

# NAAPAE Newsletter

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## CALIFORNIA JOINS NAAPAE WITH FORMATION OF NEW CHAPTER

**BY CLARA PARK**—The executive board of the California Association for Asian and Pacific American Education (CAAPAE) is pleased to announce the recent formation of this new NAAPAE chapter.

Of the eight million immigrants who came to the United States in the last decade, more than one-third settled in California. As a result, the number of language minority students in the state has increased to well over one million students. Although the Asian population of California is predicted to increase by more than fifty percent in the next decade, school districts throughout the state have yet to prepare adequately for the demographic change.

The shortage of qualified bilingual teachers serving Asian and Pacific American (APA) students in California is

acute. Compared to the teacher/student ratio for Latinos, which is 1:91, the average ratio for APAs is 1:561. Colleges and universities in California are besieged with APA students demanding Asian American studies and programs. The state department is still struggling with the development of the Bilingual/Cross-cultural Language and Academic Development examination to certify teachers of APA languages.

On the political front; the passage of Proposition 187 added fuel to the rash of "immigrant bashing" that has been going on since the downturn of the economy several years ago.

CAAPAE was formed to provide information, guidance and support for all APAs in education, as well as to the general public working with

APA populations. Future planned activities include:

- Active networking both within the organization and with other ethnic organizations.
- Act as spokesperson for APA issues for K-16 programs.
- Timely dissemination of APA issues.
- Promoting research activities about APAs.
- Organizing annual conferences.

The members of the executive board of CAAPAE are: Clara Park, *President*; Gay Wong, *Vice President—Membership*; Jose Lalas, *Vice President—Programs*; Faye Shin, *Secretary*; Kerry Lee, *Treasurer*; and Kim-Oanh Nguyen-Lam, *Newsletter Editor*.

CAAPAE will hold its first annual conference, entitled *Harmony of Voices for Collaborative Action*, on March 18, 1995, at California State University at Northridge. If you would like to receive more information about this conference,

please contact Clara Park at (818) 885-2500 or (818) 885-2580.



**LEFT:** Clara Park, *President*; Gay Wong, *Vice President—Membership*; Kerry Lee, *Treasurer*; Faye Shin, *Secretary*; Jose Lalas, *Vice President—Programs*

**ABOVE:** Kim-Oanh Nguyen-Lam, *Newsletter Editor*

## NAAPAE'95: ACHIEVING EQUITY THROUGH CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

The exciting, multi-cultural city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada will host the 17th Annual NAAPAE Conference from May 10-13, 1995. This year, for the first time, delegates from across North America will travel to Canada. The conference theme is *Achieving Equity through Changing Perspectives*. It will feature an international perspective on Asian Pacific education. A variety of Ontario and Canadian initiatives will be highlighted, and keynote speakers and workshops will provide political, educational and economic viewpoints. The conference will focus on the many cultures, communities, economic forces and equity issues that have contributed to the 21st century becoming the "Pacific Century." It will celebrate the inaugural meeting of the Canadian affiliate NAAPCE. Major exhibitors and publishers will be on display throughout the conference.

Toronto features unlimited opportunities to explore and enjoy. Participants will be staying at the beautiful Holiday Inn on King, close to the Metro Hall Conference Centre, centrally located within walking distance to many major attractions, including theatres, sports, shopping, dining and culture. School visits at the elementary, junior high and secondary school levels will be offered.

The registration fee, which includes conference attendance only, is US\$125/CAN\$175, payable to NAAPAE 1995 Conference. To qualify for member discount, you must either be a current member of NAAPAE, or you can become a member by sending US\$20, in a separate cheque, with the registration form. Confirmation of registration will be mailed to participants with a preregistration deadline of April 10, 1995.

