

APANO

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

2011 - 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Interim Associate Director

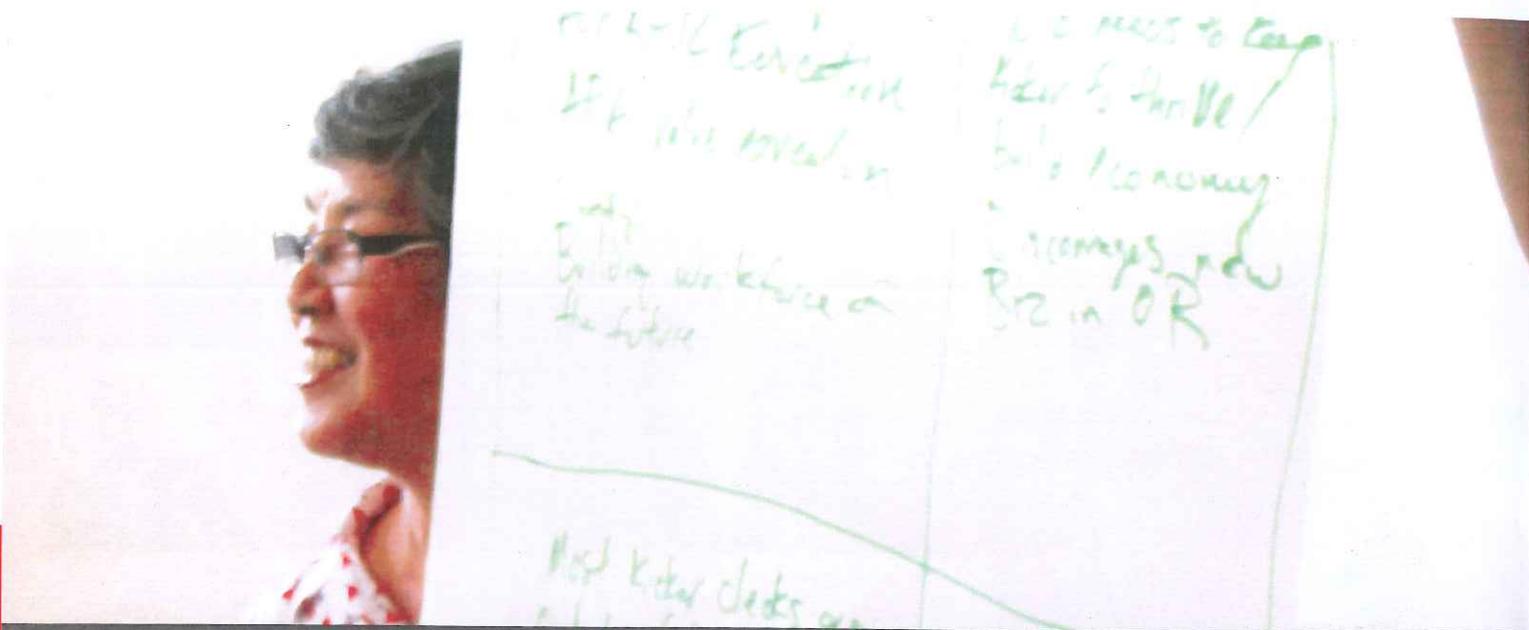
At the 2012 APANO Convention, Dr. Dan Ho Sang proposed that our community move beyond the goal of equity to the broader and more inclusive goal of social justice. While not losing sight of academic achievement, health and well-being, and economic self-sufficiency for Asians and Pacific Islands, APANO is focusing on the larger goal of better outcomes for all Oregonians. When everyone gains, everyone wins.

Working together, APANO and our partners listed on page 6, are committed to improving life experiences for all communities. For our young people, we must see improved graduation rates for all students, and especially those, such as English Language Learners, who have been marginalized in classrooms throughout their school experience. For everyone, from birth through life, improved health outcomes in our families and communities provide us with the capability and skills to achieve economic justice, from access and opportunity in employment, to being successful entrepreneurs. In order to commit ourselves to social justice, we must have a vision that builds on equity, parity, equality, and fairness. Social justice requires us to address the deep,

systemic inequities that hinder and harm all and to strive for the higher good for all.

APANO is proudly grounded in the values of dignity, human rights, and solidarity. In order to be full participants in moving toward social justice, APANO seeks avenues to increase access to opportunities that improve well-being and prosperity. We prioritize civic engagement, leadership development, and partnerships to foster an empowered and effective grassroots membership. We join our strengths and skills with those of our partners in social justice, bringing collective wisdom and efforts to our joint cause.

