

**Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England (CCBA)
Board Meeting Minutes**

CCBA Board Meeting Minutes (First Meeting)

Date: January 12, 2004 (Monday) 7:00 PM

Place: CCBA Conference Room

Chair: Roman Chan

Recorded by: Tommy Gee, Winnie Leung

Attendance: (See Recorded Document for Signatures) More than 70 people attended the meeting. Attendees included 5 officers, 48 delegates, 6 advisors and 10 plus people sitting in from the community.

(I) Announcement:

(1) The meeting started at approximately 7:00 PM. The president, Roman Chan, welcomed all the attended delegate directors. He introduced himself, as well as the new staffs of CCBA, Winnie Leung as the English Secretary, Hung Goon as the Auditor, Tommy Gee as the Chinese Secretary, and Rosemary Yee as the Treasurer. He reminded the delegate directors to sign themselves in the CCBA meetings notebook. He also asked everyone to do a self-introduction.

(2) The chairman asked Tommy Gee to reiterate the notes from the 11/25/03 CCBA Board Meeting notes. Tommy Gee stated that 48 delegate directors attended today's meeting. On 11/25/03, 54 directors attended the meeting. Mr. Dick Wong facilitated last meeting. Meeting notes were recorded by Karen Kan due to the absence of the former Chinese Secretary, Mr. Kang Ming Wong.

After Tommy Gee completed reading the recorded notes, Michael Wong and Paul Chan stated that the language recorded did not match what was said. After a discussion, Peter Chan and Robert Leung recommended, "that Absentee Ballot is not acceptable as an Election rule." It was voted on and accepted.

(3) Roman Chan asked Tommy Gee to record the results of the 2003 election. The 2004-2005 officers are recorded as follow:

President	Roman Chan (33)	Simon Choi (21)
Chinese Secretary	Tommy Gee (34)	Daniel Yee (21)
English Secretary	Winnie Leung (30)	Joe Wong (24)
Treasurer	Rosemary Lam (31)	Kwok Hon Wong (23)
Auditor	Hung Goon (32)	Paul Lam (22)

(4) Roman Chan reported that he received a notice signed by Dick Wong, which stated that the installation of the new staffs should be postponed due to a legal document received from the Law Offices of Steven J. Topazio dated 12/31/04. The copy of the letter was passed to all the directors. CCBA reserves the right to seek legal action on this matter.

(5) Treasurer Report: Rosemary reported the financial status to the Board.

(6) Transition:

(i)The followings were received from Joe Simmons and reported by Rosemary:

- (A)A chequebook
- (B) a financial journal
- (C)CCBA 2003 Balance Sheet
- (D)Income from Jan 2003 to Dec 2003
- (E)Some invoices
- (F)Checks from July 2003 to Dec 2003 expense

(ii)Tommy Gee reported that he got a Meeting Notes book from Joe Simmons.

(iii)Winnie Leung reported that she got a 3-ring binder, which consisted of copies of 11 contracts. Winnie Leung passed copies of the summary of the contracts to the directors and communicated the summary to the directors in Chinese. A copy of the summary is attached. (Attachment)

Jerry Chu commented that there seemed to be a lot of issues with the contracts. Roman Chan responded that we will do a thorough investigation with all the contracts and will report to the Board in future meetings.

(iv)Hung Goon reported that he did not receive anything from Joe Simmons.

(7) Roman Chan reported that he received a few keys and a binder consisted of copies of correspondence to and from Joe Simmons. He stated that CCBA files are normally kept in the office of CCBA. He had in many attempts asked for the files with no success. He finally received copies of some files but no originals were found. Roman Chan reported that Joe Simmons was terminated on January 8, 2004 and asked the board to vote on his decision. Paul Chan made a motion to terminate the interim CEO, Joe Simmons, and Michael Wong, Tze Chung Chi and Yet Wah Chan seconded the motion. Roman asked if the issue needs to be discussed and no response was received. A vote was taken and 42 eligible directors voted to terminate Joe Simmons. No one objected and no one abstained.

(8) Roman Chan further stated that the Law office of Thomas Drohan did not seem to be looking out for the best interest of CCBA. He recommended that CCBA be represented by the Law office of Mark Furman and DiNapoli. Paul Chan made the

motion to accept and Albert Li and Reggie Wong seconded the motion. A vote was taken and 40 eligible directors voted to accept.

