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Ed Lew – *President* -- Ed is Principal Counsel for The Walt Disney Company in Burbank, where he provides legal support for Disney Interactive and Disney Connected and Advanced Technologies. A native of Los Angeles, Ed moved north to attend UC Berkeley, graduating with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and Ethnic Studies. He returned to L.A. after college and received his law degree from the UCLA School of Law. While at UCLA, Ed served as Editor-in-Chief of the UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal and Co-Chair of the UCLA Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association and Southern California Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. Ed served as President of OCA-GLA in 2008 and President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA) of Los Angeles County in

2009. Ed remains active with APABA as a member of its Advisory Board. He also serves as Vice President of the Asian Pacific American Friends of the Theatre and UCLA Asian Pacific Alumni Association.

Jen Ju – *Vice President* -- Jen, a resident of Monterey Park, CA has grown up feeling empowered as an Asian American all her life. It was not until she interned for former-Assembly Member Judy Chu that she realized the struggles Asian Americans still faced. She graduated from Georgetown University in 2010 as an International Affairs - Culture and Politics major and plans to dedicate her life to social justice. Jen has been involved in many non-profit organizations, including APALC and Kollaboration. She served as OCA-GLA's first Civil Rights Fellow and continued on as Treasurer after her fellowship ended. She currently works as an account coordinator at IW Group, Inc., a marketing, advertising and public relations firm that works with high-profile clients to reach the Asian American community nationwide. In her spare time, Jen enjoys wandering through cities, finding culinary adventures, and occasionally, chasing celebrities. She also hopes to one day become an Asian pop star or open a pastry shop.

Sally Kikuchi – *Secretary* -- Sally Kikuchi is a second year Master of Public Administration student at the University of Southern California Price School of Public Policy. At USC, she serves as a Student Ambassador, Senator with the Graduate Student Government and Co-Chair for the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with High Honors in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. Recognized for her active leadership among student organizations and community based non-profit organizations in the Bay Area, she was named a Cal Alumni Scholar. Her research on Japanese American internment qualified her as a Sociology Department Finalist, and she has been featured in publications including the Pacific Citizen and Nichi Bei Times. She also worked abroad as a high school teacher with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program and has served as a staff writer for The Japan Times, Japan's largest independent English publication. She has also been an avid volunteer at local hospitals, schools, and community events. She currently works at USC's Government and Civic Engagement to coordinate Galen Center community events and USC Neighborhood Outreach grant programs. She enjoys traveling and trying new restaurants in L.A.

Stacey Toda – *Treasurer* -- Stacey Ann Fong Toda was born in Los Angeles and still lives in her hometown of Torrance. She currently works as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster. Her past jobs include Asian Pacific Islander Communications Consultant for Wells Fargo and as the Asian Pacific Islander American Senior Field Representative for former Assemblymember George Nakano. In 2006, Stacey successfully ran her first political campaign as the campaign manager and ensured that Asian Americans are still represented on the Torrance School Board. She was named PoliticalCircus.com's "Top 30 Under 30" Asian

Americans in the United States. She has served four terms as OCA-GLA President and has served in the past as Vice President and Secretary.

Loretta So – *Director of Communications* -- Loretta graduated from UC San Diego with a B.S. in Bioengineering-Biotechnology and a minor in Film Studies. While at UCSD, Loretta was an active member of MASA (Multi-Asian Student Association) and Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity. She also studied abroad at the University of Hong Kong for a semester. Following her graduation from UCSD, she worked at EMD Biosciences in San Diego, updating their catalog of life science research products, but ultimately decided to pursue her dream of working in entertainment, and moved back to her hometown in Los Angeles to work at Creative Artists Agency, a prominent entertainment and sports agency. Currently, she works at Lime Orchard Productions and is an active member and volunteer for CAPE (Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment).

Chris Fong – *Director of Membership* -- Christopher L. Fong, Esq. has been an entertainment attorney for Sony Pictures Entertainment since 2008. Chris has been actively involved with non-profit and community service organizations since he first started as an Eagle Scout. In 2001, Chris served as a White House Intern under President Clinton, working on automatic weapons and Medicare issues. That same year, Chris graduated from the Center for Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL) Training Program based in Washington, D.C. and went on to take an interest in API community issues. In addition to OCA, Chris is also on the board of the Asian Professional Exchange and a former board member for the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Chris has volunteered for various other organizations such as the Beverly Hills Bar Association, SCCLA, KABA, JABA, TAP, CAPE, VC Film Festival, SFIAAFF, Habitat for Humanity-LA, and Big Brothers of America. Born and raised in West Los Angeles, Chris graduated from U.C. Berkeley with dual degrees in political science and business. He then attended Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles and became a member of the California Bar in 2007. In his free time, Chris enjoys paint-balling and playing video games and non-traditional sports, as he currently plays on teams for both the World Adult Kickball Association and World Dodgeball Society.

Dora Quach – *Director of Programming* -- Dora received her BA in Art History from UC-San Diego. She has been an active member in the community since she was a teenager with various organizations over the years such as the Asian Youth Center and the American Cancer Society. She began her work with OCA as an intern at the OCA National Center and has stayed involved ever since. Dora also serves on the board of directors for the West San Gabriel Valley Young Democrats and remains active in the community. Currently, Dora serves as the Administrative Director at the Chinese American Museum and convention chair for the 2nd APIA National Historic Preservation Forum.

