the Berman Report on Educational Excellence for the Pacific Era.

On October 14th HAAPAE elected the following officers:

- Virgie Chattergy, Interim President (1989-90);
- Rosalind Y. Mau, President Elect (1990-91);

- Josephine Pablo, Secretary;
- Michael Power, Treasurer.

For more information on HAAPAE membership, please write to: HAAPAE, 1314 S. King Street, Suite 1456, Honolulu, HI 94814.

#### Washington Chapter

Washington State has recently reactivated its own chapter of NAAPAE (WAAPAE), and now prides itself with some 50 members. Plans are already underway for an active year.

For example, on Saturday, December 2, 1989 WAAPAE will present an education forum on *Asian and Pacific Americans & the Media*, which will feature Lori Matsukawa from the local Channel 5 News station. The event will be held from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Prima Vera Gallery Cafe in Seattle.

## People

• **Gay Wong** from Alhambra School District in California has recently been appointed Assistant Professor at the School of Education of the California State University in Los Angeles.

• **Ed Lee**, also from Alhambra School District, has taken the position of Bilingual Education Coordinator with the Modesto City Schools in California.

• **Linda Wing**, of the University of California at Berkeley, has moved on to work for Apple Computers in Cupertino, California.

• **Sally Chou** has been promoted to the position of Assistant Coordinator for Special Programs K-12 with the Alhambra School District.

• **Paula Y. Bagasao** is the Director of Academic Alliances of the American Association for Higher Education in Washington D.C. She would like to hear from any NAAPAE member who is interested in the topic of Asian Americans in higher education.

• **Hoang Mai Tran** was appointed Director of the Multifunctional Resource Center for Region 3 — Washington D.C. and surrounding states.

## Congress Cuts Grants to Refugee Children

Congress has just cut appropriations for the Transitional Program for Refugee Children (TPRC) after failing to reauthorize the federal program for fiscal year 1990-1991. This cut will represent a serious loss to schools in areas with large concentrations of language minority children. In California alone, which receives about 30 percent of the funding, 157 schools and 26,000 students had received grant awards under this program in the past.

Congress did refund the Emergency Immigrant Education Assistance program (EIEA), however. These two programs are the only federal entitlements that can be distributed to schools not on a competitive basis but by virtue of having students who qualify.

A possibility still exists that funding for the TPRC will be issued in January under supplemental appropriations, provided Congress first reauthorizes the program. To enhance TPRC's chances for survival, make sure to contact your congressman or senator, particularly those sitting on the Judiciary Committee or on the House Immigration, Refugees, and International Law Subcommittee.

## Upcoming Events

### CAFABE Conference

The California Association for Asian and Pacific Bilingual Education (CAFABE) will hold its 15th annual conference on November 17-18, 1989 at the La Jolla Village Inn in La Jolla, California.

Entitled *Empowerment through Home/School/Community Partnership*, the two-day event will explore the role of parents and ethnic communities in their children's education, and will provide instructional and curricular assistance to educators working with Asian/Pacific students.

The conference is intended for a general audience of K-12 bilingual teachers, special education, ESL, and Chapter I teachers, student teachers and aides, counselors, administrators, parents, and community representatives.

One half unit of credit is available to SDCS teachers, contingent on satisfying the necessary requirements.

For more information about the conference please write to C. Schell at CAFABE 1989, Stevenson Complex, 4520 Pacahontas Ave., San Diego, CA 92117.

### CABE Conference

School personnel, parents, and other individuals working with limited English proficient students are invited to attend the 15th Annual Conference of the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), to be held at the San Francisco Hilton January 24-27, 1989. The event is expected to attract as many as 5,000 participants.

The workshops will be organized into more than 30 different strands, dealing with such varied topics as primary and secondary language development, classroom management, computers in education, socio-cultural factors, evaluation and assessment, and parent and community relations.

For more information, please contact CABE at (415) 585-2707.

### TESOL Convention

The Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) will hold its 24th Annual Convention March 6-10, 1990 in San Francisco, California. The five-day event will consist of daily intensive sessions of academic presentations, including workshops and colloquia. Demonstrations by exhibitors and exhibits of teacher-made video-tapes will also be featured.

For more information, contact TESOL, 1600 Cameron Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 836-0774.

### NABE Conference

*Bilingual Education at the Threshold of the 21st Century* is the theme of the 19th Annual International Bilingual/Bicultural Education Conference, sponsored by the National Association for Bilingual Education. The event will be held April 21 - 25, 1990 at the Tucson Convention Center in Tucson, Arizona.

For more information, please contact Richard Ruiz or Celia Oropeza at the Tucson Unified School District, 1010 E. 10th Street, Tucson, AZ 85719, tel. (612) 882-2441.

## APA Group to Present at AERA Meeting

An interest group on Research on the Education of Asian and Pacific Americans will present at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), to be held in Boston, Massachusetts on April 16-20, 1990. The group was formed to promote interdisciplinary communication within the AERA on issues related to APA education.

The AERA meeting will consist mostly of paper presentations and symposia, as well as panel presentations, graduate student

programs, and informal conversation hours. The focus of most sessions will be on the interdependence of research and practice, and researchers and practitioners will be encouraged to engage in dialogue.

For more information, please contact: AERA Meeting Coordinator, 1230 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 20036. For information about the APA research interest group, contact Tane Akamatsu, 342 Erickson Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

## Suggested Readings — Three new books

**Tripmaster Monkey: His Fake Book**, by Maxine Hong Kingston, Alfred A. Knopf, New York 1989. \$19.95.

In her first work of fiction, Pulitzer Prize winning author Maxine Hong Kingston masterfully creates the rich character of a fifth-generation Chinese American writer and poet devoted both to the poetry of his namesake, Walt Whitman, and obsessed with Chinese myths. The novel is set in San Francisco of the 1960's.

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**The Joy Luck Club**, by Amy Tan, G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1989.

The novel portrays the lives of four Chinese women and their American-born daughters over the course of a forty-year period. Amy Tan, in her first novel, takes the reader from

World War II Kweilin, China, to present day San Francisco. This is a skillful portrayal of the Chinese experience in America.

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**Frontiers of Asian American Studies: Writing Research, and Commentary**. Edited by Gail Nomura, Russell Endo, Stephen H. Sumida, and Russell C. Leong, Washington University Press 1989.

The book is based on selected papers and literary works presented at the 1988 national meeting of the Association for Asian American Studies. It presents new areas of research and introduces new writings by Asian Americans. The volume brings together a wide range of topics of interest to APAs, including various looks at educational issues.

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