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to the advocacy of multiethnic,
multiracial, and transracial
individuals, families, relationships,
communities and allies



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AMEA Bimonthly Newsletter Launch A Success!

By AMEA Executive Board

First, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful feedback we received since launching the first bimonthly newsletter this past April. In addition, we appreciate your help in forwarding and disseminating our newsletter all over the country, including internationally these past months. You can still access previous newsletters from our current website, and they will all soon be located in the archives section on our new site to launch shortly.

We are also pleased to announce that since our newsletter launch, several affiliate organizations have joined or renewed their membership, and we have also added many new individual and family members from Hawaii, Ohio, Indiana, California, Illinois, Maryland, New York, Wisconsin, and Canada to our already growing list. It is our hope that many

more of you will officially join or help form your own AMEA affiliate group through this edition as well. Contact us if you would like more information on how to develop your own AMEA affiliate in your area. It's quite simple!

Finally, when we took on the new leadership for AMEA this past January 2006, we had a particular vision to convey... a vision that encompassed meaningful and tangible connections and collaborations between all people in order to play to all of our strengths. We have met this goal tenfold over the past several months and have many more things in store in the weeks and months to come. Quite frankly, we are much more than an umbrella advocacy organization which brings individuals, families, organizations, and allies together... in fact, AMEA IS family. Hope you can join us!

Senate Bill 1615 Update

By Jungmiwha Bullock, AMEA President

On behalf of the AMEA executive board and the SB1615 national coalition, we would like to thank you for your support and contributions to the "Ethnic Heritage Respect and Recognition Act" sponsored by CA State Senator Joe Simitian.

On April 25, 2006, the California State Senate Judiciary Committee passed our groundbreaking legislation that would allow Californians to self-identify with "one or more" racial or ethnic backgrounds on forms that ask for this information. SB 1615 attempts to bring California law into conformity with federal guidelines for the collection and presentation of data for which AMEA was instrumental in historically changing on the U.S. Census 2000 and continues to do so.

The bill then entered the Senate Appropriations Committee where it remains on the suspense file. According to Rei Onishi, the dynamic legislative aid who assisted us on this bill, SB 1615 is effectively held

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BULLOCK
TESTIFIES IN
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AMEA and MAVIN's Mixed Heritage Center: Website, Fundraising, Suggestions

By Bif Brigman, MHC Coordinator

In our April-May edition, we announced that AMEA and MAVIN Foundation have partnered to begin the creation of the first national center for "mixed heritage" resources, funded by a generous grant from the **K&F Baxter Family Foundation**. The preliminary ideas for this project were originally created and presented by Kimberly Plaszewski.

Again, the mission of the Mixed Heritage Center is to

provide sustaining resources to multiracial, multiethnic and transracially adopted people and families as well as support the community leaders, practicing professionals and organizations that serve them. Through

consulting, research, resource referral services and training, the Mixed Heritage Center will be

the most comprehensive source of existing and emerging information and tools for the mixed

heritage community.

The Mixed Heritage Center is continuing to compile lists of movies, documentaries and books focusing on mixed race, multicultural and transracial adop-

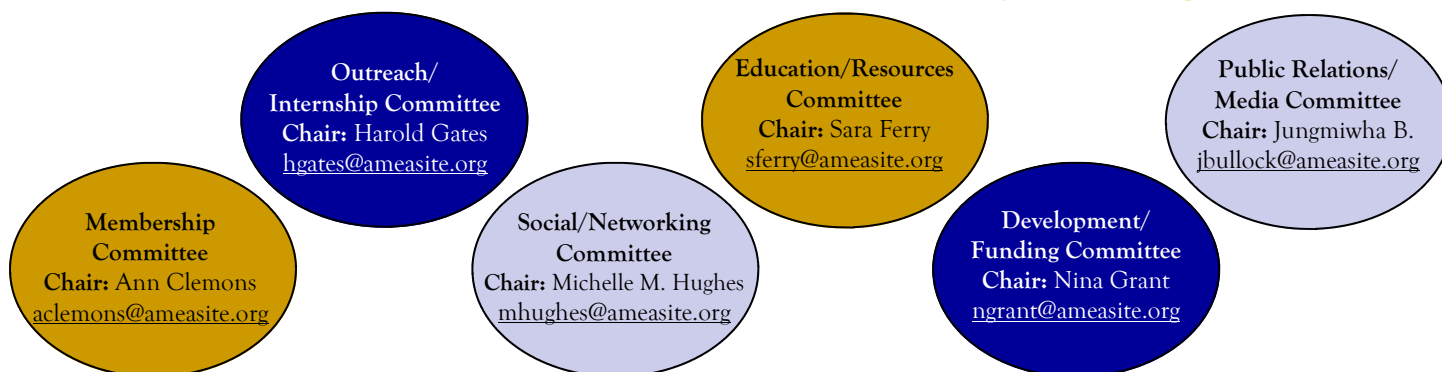
tion experiences. What are the movies that have inspired you or touched your heart? What books have helped you better understand the challenges, uniqueness and complexities of multicultural life? In anticipation of our July 1 website launch - we want our database to be as complete as possible - please send in your suggestions today!

