

## **OCA-Greater Houston 2021 Board Members**

### **H.C. Chang, Esq., President**

H.C. Chang is an attorney who practices civil litigation law, concentrating in medical, personal injury, and other fields of civil litigation. He is licensed in Texas and New Mexico. H.C. also serves on the board of the Houston 80-20 – an Asian American political action organization that promotes Asian American interests through participation in the political process. H.C. is a member of the Houston Asian American Bar Association, and volunteers his time to various community organizations and events that are aimed to promote and preserve Asian American heritage, art, and culture.

### **Victor Lee, Vice President of Community Outreach**

Victor Lee is the Director of Business Development for STOA Architects- Houston. As the Business Development Director, Victor has been involved with the development and implementation of the firm's various marketing strategies. Victor earned his B.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Texas at Austin and his B.S. in Political Science from the University of Houston. Victor is very involved in the Houston community and in addition to OCA-Greater Houston, he currently serves on: President, Lee Family Association Houston, Texas Secretary, US-China Peoples Friendship Association Board Member, Southwest Management Environmental and Urban Design Committee Member, HISD Asian Advisory Committee Member, Houston Community College Asian American Roundtable Committee Member, Asian Chamber of Commerce Member, Chinese Chamber of Commerce Member, and the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce.

### **Stephen Chao, MD, Vice President of Operations**

Stephen Chao, MD is currently a staff physician at Legacy Community Health Services, a federally qualified health center in Houston Texas. He was previously a staff physician at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and also previously an Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, he attended Rice University, graduating with degrees in Biochemistry and Health Policy. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and is the immediate past president of the Chinese American Doctors Association of Houston. Dr. Chao completed his family medicine residency training at UT San Antonio and is committed caring for the underserved residents of Houston and Harris County. His interests include care for immigrant and refugee populations, community health, and public policy. He believes in providing quality health care for all.

### **Thu Nguyen, Secretary**

Nguyễn Anh Thu (or Thu like two for short) is a native Houstonian learning and shaping what advocacy, human information design, and entrepreneurship can mean, based in Washington, DC and Houston, TX. She serves OCA National as the Deputy Executive Director. A graduate from Rice University with a degree in Chemistry and Sociology, Thu formerly managed fundraising and grants for OCA as well as overall communications including print and digital media. With her spare time, she focuses on the intersection of advocacy with small businesses. She believes in utilizing the private sector to promote the nonprofit/public sector, which developed out of her experience in community organizing for a local hospitality group. At Rice University, she led and

grew the Vietnamese Student Association into the most active and well known cultural club on campus, reconnected the Asian Alumni Association with current students, wrote for the school newspaper and was editor in chief of the campus fashion blog. Thu is an intern alumni and former student board member of OCA-Greater Houston.

### **Kuan Zhao, Treasurer**

Kuan Zhao is a Financial Analyst at Cisco and the former CEO and founder of Dim Sum Bento ([www.dimsumbento.com](http://www.dimsumbento.com)), a company that specializes in healthy but flavorful, portion-sized and customizable Dim Sum bento boxes just under 600 calories and MSG FREE. Its dim sum are available on 3<sup>rd</sup> party delivery platforms like UberEats, catering events and wholesale channels. Aside from Dim Sum Bento, Kuan is a CPA in the State of Texas and current treasurer of OCA-Greater Houston. He's also a former senior financial analyst at Shell and Motiva Enterprises for 6 years. Kuan is born in Shanghai and a University of Houston alum with a passion for healthy eating, food manufacturing, backpacking/travelling, Houston sports and last but not least, all things dim sum"

### **Cecil Fong, Immediate President**

Cecil is the President of Education Rainbow Challenge, which is a non-profit organization geared toward raising interest in math and science for inner city kids via semi-annual math challenges and hands-on science experiments. Cecil also serves as the Executive Director for Diversity Summit which is an annual conference aimed to promote Diversity and Inclusion in the workplace. Cecil is the current President of OCA Greater Houston. He is a senior fellow with Leadership Houston and with American Leadership Forum. Cecil retired from Shell Oil in 2011. With a career spanning 34 years, he has held a number technical and management positions in various business segments including Exploration & Production, Chemicals, Lubricants, Pipeline, Supply & Distribution, and Technology. He holds both Bachelor and Master degree in Chemical Engineering from Rice University.

### **Janet Blancett**

Janet Blancett is a thirty plus year veteran of the petroleum industry. She currently serves as an advisor to SASEPro. She was past chair of the National Conference for the SASE for a number of years, additionally serves on the board directors for the Houston Forensic Science Center, and has chaired and hosted the Young Women Energized career event for the Women's Energy Network. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma and is a registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma.