Looking ahead APANO's future is bright, thanks to our board, membership and allies. We could not have achieved our growth and success without the dedication of people like each of you, our members and our leaders. We continue to identify new strategies to reach out to our increasingly diverse ethnic and cultural communities with the help of a growing bilingual staff. We are training bilingual organizers and investing in training new leaders through our emerging APANO Advocacy College.



MISSION, VISION, VALUES

APANO leaders and members developed a new strategic plan, setting a way forward for our policy advocacy and community building efforts.

Our Mission

The Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon is a state-wide, grassroots organization, uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to achieve social justice. We use our collective strengths to advance equity through empowering, organizing and advocating with our communities.

Our Vision

We envision a just and equitable world where Asians and Pacific Islanders are fully engaged in the social, economic and political issues that affect us.

Our Values

Our **communities** find strength in a powerful political voice shaped by passion, self-determination and our diverse cultural and ethnic heritages.

Strong relationships are the foundation of meaningful change. Our experiences as Asians and Pacific Islanders inspire our **partnerships** with each other and promote our coalition building in order to find solutions to shared concerns.

Our **leadership** must emerge from, be reflective of, and be accountable to, the diverse needs, interests and heritages within our Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

The root causes of inequities are connected and shape our **social justice** and human rights work. We stand in solidarity with other communities who experience oppression.

Our Goals

1. Advocate and expand racial equity for Asian and Pacific Islanders in Oregon.
2. Build leadership, expand membership, and leverage key partnerships in order to build sustainable organizational capacity for continuous growth.
3. Create sustainable organizational infrastructure to generate more resources.

APANO Issue Areas

Health Equity

Cultural competency for health professionals
Improved data collection and analysis

Education Equity

Strengthen ESL funding and curriculum
Tuition equity

Economic Justice

Earned sick days
Preserve TANF and Self-Sufficiency Programs for Refugees

Building Community

In 2012, APANO hosted many events that brought community members together, including: Annual convention ballot parties and training; bilingual Volunteer Training; candidate forums; civic engagement training cultural competency community forum; leadership workshops; legislative day; multilingual phone banks policy forums.



APANO BY THE NUMBERS

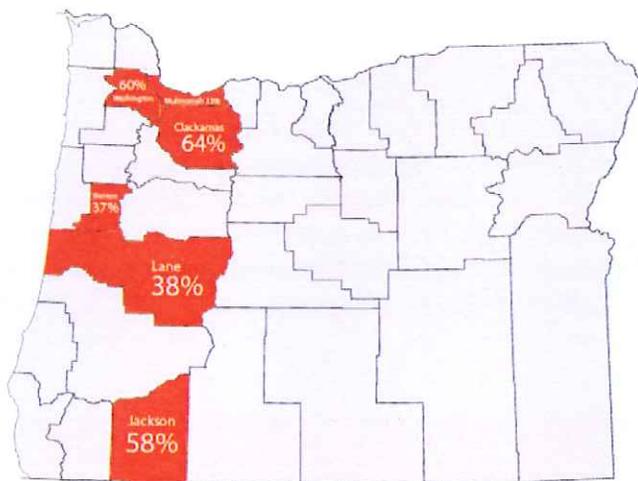
Asians grew 44% Pacific Islanders grew 68%

More than 216,000 APIs live in Oregon

Nearly 150,000 or 70% of API live in the Greater Portland area

Growth in the Top 6 Oregon Counties

Multnomah (35%)	Lane (38%)
Washington (60%)	Benton (37%)
Clackamas (64%)	Jackson (58%)



Community of Contrasts

Asian Pacific Islander communities are doing well in some areas, and suffering disparities in others.

Education Equity

More than half (55%) of API students in Portland Public Schools are English Language Learners. Less than one-third (28%) of English Language Learners in PPS graduate on time (one of the lowest rates of any group). In Multnomah County API are three times more likely to not have graduated high school.



Health Equity

An estimated 25,000 APIs are uninsured, and they are disproportionately in specific immigrant, refugee and low-income API communities. Mental health access remains an issue: API girls ages 15-24 have high suicide and depression rates.



Jobs

Almost half (40%) of Native Hawaiians in Oregon live in poverty. Despite being the most highly educated labor force by race, Asian Americans face the highest rate of long-term unemployment with 50% of workers unemployed for six months or more.





ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ADVOCACY

Education Advocacy

Addressing the achievement gap in our educational system requires unwavering commitment and accountability. In our API communities, many students do not finish high school and newcomer students struggle to meet math and English proficiency goals.

An important first step in “model minority” myth-busting is to push for disaggregated data collection in academic performance among Asian and Pacific Islander students. In Oregon, APIs are not a monolithic and homogeneous group: we represent over 15 ethnic groups, speaking more than 30 different languages. API student achievement rates are determined by country of origin, socioeconomic diversity and language skills.

