

**Annual Meeting**  
**July 15, 2015**

**In Attendance:** Susan Madar, Sharon Miller, Bobbi Yambasu, Dolores Hubert, Bob Baskette, Elaine Friesen-Strang, Ray Johnson, Suzanne Hansche, Bob Pung, Maureen Pung, Mary Westfall, Joan Sher

**Absent:** Terry Johnson, Kae Gaunt

**Guests:** Jamie, Barbara Bernstein, Jeri Jimenez, Paul Leistner, Rebecca Miller, George Hocker

**Welcome and Introductions**

Suzanne Hansche welcomed everyone and introduced Barbara Bernstein, EIA Executive Director.

**Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement**

Paul Leistner and Jeri Jimenez gave a brief history of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the development of the Diversity and Civic Leadership Program. This program provides funding to several organizations including IRCO, NAYA, Latino Network, Center for Intercultural Organizing and Urban League. 600 people have participated in the culturally specific leadership programs provided by these groups to date. Jeri and Paul described tools and strategies/lessons learned from their Leadership program:

- Translation will be necessary to bridge language gaps
- Face to face interaction and communication is important
- Build relationships through interaction
- Don't invite people to meetings simply for the sake of meeting
- Focus on equity rather than diversity (not just bodies in seats, but actual participation and communication)
- Review your structures and strategies to ensure they are inclusive and are not barriers to participation
- Consider what you are here for and what you want to accomplish
- Visit with other groups and start conversations
- Work with others to produce an event and develop richer communication
- Share information about EIA's volunteer program
- Stress to others why and how you are "relevant"

**Business meeting**

**Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda passed unanimously.

**Minutes or Previous Annual Meeting (July 2014)**

Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

## **Elections**

Suzanne noted there was a slate of officers who had expressed interest in offices. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor. No nominations were put forward.

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers and it was approved unanimously.

Chair	Suzanne Hansche
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Bobbi Yambasu
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	Elaine Friesen-Strang
Advocacy Chair	Susan Madar
Budget Officer	Tamara Maher
At Large Rep	Dolores Hubert
At Large Rep	Ray Johnson

## **New Commissioners**

Bob Baskette introduced Joan Sher and Susan Madar introduced Mary Westfall. A motion was made to approve Joan and Mary as Commission members. The motion passed.

## **Committee Reports**

The Chairs of the Health Security, Transportation, Legislative, Housing Committees highlighted some of their past year's activities. Susan Madar shared highlights of the Anti-Poverty Work Group.

## **2014-15 Goal Update**

Ray Johnson shared highlights of the 2014-15 goals, noting that "engagement" was the word of the year.

## **Acknowledgments**

JoAnn noted that Ann Collins and Terry Johnson's second terms had ended and thanked them for their service. She also acknowledged Linda Clawson, who passed away during the year as well as Toby, Maureen Pung's dog, who frequented Commission and had passed away recently. She also noted the great contribution that had been made by Bill Gentile as well as Rita Pogue and Colleen Clarke who had all left the Commission during the past year.

Meeting adjourned.