



## AsiaConnect Board Meeting Minutes

12/5/2025

Attendance: Suejung Han, Lawrence Lair, Xiaoying Zhao, Jin Park, Eva Harrison, Laura Finan, Chang Su-Russell

1. Approve meeting minutes: [8-19-25 AsiaConnect Board Meeting Unapproved Minutes.docx](#) and [10-03-25-AsiaConnect Board Meeting Unapproved\\_Minutes.docx](#)
2. Lunar New Year Celebration
  - a. Friday Feb 13<sup>th</sup> noon-2pm
  - b. Will check MCC or OIE, preference for MCC multipurpose room or perhaps room 135 if booked
  - c. Food catering, Chinese club or K-club contribution?
    - i. Suejung will ask Lin about presentation from U-High Chinese club and K-club
    - ii. Social Committee will take care of food
    - iii. Taiwanese Student Association interested in selling bubble tea
  - d. Lawrence will open a job ticket 26-35499 for digital marketing graphics and a printable flyer 1<sup>st</sup> draft due to Suejung and Rosie: Jan 16
    - i. Suejung will send text and details for graphic
    - ii. Last year's graphic and content:  
<https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2025/01/2025-asiacconnect-lunar-new-year-celebration/>
3. AsiaConnect scholarship
  - a. Please spread the word to students—application open on March 1
    - i. <https://asiacconnect.illinoisstate.edu/scholarship/>
      1. Lawrence has updated both [the website](#) and the [scholarship Qualtrics survey](#) to become active March 1 and close March 31.
      2. Suejung, Rosie, and Lawrence will receive automatic notification emails when an application is submitted

4. Possible combined affinity group collaborative event with tabling and outreach organized by Angell Howard
  - a. In idea stage, no concrete details
  
5. Asian Heritage Week event (all tentative)
  - a. April 30-May 2, 2026
  - b. Cooking demo followed by panel: Vivian Kong
    - i. She will cover expenses and tools etc.
  - c. Immigration-related documentary movie showing: Prof. Rajeev Sigamoney
    - i. Movie is about Indian American immigrants in the Bloomington Normal Community
      1. Invite
        - a. Not in our Town, Bloomington Welcoming Committee (Chang will spread marketing to the members), [Bloomington Normal Hindu Temple](#)
      - ii. Showing location is TBD
  - d. Saturday programming
    - i. Indian dancing group
      1. Large group: will need to be assigned a large space
    - ii. Normal Public Library
    - iii. Illinois Art Station
    - iv. Storytelling event based on [The Moth](#) where storytellers tell a story under a certain theme
      1. [Example from Annie Tan](#) Moth Episode
        - a. Could capture video/audio of the stories
          - i. Audio would be easy to capture in a microphone and edit
        - b. English department (Lisya Seloni) has a storytelling format that they host.
          - i. Do we collaborate with them or get tips on format?
            1. Suejung will contact Lisya Seloni
        - c. Could be a panel style conversation with a group sharing a particular identity
        - d. Board members can pilot this first storytelling event and attendees can learn the format and be inspired to participate next time

- i. Talk about specific topics to sell interesting stories. Examples:
    - 1. Multiracial relationships
    - 2. How we find traditional ingredients
    - 3. Raising multiracial kids
    - 4. K-dramas and Kpop
    - 5. Being raised by immigrant parents
  - 2. Apply for grant? [Civic Engagement Community Resilience Grant](#)
- 6. Needs assessment sent to membership to gather ideas for new events and topics to increase attendance and relevance.
  - a. Send ideas to Suejung to send during first week of spring classes
- 7. Suejung will send schedule for future meetings soon