To keep schools accountable to closing persistent achievement gaps, we supported the adoption of “Achievement Compacts,” which establishes achievement targets in Portland Public Schools at specific grade levels and subjects. APANO is particularly focused on strategies around increased student achievement among students with limited English proficiency.

APANO also supported a new law that allocates corporate income tax refunds to Oregon schools. While the corporate kicker is not realized in many budget cycles, when they do happen, the impact could be significant.

Health Equity

API communities suffer from health disparities that reflect income inequality, lack of access to quality health care, educational quality, and environmental conditions. That is why educating community members and decision-makers about issues of health access and disparities has been a centerpiece of APANO’s work.

Reliable data is important in allocating much-needed resources for cultural competency training for health workers. Socioeconomic realities, national origin, languages and access to health care among Oregon’s diverse API communities must be reflected in data collected by health providers. Data on health outcomes that are disaggregated by ethnic background and language are necessary to identify communities that are most at risk, and help providers apply culturally-specific health interventions.

Culturally-competent organizations offer services that are tailored to the unique needs of people served. By advocating for improved cultural competency standards among health professionals, APANO is helping to ensure that health workers have the cross-cultural communication skills they need to deliver the highest quality care for API patients.

Learn more at www.apano.org/learn



Civic Engagement

From developing voter guides in API languages, to ramping up efforts to register new voters, APANO reached 10,000 APIs through various efforts to get out the vote this election year.

APANO's civic engagement efforts kicked off in the spring, when trained organizers and volunteers joined the New American Voters Project, a coalition led by Oregon Voice to increase the number of Oregon's registered naturalized voters. APANO volunteers helped register new voters at U.S. citizenship naturalization ceremonies. The coalition registered almost 4,000 new Oregon and Washington voters over a six-month effort.

APANO also made voter guides available in API languages with the highest number of native speakers in the region: Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Samoan and Hindi. The voter guide helped demystify Oregon ballot measures for voters who are new to the electoral process. Volunteers used the voter guides to lead ballot party discussions about the issues. APANO capped off its year-long voter engagement initiatives with 10 multi-lingual phone banks that drew 70 volunteers who connected with more than 2,000 voters.

We still need volunteers for the New American Voters Project. Contact info@apano.org to volunteer.

Political Redistricting

Asians and Pacific Islanders make up the second fastest-growing group in Oregon. To ensure a strong API presence in the state's redistricting process, APANO strategized around the goal of creating two House districts with at least 20-percent Asian Pacific Islander populations.

APANO and allies worked for months to establish a precedent for an inclusive and comprehensive public review of draft district maps. Educating decision-makers about the API community in Oregon was central to the success of redistricting advocacy, by highlighting API contributions to the state and emphasizing the generations of contributions we have made to Oregon's social and economic life.

Testimonies, briefings and meetings with key officials focused on the legality—and necessity—of considering race when redrawing district lines, to ensure that communities of color will be adequately and effectively represented in our state legislature.

When the final redistricting plan was adopted with bipartisan support, the coalition was proud to make significant gains, with newly strengthened partnerships and an amplified voice in the state electoral process.

Read the report on our Redistricting work at www.apano.org/resources

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APANO in Pictures

Members and friends at 2012 APANO events, featured in this newsletter: Chanly Bob; Lee Po Cha; Sylvia Choi; Paolo Esteban; Toeutu Faaleava; Fipe Havea; Ka Her; Chiao-Yun "Anny" Hsiao; Colin Kiley; Christian Kim; Jennifer Kleskie; Suliasi Laulauepaalu; Holden Leung; Simeon Mamaril; MaiKia Moua; Robin Mullins; Kim Nguyen; Thach Nguyen; Hai Ninh; Pastor Ofa; Huy Ong; Gauri Rajbaidya; Joseph Santos-Lyons; June Arima Schumann; Channbunmorl Sou; Jennifer Tam; Sokhom Tauch; Linda Than; Anselmo Villanueva; Kathy Wai; Kyle Weismann-Yee; Thuy Vanderline; and Jean Yamamoto.

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Partners

Coalition Tables and National Networks

AIM for Equity: National Asian Pacific Islander Health Justice Network

Asian Pacific Islander American Vote

Healthy Oregon Partnership for Equity (HOPE) Coalition

Oregon Alliance for Education Equity

Oregon Health Authority Health Equity Policy Committee

Oregon Health Equity Alliance

Oregon Racial Equity Report Card Working Group

Asian and Pacific Islander Organizations

Asian American Youth Leadership Conference Inc

Asian Pacific American Student Union

Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce – Oregon

Cambodian American Community of Oregon

Chinese American Citizen's League – Portland Lodge

Coalition of Filipino American Associations – Oregon

Hmong American Community of Oregon

Hmong Association of Oregon

Japanese American Citizen's League – Portland

Kaibigan Student Association – Portland State

Micronesian Islander Community of Salem

Oregon Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Pacific Islander Student Association