(II) Discussion of Interests:

(1) Roman Chan reported that there would be a Chinese New Year Celebration on January 25, 2004. This event is co-sponsored by the CCBA, the Chinese Community of New England, the Chinese Business Association, and the Chinatown Main Street. Roman Chan says in the past, CCBA always hosted the Chinese New Year on the second day of the Lunar Chinese New Year. It was agreed that CCBA will be hosting the Chinese New Year banquet on January 23, 2004, Friday. Location was decided based on a draw by Dr. C.K. Lau between China Pearl and the Empire Garden Restaurant. China Pearl was drawn. The cost of each table was not to exceed \$225 and was committed by Melvin Lee, who's a manager at China Pearl. There were a total of 27 tables reserved by the directors during the meeting. Additional reservations can be made by informing any CCBA officers. It was decided that the Chinese New Year banquet would be held at the Empire Garden Restaurant in 2005.

(2) 4 Committees were established to deal with critical issues of CCBA that need immediate attention. It was agreed all committees would be chaired by one of the CCBA officers.

1. By-laws Amendment Committee

Tommy Gee (Interim chair), Peter Chan, Dong Wong, Jerry Chu, Ed Chiang, Michael Wong, Robert Leung, Yu-Kwok Moy, Wilson Lee, Theresa Tsoi, Paul Chan

Roman Chan indicated that in order to amend any by-law, the committees need to bring the proposal before the Board. Once voted by the Board, it will be followed by a vote at the "Chinatown All Hands Meeting".

2. Tai Tung Village Management Committee

Winnie Leung (Interim chair), Paul Chan, Dong Wong, Kwok-hon Wong, Albert Li, Michael Wong, Jerry Chu, Henry Yee, Hing Soohoo

3. Assets Management Committee

Winnie Leung (Interim chair), Reggie Wong, Wilson Lee, Albert Li, Ed Chiang, Robert Leung, Melvin Lee

4. Fiscal Management Committee

Rosemary Yee (Interim chair), Poi-Kwun Ho, Aida Deng, Wendy Ng, Hung Goon, Theresa Tsoi, Doris Chan Wan

(3) Roman Chan suggested that he would like to invite Mr. Lun-lup Chung to come in to conduct a Robert's Rule training class to the Board. The training session is suggested to be 30 minutes in length. Roman will discuss with Mr. Chung regarding the fee and the terms. If agreed, the session will be scheduled prior to a Board meeting.

(4) Other Business:

Chee-Sum Fan had brought up a suggestion to place the Republic of China flag at CCBA due to the following reasons:

1. The Republic of China flag has also been a symbol represented at the CCBA in the past.
2. The majority of CCBA office in North American do have the presence of the Republic of China flag.
3. The picture of Mr. Suen Chung San is still a strong presence at the CCBA office.

Robert Leung indicated that this practice was voted and was changed and the People of Republic China has been the official symbol for CCBA. Roman Chan decided that the Board needs more time to discuss since this is a critical issue, which affects many people in the community and had included this subject as one of the agenda for next CCBA Board meeting.

(5) Albert Li says that the CCBA board has not approved the litigation brought upon by Daniel Yee. Therefore CCBA should not be responsible for any legal fees incurred and that Daniel Yee should not be using any CCBA fund to pay for the lawsuit. It is suggested that any director may incur legal fee while acting and executing the by-laws of CCBA and CCBA should be responsible for paying the legal fee. The legal fee incurred by the 20 returning organizations shall be paid by CCBA. Mr. Che Chung Chi suggested that CCBA should reserve the right to seek legal action against the legal letter brought upon by Daniel Yee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