Wendy Lin – *Director of Education and Culture* -- Wendy looks forward to serving another year on the OCA-GLA board. In addition to serving last year, she was board member from 2006-2008, and prior to that, served as President of Project by Project Southern California. Wendy is currently working at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles developing an Operations Performance Improvement Department, and previously worked at Deloitte Consulting and Cerner Corporation. She has a BS from UCLA and a MPH in Health Management and Policy from the University of Michigan.

Mike Fong – *Director of Community Relations* -- Mike graduated from UCLA in 1999 with a B.S. Degree in Psychobiology and a Minor in Education. As a Bruin, Mike was active with the Asian Pacific Coalition, a student advocacy group representing the interests of on-campus Asian American organizations. He also volunteered as a Project Director of the Asian American Tutorial Project, a student-run student-initiated community service program that mentored youth at Castelar Elementary in LA's Chinatown. Mike is the East Area Director for Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Active in the community, Mike is a board member of the UCLA Asian Pacific Alumni Association and President of the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Associatino chapter and is excited about continuing his involvement in OCA-GLA and working with all of its wonderful members and organizing great events!

Tom Eng – *Director of Public Affairs* -- A graduate of UCLA, Tom is presently employed as an engineer with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. Tom Eng has been very active with the community. In addition to serving as Board member of OCA-GLA, he is also a board member of Chinatown Public Safety Association (CPSA), board member of Media Action Network for Asian Americans (MANAA), advisory board member of the Friends of the Chinatown Library, and member of the following: Firecracker Run Committee, Chinese Historical Society, LA County Asian American Employees Association, Friends of Chinese American Museum, as well as a volunteer for the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Tom Eng's photographic hobby has allowed him to be a photographer for OCA-GLA and various other organizations and events. He has attended every OCA National Convention since 1994. Through his hobby and affiliations, Tom has been networking and interacting with the Asian Pacific American community for over 25 years.

Arnold Lee – *Director of Fundraising* -- As a first generation American, Arnold Lee believes firmly in making sure that young people and new immigrants become civically engaged. He has been a voter education activist since middle school. He began his political and civic activism by registering new citizens to vote at naturalization ceremonies. Arnold has served as staff, intern, and volunteer on many statewide, legislative, and local candidate and issue campaigns. Additionally, he has served in leadership positions in statewide and local political organizations

and advocated for voter education and voter outreach by providing training and resources to student activists. Arnold recently graduated from Southwestern Law School where he served as the president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association president on campus. Arnold is a newly admitted attorney in California and is currently actively involved with several bar associations in Los Angeles.

William Hsu – *Director-at-Large* -- William is currently a State Farm Agent, with his office located in Monterey Park, California. He attended the University of California San Diego from 2003 to 2008, double majoring in Political Science and Visual Arts. Growing up in Montebello and Pasadena led him through many hardships throughout his youth and young adulthood. Only through having strong relationships with family, friends, and mentors was he able to overcome many of the challenges that he had faced. Although his community involvement was very minimal during his high school and college years, he found himself becoming more and more actively involved since his undergraduate commencement. Some of these activities include volunteering at the San Diego Children's Museum, painting classrooms and other activities at the San Gabriel Asian Youth Center, and donating to other local community events. The reason for his interest in OCA is the opportunity to become more consistently active in community service, to network with his local community, and to hopefully make a difference in social, cultural, and economic growth within the Los Angeles area.

Lisa Thong – *Director-at-Large* -- Lisa Thong most recently worked as an editorial assistant for !t Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers, in New York. During her time there, Lisa helped manage more than 27 titles to completion, including three bestsellers. Prior to her position in publishing, Lisa accumulated more than five years of experience in government and nonprofit community work. Formerly with CAUSE, Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment, Lisa managed the daily operations of the organization as well as developed programming and events strategically targeting youth, young professionals, and the bilingual community for civic engagement on a variety of issues pertinent to the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community. Previous to working for CAUSE, Lisa worked heavily with the APIA community and the San Gabriel Valley communities as a field representative for then California State Senator Jack Scott. Stemming from her position with the Senator's office, Lisa Co-Chaired APALS, the Asian Pacific American Legislative Staff Network, an informal organization of approximately 80 staffers who work for elected officials at every level of government (city, county, state, and federal). Prior to her position with the Senate, Lisa worked as a Development Assistant at East West Players, the nation's premiere Asian American theatre. Lisa graduated from Claremont McKenna College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature and a sequence in Asian American Studies. A recognition of and passion to serve under-represented communities led Lisa to focus her career on public service. She is a strong believer in the arts as a medium for social change and strives to strengthen the community by sharing cultures and talking story to just about anyone who will listen. Lisa is dedicated to building a cohesive APIA community through outreach, communication, and partnerships.

William Tran – *Director-at-Large* -- William Tran serves as Counsel, Legal Affairs at NBCUniversal. He oversees the vetting of prospective participants in unscripted ("reality") shows for the NBC television network. He advises his clients regarding potential legal, eligibility, and public relations issues regarding these participants. Prior to that, he practiced in all areas of labor and employment law in the Los Angeles office of the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP. William received his B.A. in 2003 from Swarthmore College, where he graduated with high honors and was elected to phi beta kappa. He majored in history and minored in Chinese and linguistics. He then received his J.D. in 2006 from the University of Michigan Law School, where he graduated cum laude. At Michigan Law, William served as an editor on the Michigan Law Review and was active with both the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and Outlaws. William currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC). William is also a general member of API-Equality Los Angeles, a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving marriage equality.