### OPPORTUNITY

**Teacher Educator** The Department of Elementary Education, College of Education of San Francisco State University is seeking applications for a tenure-track position of Teacher Educator specializing in Cantonese Bilingual Cross-cultural Education. Candidates should possess a doctorate degree in teacher education, specializing in bilingual education or related field; fluency in Cantonese and English; Chinese literacy skills sufficient to teach elementary school curriculum; teaching experience in elementary Cantonese bilingual education in the United States. Prefer candidates with knowledge about Asian American history and culture; experience in urban and multi-cultural education settings in the United States. Responsibilities include teaching courses in Multiple Subjects Credential Program with emphasis on Bilingual, Cultural, Linguistic and Academic Development (BCLAD); teacher supervision; student advisement; and scholarly productivity. Send letter of application, vitae, and at least three letters of reference to: Dr. Carol Langbort, Chair, Department of Elementary Education, San Francisco State University, 1600 Holloway Avenue, Burk Hall 131, San Francisco, CA 94132.

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**MESSAGE**

**T**HE CHINESE AND VIETNAMESE in every corner of the world, as well as Chinese Americans and Vietnamese Americans, have just celebrated their new year. It is still appropriate at this time to wish you every happiness in the Year of the Boar. The boar is the last of the symbolic animals attributed to the twelve terrestrial branches. I was told that people who are born in the Year

of the Boar must endeavor to march forward indomitably so that they will not miss any of the golden opportunities available to them. There might be many hindrances during the first half of the year, although happiness will come during the second half of the year. Let us all strive for the best.

In just a few weeks, we will be voting for four positions on the NAAPAE Executive Council. These positions are: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The four regions will also conduct elections for representatives to serve two-year terms. It is important that NAAPAE has dedicated people who can work together to make the organization stronger. I urge you to take an active part in voting this year.

The National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE) created an APA column in its newsletter (*NABE News*). Ji-Mei Chang and I have been asked to be the coeditors of this column. The major purpose of this column is to focus on meeting the needs of Asian and Pacific American students. This column will feature articles written by people from various Asian and Pacific language groups, grade levels, and content areas to reflect the diversity of the field. As editors of the column, we will assume the roles of facilitators. It is our hope that this column will be constructive and productive in providing a forum for sharing different authors' expertise and unique perspectives on how to create optimal learning environments in schools and classrooms for all students, particularly for the currently under-served Asian and Pacific American English learners. I encourage NAAPAE members to submit articles, each between 1,000 and 2,000 words, to this column. Please mail them to Janet Lu, MRC/Northern California, 1212 Broadway, Suite 400, Oakland, CA 94612, or fax them to (510) 763-1490.

I hope that many of you are making plans to attend the NAAPAE conference in Toronto. Registration packets will be mailed out very soon. The Executive Council and Conference Planning Committee will welcome you with warm hearts.

**JANET Y. H. LU, PRESIDENT**

## NAAPAE ELECTIONS

NAAPAE holds elections every two years, and 1995 marks an election year. In just two months the membership will be voting for four positions on the NAAPAE Executive Council: president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Virgie Chattergy has been appointed to chair the Nomination and Teller's Committee for this year's election. The committee disseminates information to the membership regarding nomination and election procedures and timeline. It is the responsibility of each NAAPAE member to elect the best qualified candidates to serve as officers and regional represen-

tatives. All active members in good standing are eligible to run for office. A member in good standing becomes a candidate by submitting a petition signed by at least five other members in good standing. All members may nominate a candidate for office by following the nomination procedures.

Each region will be responsible for the process of nomination and election or selection of its representatives. Any member in good standing residing in the area may be a candidate for regional representative. The timeline is similar to the election of officers.

**Region 1:** Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maine,

Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia and Eastern Canada.

**Region 2:** Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

**Region 3:** Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and Western Canada.

**Region 4:** Pacific Islands (excluding Hawaii).

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**The National Humanities Center is recruiting minority applicants for its 1995 summer institute, *Divining America: Religion and the National Culture*, for high school history teachers that will help them understand the role religion has played in the development of the United States. The institute will convene from June 25 to July 14 at the National Humanities Center in North Carolina. Participants will receive a stipend of \$750, will be reimbursed for travel up to the cost of economy airfare, and will be provided dormitory housing. For an application, write or call the Summer Institute Office, National Humanities Center, P.O. Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, Tel. (919) 549-0661. Deadline is March 15, 1995.**



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