### **Rogene Gee Calvert**

Rogene Gee Calvert has been involved in the non-profit field for over 30 years. She began her career with the Community Welfare Planning Association, then the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast and served as the first executive director of the Child Abuse Prevention Network. She was a founder and interim executive director of the Inter-Ethnic Forum, followed by the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association. She has served as the chief of staff for Houston City Council Member Gordon Quan, director of personnel and volunteer initiatives program under Mayor Bill White, and as President of Asian Chamber of Commerce. Rogene is currently a director for Outreach Strategists, LLC, a certified 8(a), MBE, SDB public affairs, political and communications messaging firm based in Houston. She has worked as an organizational consultant, specializing in non-profit board and management issues and starting up new projects and organizations. Among

her startup programs and organizations are the COST Coalition, which stands for Children's Out of School Time, a Diabetes Awareness and Education Project (DAEC) in the Asian American community, the Asian American Family Counseling Center and the Asian American Health Coalition/HOPE Clinic.

### **Audrey M. Chang**

Audrey M. Chang is an attorney at the GreenbergTraurig law firm and focuses her practice on corporate transactions, including commercial financings, mergers and acquisitions, oil and gas transactions, and other general corporate matters. She assists both commercial lenders and corporate clients in debt financing transactions, and has represented purchasers and sellers in acquisition transactions. Additionally, Audrey is experienced in representing institutional lenders in real estate construction and development loan transactions, low-income housing tax credit transactions, and corporate trusts in structured finance transactions. Prior to joining Greenberg Traurig, Audrey worked for the Texas Senate, as Capitol and committee staff, as well as for the Texas House of Representatives, as legislative director, allowing her to gain insight into the workings of state government. She is a past president of the Houston Asian American Bar Association and is also on the board of directors for the Chinese Community Center.

### **John Y. Chen**

John Y. Chen has a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and an MBA from the University of Houston Clear Lake. He currently runs an AV Services/Mobile DJ/IT Consulting business. After graduation from UT Austin, he served on the board of several Asian American non-profits including: OCA-Greater Houston Chapter, Youth Leadership Council, National Association of Asian American Professionals Houston, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Association, and Pride of Houston Toastmasters. John considers himself to be a progressive and his hobbies include anything dealing with the uses of technology in the entertainment field, amusement parks, art, and anime.

### **Elizabeth Hwong - Director, Volunteer**

Elizabeth Hwong retired from ExxonMobil in 2006. With a career of 36 years, she had held a number positions in various business segments including Credit card Center, Employee Benefits, Payroll accounting and Payroll tax. Elizabeth Hwong has been involved in the non-profit sector for over 35 years. Elizabeth is currently Executive Director for Chinese Health Service Center of Houston. Also, she is the President of Chinese Welfare Counsel. Her volunteer works included the Chairperson of The Institute of Chinese Culture, the President of APAHA, The President of Global Federation of Chinese Business Women in Southern USA, the Co-Chair for The Association of Chinese- American Organization of Houston, Texas.

### **Jan Lang Kish**

Jan Lang Kish is a retired aerospace software engineer and now serves as a Real Estate Broker Associate of Tiger Team at Re/Max Top Realty. Jan is the co-founder and board member of AAREA (Asian American Real Estate Association) as well as YLC (Youth Leadership Council), a program that has allowed 5,000 young adults to experience leadership training through an annual Youth Leadership Conference. Jan has also served in various directorial and advisory roles for organizations including: TAR (Texas Association of Realtors), the City of Houston, Clear Creek ISD, BARW (Bay Area Republican Women), Houston Association of Realtors (HAR) and NASA

JSC Asian Pacific American Council from whom she received an Equal Opportunity Award. As Past Executive Director and President for the TARC (Texas Asian Republican Caucus), she helps to promote political awareness among Asian Americans. She has helped to organize public forums for Harris County elected officials, the Asian Gala for GOP National Convention and various voter awareness training programs. Jan has also served as the Chairperson of the Board for the National Management Association Unisys Chapter where she helped to organize professional development programs, social events, youth mentoring programs, Junior Achievement economic programming and an aerospace career program for high schools students. She is a board member of the OCA, Greater Houston Chapter and has served as VP of Greater Houston Chinese Lion's Club and President of Space City Professionals Association.

### **Jean W. Lin, PT**

Jean Lin, PT, has 40+ years of experience practicing physical therapy and has been practicing in the Houston area since May 1980 and started her own practice in 1998. Prior to 1998, she worked as Director of Physical Therapy Dept. at Angleton Hospital, West Houston Physical Therapy Clinic and Doctors On Wilcrest. Mrs. Lin specializes in sports and dance medicine, NeuroRehab and Orthopedic areas. She is a member of American Physical Therapy Association and licensed by the State of Texas. An active member of the Houston Asian American Community, she is the immediate past president of the Global Chinese Business Women's Association of Houston and serves on the boards of the Chinese Community Center and OCA-Greater Houston.

### **Tengah Nguyen**

Tengah Nguyen is a Houston based entrepreneurial creative production artist. Her company Brilliant Films strives to promote film, photography, video production, visual media projects, creative marketing video campaigns and much more. She is actively involved in the AAPI community and is Co-Director of OCA-GH's Houston AAPI Film Festival to promote AAPI film and arts in Houston. She believes fueling a passion in youth for leadership and volunteerism is the key to our successful future. In her free time she rock climbs, goes bowling and loves to practice yoga.