Pan-Asian Community Alliance of Lane County

Philippine American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon

Portland Taiko

Samoan Pacific Development Corporation

Vietnamese Community of Oregon

Local and State Organizations

Basic Rights Oregon

CAUSA Oregon

Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO)

Coalition of Communities of Color

Office of Neighborhood Involvement – East Portland Action Plan

Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization

Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group

Oregon Action

Oregon Center for Public Policy

Oregon Health Authority Office of Equity and Inclusion

Oregon Latino Health Coalition

Oregon Voice

Upstream Public Health

Urban League of Portland

Tobacco Free Coalition of Oregon

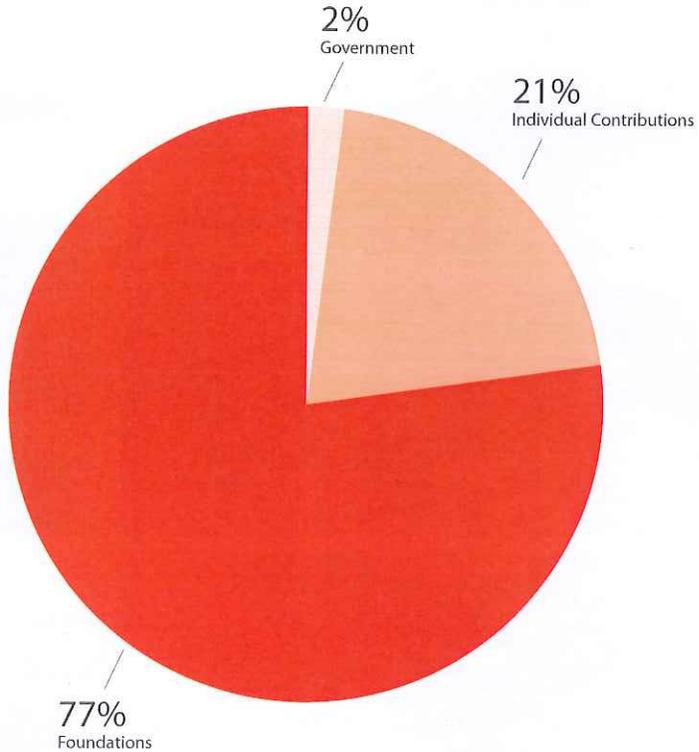
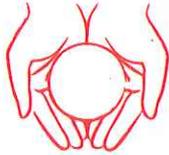
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FINANCIALS

*APANO financials for these charts reflect income and expenses from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

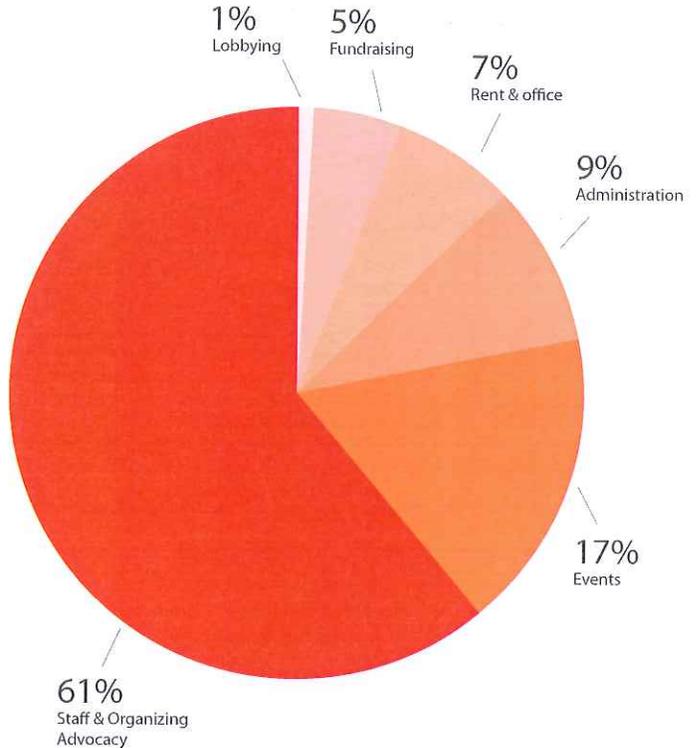
INCOME

Foundations	\$197,560
Individual contributions	\$53,456
Government	\$6,540
Total	\$257,556



EXPENSES

Staff Organizing and Advocacy	\$135,960
Events	\$37,602
Administration	\$20,000
Rent & Office	\$15,000
Fundraising	\$12,500
Lobbying	\$2,910
Total	\$223,972





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