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The Year of the Snake

The AE²C Board members kicked off the Lunar New Year with a three-part strategic planning session in which they redefined the organization's values, vision and mission. As 2013 is the Year of the Snake, indications that just like a snake sheds its skin when growing, so too, do organizations need to change as they grow. And so comes the dawn of a new day, thus, the name of this newsletter – *Aurora* -- the Roman name for the Goddess of the Dawn, renewing herself every morning. Eventually, the word came to signify *the East and peoples from Eastern lands*.

AE²C will strive to become the leading Asian American organization for matters concerning energy, the environment and commerce while bridging the values, business practices and cultures of Asia and the United States. What that means for you are opportunities to interface with professionals from these sectors at networking events, brown bag seminars and other educational forums, and of course, this monthly newsletter.

To see the new Vision and Mission statements, and read more about the new days ahead, go to our website at www.ae2c.org

May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

This month, we recognize the contributions to the U.S. and honor the achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. May was selected for this recognition because of two significant events in history: Japanese immigrants first arrived in the U.S. in May 1843, and the transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869. In case you did not know, the majority of workers who laid the tracks for the Central Pacific Line were Chinese immigrants. Today we have many notable Asian Americans to celebrate within the science sector. To name just a few: Dr. Steven Chu – physicist, Nobel Prize winner and former Secretary of Energy, Ms. Reshma Saujani – the founder of *Girls Who Code*, a nonprofit organization that teaches teenage girls to code and develop technology skills, and Ms. Sunita Williams – who holds the record for the longest space flight and most space walk-time for a woman. These leaders and many others embody this year's APA theme of "Leadership to Meet the Challenges of a Changing World."

AE²C Participates in Industry Events

AE²C president, Bob Gee, participated in an Energy Stakeholder panel at the **American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)** Energy Policy Summit on February 1st. This panel consisted of 19 representatives from other organizations and associations interested in the energy policy debate. Panelists discussed a variety of topics from the business case for supplier diversity to the next industrial revolution to how energy and commerce go hand-in-hand. They also talked about the importance of consumer education and the role the consumer plays in policy development and business opportunities. AE²C also attended the AABE 36th Annual Conference “Energy: Embracing Change & Creating Opportunities” held in Baltimore, MD. Participants heard from Constellation CEO, Ken Cornew and learned about what utilities around the country are doing to embrace change and create opportunities for diverse communities from other industry executives. As an extra benefit of the conference, the **National Utilities Diversity Council** held two Leadership Development seminars on mentoring and advancement. For more information on AABE activities, go to www.aabe.org

As part of APA Heritage month, on May 15th the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Agency for International Development hosted Mr. Martin Gold, author of the new book “Forbidden Citizens: Chinese Exclusion and the U.S. Congress, A Legislative History.” The emcee for this event was AE²C Board member, Jeremy Wu.

On May 13th, Bob Gee served as the moderator for a panel on China’s Energy Policies, co-sponsored by the **Energy Bar Association’ International Energy and Transactions Committee** and AE²C. Panelists included experts from The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, ICF Consulting and Vinson & Elkins. The discussion centered on China’s comprehensive energy supply system, and the challenges the country faces as energy consumption continues to increase. You can view the slide presentations from the speakers on the AE²C website at <http://www.ae2c.org/AE2CNews>. Also, many thanks to AE²C member Marvin Liang whose law firm Jones Day hosted this event.



AABE Energy Summit Stakeholder Panel



China’s Energy Policies Panel
(L-R: B. Gee, M. Zhao, H. Vidas, K. Tu)

Stay tuned for more information and mark your calendar for our upcoming Webinar
"Strengthening Utility Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity Under Executive Order"

Webinar is hosted by EUCI with AE²C as a content partner.

Limited free registrations for AE²C members by emailing rasheq.rahman@ae2c.org for more information

June 4th from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Message from the Board

Featuring: Bob Gee, President

Welcome to 2013 and the Year of the Snake! If this year is anything like prior “snake years”, we could be in trouble. The Fung Shui index forecasts that this will be a challenging year in the oil and gas, technology and utilities industries. For us in AE²C, that could mean we will face some challenges in our businesses, but with challenges also come opportunities -- opportunities to talk about the importance of a diversified energy supply, to expand our networks and to demonstrate the value of a diverse workforce in the energy, environment and commerce sectors.

This newsletter is our first effort to increase our visibility and provide news and information to you, our members and friends. You will hear from each of the Board members in the months to come. They and several of the AE²C Founding Members have worked together during the past couple of months to update our Vision, Mission and values. We know that in these uncertain economic times, AE²C must provide value to its members in order for the organization to move forward. We want this to be your organization – to provide opportunities for personal and professional growth whether that is thru seminars, small group meetings, or informal networking sessions. However, AE²C cannot be successful without you and your input. We are a young organization and we tend to compare ourselves to other similar organizations that have more years of experience. With your support, and the support of businesses and corporations, we can grow to be just as successful, but that means we need your input, your ideas and your involvement. I invite you to become involved. Renew your membership and ask others to join as well. Send us a message. Come to an event.

The Year of the Snake may mean challenges, but for AE²C, this year promises to be bright and energetic!



Board and Founding Members at Lunar New Year Celebration
(L-R: J. Wu, R. Rahman, J. Hou, B. Fang, J.R. Alloway, B. Gee, C. Tam, P. McMurray)

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