### **Christy Panis Poisot, CISSP, CGEIT, PMP, MBA**

Christy Poisot has worked for Shell Oil Company since 1997. Her current role is in Strategy, Planning and Appraisal IT Information Risk Management. She has an MBA in Finance from the University of St. Thomas, a BBA in CIS from the UH-Downtown, and Associates from the Art Institute of Houston in Multimedia and Web Design. Community activities: Sr. Fellow, ALF Class XXXVII, board member for the Rice University Chao Center for Asian Studies, President of the Filipino American National Historical Society-Houston, Region 7 Director Filipino Veterans Recognition and Education Project, Asian Pacific American Women Leadership Institute Fellow, OCA board Member, 2007 President of Shell's network for women.

### **Cecilia Pham**

Cecilia Pham is a Community Outreach Manager at the Houston Public Library. Cecilia was formerly the Volunteer Manager for the Meals On Wheels Program at Interfaith Ministries, the Regional Volunteer Services Officer for the American Red Cross - Texas Gulf Coast Region, where she managed volunteers from the border of Louisiana to the border of Mexico and was also the former Individual Giving and Special Events Manager at Project Row Houses, an African

American Arts organization, located in the Third Ward. She has also held positions of Executive Director for the Liberty Legacy Foundation, and worked for Congressman Nick Lampson. In addition, Cecilia is a past president of OCA Greater Houston Chapter, and has served as Secretary for the Youth Leadership Council. Cecilia holds several BAs and an MA from the University of Houston.

### **Kalim Saiyed**

Kalim Saiyed is President at Kalsai Group LLC. Kalim is a passionate coach and mentor determined to help professionals secure their future by utilizing his experience and expertise and by harnessing diversity and inclusion. Kalim is a professional providing coaching, leadership, guidance and management with a strong background in quality engineering, business and supplier management, improvement, and ethics and compliance. He has global experience in Oil and gas, Aerospace, Automotive and Engine manufacturing with Fortune 500 companies with solid performance. Kalim has co-chaired the MAAP-Mentoring Asian American Professionals program at OCA-Greater Houston for the past several years.

### **Jeff Shieh**

Jeff Shieh is a corporate finance professional in Houston, Texas. He previously served as Vice President and Professional Development Co-Chair of OCA-Greater Houston's board, helping to organize MAAP (Mentoring Asian-American Professionals), Build-Breakthrough-Believe (B3) Asian-American Leadership Forum, TEA (Together Empowering All) Community Roundtable Talks, and youth education initiatives. He recruited and trained more than 25 talented, next-generation leaders and helped to engage more than 635 professionals and students. Jeff also served as Student Involvement Committee Chair, Communications Committee Chair, and board member for KIPP Houston Schools PALs (Professionals, Advocates, and Leaders), coordinating recruitment of more than 160 volunteers and serving 375+ students. Jeff graduated from the Business Honors Program and Financial Analyst Program at The University of Texas at Austin. He is an MBA candidate at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

### **Anne Sung**

Anne Sung is a product of Houston Independent School District and serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian American School Board Trustee and Secretary for District VII. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics. She also earned master's degrees in physics and public policy, also from Harvard. While a physics undergraduate at Harvard, Sung co-founded the Harvard-MIT Math Tournament, now one of the most prestigious high school math contests in the country. She fell in love with education as a young Teach for America corps member in the Rio Grande Valley. As a Physics Teacher Resource Agent with the American Association of Physics Teachers, she provided professional development to physics teachers in south and central Texas. Returning to her hometown of Houston, Sung then taught at Lee (now Wisdom) High School, where she taught physics and chaired the science department, and was named 2011 Teacher of the Year. Sung co-founded the group Community Voices for Public Education to give Houston students, parents, educators, and community members greater voice in strengthening public education. Her many other active community roles include serving as founding convener of the Capital One Northside Education Coalition; board member of OCA-Greater Houston; and coach of the Texas American Regions Math League team. Sung was previously Director of Strategic Planning and Public Policy at the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

She currently serves as Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer for Project GRAD Houston, which helps students in low-income neighborhoods develop and achieve their educational aspirations for college and career.

**Steven Wu**

Steven Wu is the Festival Advisor of the Houston Asian American Pacific Islander (HAAPI) Film Festival hosted by OCA-Greater Houston (OCA-GH). Steven first joined OCA-GH as a volunteer for the HAAPI Film Festival when he moved to Houston from Atlanta, but soon discovered love for the cause to take on a larger role and begin new initiatives for the festival (Local Shorts Competition, Student Film Competition, Filmmaker Workshops). Besides the Film Festival, Steven also co-founded and currently advises the TEA (Together Empowering All) Talks program in OCA-GH to facilitate community discussions on issues that affect the AAPI community and promote solidarity among all of our unique groups in Houston. While a Chemical Engineer by degree and traveler at heart, Steven's true passions lie in advancing the equality of AAPI's and minorities through the power of media and discussion.