中華公所全體議員大會記錄（第一次）

日期：二零零四年一月十二日（星期一）下午七時

地點：本會會議廳。

主席：陳仕維。

記錄：朱紹昌、雷玉霞。

出席簽名：（見記錄）是晚與會超過七十人其中包括職員五人，議員四十八人，顧問六人，尚有十多位旁聽之僑胞。

（一）報告：

- (1) 七時陳仕維主席宣布開會，首先多謝與會人士熱烈出席會議。並向大家拜年。並且分別介紹新職員與大家認識。各僑團議員亦相繼自我介紹。
- (2) 由中文書記宣讀上次會議記錄（二零零三年十一月廿五日）宣讀完畢，陳家驊與黃國威兩位議員均認為「關於缺席投票」一項之記錄有錯誤經過討論綜合陳建立、梁添光兩議員之意見作出備注其結論是「缺席者不能請人代替投票」經表決，通過。
- (3) 主席責成書記處收本屆選舉結果（二零零三年十二月廿二日記錄在案。其結果是）
 - 主席：陳仕維（33 票）蔡世明（21 票）
 - 中文書記：朱紹昌（34 票）余典文（21 票）
 - 英文書記：雷玉霞（30 票）黃鷹立（24 票）
 - 財政：余麗瑛（31 票）黃國翰（23 票）
 - 核數：阮鴻燦（32 票）林松波（22 票）
- (4) 陳仕維主席將上屆黃兆祥主席轉來中文書記候選人余典文先生之投訴「律師信」要求“延期舉行交接儀式”向各議員解釋，並保留採取法律追究之權利。
- (5) 財政報告：財政余麗瑛作財政報告，詳情如附件，可查詢資料。
- (6) 交接問題：
 - ①余麗瑛表示另從行政主任周西民處接到之資料如下：
 - a 支票簿一本。
 - b 會計資料若干。
 - c 中華公所二零零三年財政結存。
 - d 二零零三年一月至二零零三年十二月之進帳
 - e 賬單若干
 - f 二零零三年一月至二零零三年十二月支出支票，唯未見一月至六月之支出支票。
 - ②中文書記處只接到一本會議記錄簿。
 - ③英文書記所接資料如下
十一份合同（見英文本）主席表示要待調查並向議員大會報告。
 - ④核數處未有接到任何資料。

- (7) 陳主席報告自當選後（十二月廿五日）已與周西民開會三次，要求周移交所有中華公所之資料。其後屢經交涉均未能成功，只移交一部分，周西民去年十一月及十二月簽署多份租約均未經議員大會通過。有鑒于此，陳主席於二零零四年一月八日把周西民解僱。陳家驊動議、黃國威、陳日華、黃述沾、謝中之各議員均附議。經議員大會表決，以 42 票多數通過追認解僱周西民，無人反對。
- (8) 陳仕維主席指出原來中華公所律師（人名見英文紀錄）對維護中華公所之利益未作最大之努力，故此解聘。另聘律師（人名見英文紀錄）為中華公所服務。陳家驊議員動議接受主席之提案，黃述沾、李厚鵬兩議員附議，經表決以 40 票通過。
- (二) 討論事項：
- (1) 春宴與舞獅問題，陳仕維主席提議一月廿三日舉辦春宴，一月廿五日與中華總會、華商會、主街合辦醒獅賀歲，朱自律議員提議龍鳳酒家舉行春宴，黃國威提議帝苑舉行，經抽籤今年在龍鳳舉行，明年在帝苑舉行。
- (2) 陳主席指出根據法庭之命令，成立各小組幫助中華公所管理各項業務。各議員經推薦及表決，選出小組如下：各小組以中華公所現任職員為當然召集人，現任主席有權參加各小組之討論事宜。
- A 章程小組：共十一人。召集人：朱紹昌。
組員：朱自律、陳建立、陳家驊、黃國威、黃焯棠、梁添光、李衛新、梅宇國、蔡倩婷、蔣宗壬。
- B 大同村管理小組：共九人。原大同村居民四人，中華公所召集人：雷玉霞。
組員：陳家驊、黃焯棠、黃國翰、李厚鵬、黃國威、朱自律、余仕昂、司徒慶羨。
- C 物業小組（大同村以外之物業）：共七人。召集人：雷玉霞。
組員：黃述霑、李衛新、李厚鵬、蔣宗壬、梁添光、李天生。
- D 財政小組：共七人。召集人：余麗瑛。
組員：鄧紅、劉小芸、阮鴻燦、何培均、溫陳美月、蔡倩婷。
各小組人選均經議員大會表決通過。
- (3) 陳主席提議中華公所將邀請鍾倫納博士舉行幾次開會規則講座向議員解釋開會之規則及應有之禮儀和程序，此事由主席接洽。
- (4) 臨時動議：
范紀琛議員提議中華公所要懸掛中華民國國旗。理由是：以前中華公所懸掛，而且美國大多數中華公所懸掛。鄭衍坤議員附議。陳主席以當晚時間已晚，提議將此臨時動議記錄在案，留作下一次議員大會再作討論。
- (5) 謝中之議員建議對余典文之律師信保留追究責任之權利。九時四十五分無其它臨時動議主席宣布散會。
- (此會議記錄經 2004 年 3 月 2 日全體議員大會一致通過，成為正式記錄)