

**The Smithsonian Taiwan Heritage Fund (STHF)
Advisory Committee**

Minutes: Mr. Wen-Yen Chen called for a meeting of The Advisory Committee. The meeting was held on September 4, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. at the Taiwan Culture Center in Derwod, Maryland.

Present: Wen-Yen Chen, C.P. Hwang, Robert Lai, Tzong-Yang Hsiao, Bernard Tsai, Yung-San Liang, and Jenny Chen.

Report of activities:

Mr. Hwang presented a written report of the activities the STHF had engaged in since the Fund was established on 2/06/2004,: the visits to four museums around Taipei to explore the possibility of setting up future exchange programs with the STHF, the participation in the Smithsonian Institute's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month events which included the Mafzor presentation of 5/5/04 in the Smithsonian Institution by Mr. Neal Donnelly and the demonstration of Taiwanese paper sculpture art by Mr. Huang Jsom-Fu from Taiwan , the preparation of works for publishing Mr. Neal Donnelly's book "Taiwan Deities, a Collection", and the plan for the "Taiwan Vitrine" in the National Museum of Natural History after the renovation work in the museum is completed.

Rectification of Advisory Committee Bylaws:

STHF attorney Ms. Amy Ngg drafted a set of bylaws to govern the operation of the STHF Advisory Committee. STHF coordinator Mr. Wen-Yen Chen sent the proposed bylaws to the charter members together with his letter dated August 2, 2004. The Advisory committee adopted the bylaws after making an amendment to the quorum provision in Section 2.07. The bylaws will be considered rectified in ten days after the Chairman's notification to the members.

Election of officers:

Wen-Yen Chen called for nominations from the floor. The following persons were nominated and elected to fill the officers of the **Executive Committee**.

Chair.....C.P. Hwang
Vice-Chair...Bernard Tsai
Secretary..... Jenny Chen
Treasurer..... Tzong-Yang Hsiao

Finance Committee: Upon the recommendation of the Chairman, Robert Lai was appointed to chair of the finance committee. Mr. Lai mentioned that the committee should consist of the following members, Wen-Yen Chen, Ho-Hong Chen, C.P. Hwang and Bernard Tsai in addition to himself.

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Finance Report:

Chairman Hwang reported that there are 37 charter members.*

Treasurer Tzong-Yang Hsiao reported the total amount in the fund is \$48,000.00.*

* final update: 9/6/04

Other business:

Chairman Hwang and Robert Lai spoke about making proposal to pertinent offices in Taiwan for recommending the invitation to Dr. Paul Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Donnelly to visit Taiwan in October 2004.

Chairman Hwang suggested members participate in collecting information and art articles to enrich the preparation for the "Taiwan Vitrine".

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Jenny Chen
Secretary