

**NCKU-NAA Foundation, Inc.**  
**Board Meeting**

Date: Sunday, January 11, 2009

Time: 17:00 PM to 18:30 PM Eastern Time

Place: Teleconference

Attendees: Hsing Kung, Mou-Ying Fulu, Arthur Wu, Keh-Shew Lu,  
Paul Lin, Albert Hsieh, Victor Wang, Shousun Chen,  
Tommy Shwe, Jesse Chen, Nai-Nan Ko  
Li-Min Lee (ofc), Ping Chen(ofc ), Sharon Hsieh (ofc)  
Tzi-Chun Chang (nbm)  
NBM=Non Board Member OFC=Foundation Officer

Absent: Wei-Kan Chu, Carl Chen, Jerry Cheng, LienYao, Michael Yu

The 2008 Foundation Board meeting was held on Sunday, January 11, 2009. The following were the minutes of the meeting.

**Hsing:** Thank you all for joining the meeting. The election for the board was completed and Mou-Ying will report the reports.

**Shousun:** Before we proceed, I would like to point out that Tzi-Chun Chang will be joining us later in the meeting to talk about Wu-Jing fund.

**Mou-Ying:** We have elected four new board members. They are Jin-Chu “Jesse” Chen, Keh-Shew Lu, Victor Wang and Carl Chen. Are we going to elect new Chairman in this meeting today?

**Tommy:** Yes, we are.

**Mou-Ying:** I hope Hsing can continue serving as our Chairman.

**Shousun:** Is Tommy a board member? Please announce the names of the board members we have.

**Hsing:** We have sixteen board members, including foundation president and NCKUNAA association president, and those who were elected. Tommy has been the board member during the interim.

**Mou-Ying:** I nominate Hsing to be the Chairman. Seconded by Shou-Sun.

**Tommy:** According to the revised by-laws, the term for the new Chair is four years. Albert Hsieh can verify this for us.

**Albert Hsieh:** Tommy is right. The revised by-law does state that the term is 4 years.

**Hsing:** I did not plan to serve for four years. Can Chairman resign?

**Tommy:** The Chairman can obviously resign. The Chairman serves for four years and can be re-elected.

**Hsing:** Any other nominations?

[Voted for new Chairman – Hsing was elected to be the new Chair]

**Hsing:** I will be the Chairman for at least one year and see how it goes. I nominate Tommy to be the President. How long is a term for President?

**Tommy:** It is also four years. The information regarding the term is stated in the revised by-laws and can be accessed from the foundation website.

[Voted for new President – Albert and Mou-Ying seconded to the nomination. Tommy was elected to be the new President]

[Voted for minutes for the last meeting – All agreed to put it in record]

**Tzi-Chun Chang:** Thanks for the idea of setting up the Wu-Jing fund. In another three days, it will be exact one year since Wu-Jing passed away. It's hard for me to talk at this time, but I decided to do it anyway. Wu-Jing did not think scholarship was realistic because it only benefited a few people. Zheng Ho Academy itself is filled with stories. Zheng Ho spirits is what we should promulgate and research. So, I hope the fund can be used for Zheng Ho academies. I have no idea how many Zheng Ho Academies exist. You all are volunteers and very busy. I think we will just do our best to support Zheng Ho related tasks. Thank you all. [sign off]

**Hsing:** Li-Min will report the financial status.

**Li-Min:** I emailed everybody a copy of the financial report. If anyone did not receive a copy, please let me know. We now have 14 funds. Four funds have designated usage. The other 9 are placed in general funds. There is another one fund that is too small and is placed under general fund. Currently, we have \$10,000 in general fund and \$6,000 in Administration fund that can be used. The main expenditures are for NCKU.NET amount to \$1,500.

**Mou-Ying:** What is the difference between general fund and administration fund? We need to redefine these two funds and put it in writing, so people understand when they make donation.

**Hsing:** Administration fund is for board and management expenses. This board and administration are paying from their own pocket, so the fund is not touched at all.

**Tommy:** In the past, we charge 3 to 10% for donation. Now we waived all the charges, except for pass through cost. The administration fund has not been spent at all up to the present.

**Arthur:** Will board members be able to use the fund?

**Hsing:** As long as it is reasonable. We don't have an existing business rule to follow.

**Mou-Ying:** We have to make it clear what expense will be from what fund. We need description and definition on paper.

**Li-Min:** Officers can use administration fund for social if NCKU guests came to visit.

**Keh-Shew:** we need to have fund definition. Administration fund should be used by board only and approved by Chairman. It should not be mixed with other funds.

**Mou:** Keh-Shew makes it clearer. We should spend some time to have the funds defined.

**Hsing:** Let's put this as an action item.

**Tommy:** I will work with Li-Min to have them defined.

**Hsing:** Shousun now will report the progress of Wu-Jing Fund.

**Shousun:** We have \$2,600 donation. Phase 1 will focus on Chinese school in 3 regions – NY, S California and DC, amounts to > 200 schools, to promote Zheng Ho education. I have been working with Albert and Jerry. We have a good plan in place already. Zheng Ho Expedition Awareness for Youth is an inclusive, but not exclusive, purpose of Wu Jin Fund.

**Hsing:** Using the website to solicit donation for Wu-Jing fund is a good test of the NCKU.NET. It will tell us if the website is capable of doing this.

**Shousun:** I will write some descriptions and post it on the website to solicit donations. The target people will include, but not limit to NCKU alumni. Phase 2 will include other projects.

