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### **Xiong United Board Meeting Minutes June 22, 2002**

Present: Chue Wang Xiong (CA), Neng Yee Xiong (CA), Chue Chor Xiong (NC), Vaming Xiong, Tong Toua Xiong (WI), Dr. Nao Thae Xiong (CA), Tong Kou Xiong (OK), Tshuas Pov Xiong (WI), Vang Pao Xiong (CA), Tsav Lis Xyooj (CA), Shuayung Xiong (CA), Tommy Kai Xiong (CA), Susan Xiong (CA), Txooj Zeb (Jaylie) Xiong (WA)

- Officers: Chue Wang (Pres), Neng Yee (VP), Vang Pao (Treasurer), Shuayung (Secretary), Vaming (Public Relations Officer)
- Board Members, Honorary Advisors, General Advisors, and Representatives: See the directory (<https://xiongunitied.org/2022-2025-board-of-directors/>)
- Clarification by Tong Kou: Txooj Tub is to be Rep for OK; Rep in WI is Txooj Pov
- Suggestion by Chue Chor: AK should have a Rep or Board Member since it is one whole state some distance away from other states
- Regarding the makeup of the Board of Directors, the Bylaws dictate that it should be between 5 - 19 members
- Suggestion by Jaylie: We should use Bylaws to guide our activities
- Officers and Board Members have the right to vote.
- Suggestion by Neng Yee: Each state should have a Rep; Tong Toua clarified that it is stated in the Bylaws that there would be a Rep for each state
- Goals: We have 11 purposes stated in the Bylaws
  - Education - chair by Dr. Nao Thae
  - Culture - chair by Tsav Lis
  - Other committees in the past: Historian and Financial

- Now, should we have the following committees and others? Political, Economic, Organizational
- Short Term Goals:
  - Book of Generations - continue to work on Nom Suav's book and make it available to members
  - Certificate for Cultural Masters - to encourage young people to take on the traditions
- Fundraisers: one to be held in CA and the second to be held in WI
- General Meeting/Conference in 2024 in WI
- Others
  - Received a cashier's check from the previous Administration (\$3,500)
  - We must decide whether to join the Hmong American National Chairman Association (HANCA). If we join, we need to send a Rep for our Xiong family; we need to further research HANCA so we can decide
  - In the past, Xiong United had been registered in MN, but the registration had not been renewed, so there is no more state tax ID. We need to decide whether we want to get non-profit status
  - Bylaws - all of us should get a copy of it
  - The previous administration created the website and Facebook for information sharing; should we continue these?
  - Board Meetings: Per Bylaws, we should meet at least once a month
- Regarding Tax ID- Tsuas Pov recommends that we get it. Register it in CA.
- Bank Account - Dr. Nao Thae suggested we go ahead and open a bank account
- Chue Chor supports the creation of Economic Committee but not Political
- Susan suggested that we identify Action Items and focus on those
  - We need to decide upon the short-term goals.
  - We should be clear on whether we would use Robert's Rule or some other rules for our meetings making decisions.
- Tommy - For those who have not been in the organization, we thought XU was a non-profit. Suggested that officers research what XU has or does not have, what's completed, and what is still needed. If we don't have funding, we will not be able to do anything regarding short-term and long-term goals. This is very important; If we can show that we have good causes, people will donate; support getting into HANCA but would like more information on it - what's their purpose so we could decide whether to join. Suggested that Vaming (PR) get more information.
- Chue Chor would like us to follow the agenda.
- Tong Tuam - agrees with Susan. After the next meeting, we review the items to be voted and let's vote on them and go forward.

- What is the official name of our organization? In the past, it was Xiong United National. But because we also go outside of the US, we changed to just Xiong United because the work is mainly in America. Do we have paperwork on the official name?
- Next Meeting, we will take action to approve some of the things discussed in this first meeting. We will research getting information on Tax ID and bank account. We should approve or disapprove of the suggested short-term goals.
- Tong Kou suggested reading through the agenda at the start of the meeting and then going as planned.
- Jaylie suggested we shouldn't have too many agenda items and use Robert's Rule.
- Tommy - Regarding the Book of Generations, we need clarification from Nom Suav to ensure no conflict of interest; we keep moving forward and don't go in circles.
- President Chue Wang clarified that the Book of Generation was assigned to Nom Suav to work on by Xiong United. Authority has been given by Nom Suav to continue to work on it.
- Monthly Board meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday at 6 PM PST. The next meeting will be on 7/27.
- Make Bylaws available to everyone. (<https://xiongunited.org/bylaws/>)