**Hsing:** Ping can use the email and the website to promote this.

**Ping:** We can use the name in the NCKU.NET to send email, but it may not be feasible to send email to people that are not alumni.

**Hsing:** We can ask our alumni to forward the email to people that are not alumni. Now we want to get the updates from Association and NCKU.NET.

**Tommy:** NCKUAA Association president will report first.

**Paul:** The biennial meeting will be held from August 13 thru August 16, 2009 at Hilton Hotel located in Oakbrook. Information regarding the hotel can be found from their website. The highlights of the meeting are:

- Technology Transfer Forum – the main focus will be NCKU tech.
- Booklet – Kun-Lan Yang is responsible for this task. Four people from Chicago have been assigned to help her. But we also need help from Albert Hsieh and Margaret Hsieh. I have contacted the current and previous president from different regions in the U.S. and Taiwan to get a congratulate letter from each of them. I have been soliciting articles for alumni associations' activities and alumni's recent situations updates. I hope to receive one of two articles from each regional alumni association. This booklet will also include outstanding alumni/unsung hero biography. We plan to start editing by the end of March.
- Programs and advertisement.

**Keh-Shew:** Are you talking about the North America NCKU outstanding/unsung hero awardees' biography?

**Paul:** Yes. Besides the above reports, I wrote a short essay at the end of last year suggesting foundation to:

- Consolidate the three organizations – NCKUNAA Association, Foundation and NCKU.NET – into one. Joint forces of the three will make a stronger organization.
- Create an advisor board comprised with current and previous presidents of NCKUNAA association, regional association, NCKU.NET and foundation. Important decisions will be made by this board.
- Elect two NCKUNAA association presidents each time, President and President-Elect. The President-Elect will work with the President, so when it's time for the President-Elect to be the President, he is already familiar with the business, and can take over easily. Nomination committee nominate before the biennial meeting. Voting takes place during the meeting, but is only a form. The actual election result is known before the meeting.
- Distribute the by-laws to all related parties and make final modification.
- Financial management can be more flexible and transparent.

We will need Arthur's help for the nomination/selection of outstanding alumni/unsung hero. I hope to receive related information from regional alumni associations by Feb. 5, and will follow up.

The invitation for the biennial meeting has been sent to NCKU, Taichung Alumni Association and Tainan Alumni Association. They will send group of people to attend the meeting. I will send the invitation to Taipei Alumni Association very soon.

The programs for the biennial meeting include:

- Opening ceremony on Aug. 14
- Tour Chicago on Aug. 15. It takes 45 minutes to downtown Chicago and 20 minutes to the airport.
- 8:30 – 11:30 AM NCKUNAA Association meeting
- 8:30 – 10:00 AM Foundation meeting
- 10:00 – 11:30 AM NCKU.NET meeting
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM Outstanding Alumni/Unsung Hero Award Ceremony
- 3:30 – 5:00 PM Awardees Special Presentations
- 6:30 – 11:30 PM Party/Banquet

Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions regarding the arrangement.

**Tommy:** Thanks to Albert Hsieh and Jerry Cheng for revising the by-laws. It is posted on the NCKU.NET. Every one has access to it. Foundation's functions are soliciting for donors, managing the fund, reviewing the application for disbursement and payment. We have zero overhead for administration currently.

The officers are:

Treasurer: Li-Min Lee, Ping Chen

Secretary: Sharon Hsieh, Michelle Yeh, Ron-Ron Ou(NCKU)

NCKU.NET: Casey Yeh

The board meeting will be held quarterly.

A NCKUNAA Branch office has been set up in CA, which is the result of efforts by Association, Foundation, Director Mao-Rong Yeh and North West Tech U. The office is located in the North West Tech U. It provides services to alumni such as free conference room and hotel discount.

**Casey:** NCKU.NET belongs to all NCKU alumni and is operated by NCKU alumni. There are 1,200 registrants, 130,000 alumni records, and about 250,000 visitors per month. Our objectives for 2009 are:

- Increase the registrants to 20,000.
- Cooperate with NCKU and NCKU Alumni Center. Transfer the website to NCKU. This website will be maintained by NCKU Computer Center. The Center will recruit graduates from recent years to help. We would like to invite alumni to visit the website and register.

**Hsing:** I have met with Director Hsiao for the discussion of how to transfer over the NCKU.NET to NCKU. NCKU has hired an employee to deal with this matter. It is just the beginning. I will update you when further information is available.

**Arthur:** Outstanding alumni/unsung hero award event should be able to proceed smoothly, according to my experience. Three members are needed for the award selection committee. We should ask the regional alumni association to send the nomination now. Hsing and Paul will be the lead for the event. I will be the coordinator and will not be involved for the selection.

**Hsing:** You are fully authorized to lead this event. We will do whatever you ask to make it happen. This event is no different from the other event. For example, Shousun is the lead to set up Wu-Jing Fund. She invited Jerry Cheng and Albert Hsieh to her committee. You are appointed to lead the event and can form your committee.

**Shousun:** I suggest each board member sit in not more than one committee. We don't want to under load or overload any single one member, and no one dominates the others.

**Tommy:** Committee chairman can and will have to make powerful decision.

**Victor:** I need to sign off now. Albert Hsieh will be my proxy.

**Arthur:** Committee members and Chairman will be responsible for the award selection.

**Tommy:** You are the committee chairman.

Meeting was adjourned at 18:30pm eastern time.