One of the many features

MHC has raised \$6,500.00 toward the \$10,000.00 Challenge Grant offered by Baxter. Help up meet this goal by making a donation!

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Committees Formed to Meet Needs of Community—Seeking Volunteers:



Get Involved: New AMEA Opportunities!

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JOIN, VOLUNTEER,
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DONATE,
A MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION IS
LOCATED ON PAGES
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IN THIS NEWSLETTER.**

Here are a few ways that you, your family and friends, organization(s), or business(es) can become involved with AMEA. Let us know if you are interested in:

MEMBERSHIP

- We have several types of dues paying memberships: *individual, family, member, and ally*.
- We also offer several benefits with your membership, including this newsletter. See **page 14**
- We can also assist you in starting your own AMEA affiliate group!

LEADERSHIP

- We are currently developing our board and welcome new and energetic leaders.
- Board members are **not paid!!!**

- If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying, please contact us ASAP!

WEB DEVELOPMENT

- We are currently revamping our website. We would like to hire a qualified webmaster (for pay) to help us in this process.
- It is our goal to have full functioning websites for all of our affiliate organizations up and running by 2007.

FUNDING

- As a non-profit organization, we are always in need of funding for operating expenses to help serve the community with various activities and initiatives.
- If you have experience with grant writing, grant searching,

fundraising development and more, we would love to speak with you further.

- 100% of our membership dues contribute to fundraising goals.
- In-kind donations are welcome.

VOLUNTEERING

- Volunteers are always needed. As activities arise, we would like to be able to reach out to a database of volunteers to help grow our affiliate organizations.

INTERNSHIP

- We are in the process of creating our full-fledge AMEA internship program. See **page 3**
- This program is our attempt to bridge the disconnect between young and old generations MR/ME/TRA individuals.

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University of California at Davis' Second Annual Mixed Heritage Week

By Geraldine Waycie, President of the Mixed Student Union at Davis

Mixed Student Union (MSU) at UC Davis was proud to hold their "Second Annual Mixed Heritage Week" on campus this past spring quarter. MSU had been planning their mixed heritage week since January of 2006 and worked hard up until the week before the events took place in May. Completely student led and run, Mixed Heritage Week 2006 proved to be a success and the mark of a huge leap towards more successful and bigger mixed heritage weeks to come.

This year's mixed heritage week began with a bone marrow drive kick-off on the quad, and a "Grub N' Chat" event where members of the community were given a chance to meet and openly discuss about expectations for the week. On Tuesday, the bone marrow drive was continued during the day where a 'photo mosaic' was compiled of Polaroid pictures of mixed people in the Davis community. In the evening, **Swirl** from the Bay area, lead a mixed race activism workshop. Wednesday was an exciting day where **Angela Nissel**, the author of "Mixed: My Life in Black and White", came to talk about her newly released book and her experiences as a mixed woman in America. Later that evening, we were proud to invite **Walter Kawamoto** of JACL Florin to lead a discussion about "Chasing Daybreak".

Thursday started off with a intriguing look at mixed race women in media with a workshop help by **UC Davis' Women's Center**. As one of the bigger events for the week, Thursday's music and poetry night proved to be a huge success

as it drew a crowd of 40 or more to the cozy Griffin Lounge at the campus' Memorial Union. **Odessa Chen**, the guest artist from San Francisco, headlined the night while many students from the community participated in the open mic segment of the event.

The week wound down on Friday afternoon where **Jummy Bullock**, President of AMEA, led a closing workshop of the week. Bullock posed many interesting questions, and asked us to question what we meant by 'refusing to choose' or what 'race' and 'ethnicity' really meant and how society uses these terms in our everyday lives. Overall, this year's mixed heritage week overshadowed last year's by the sheer amount of programming and money that went into it.

As president of MSU at Davis, I can say that I am very proud of what we accomplished this year in the short amount of time and the fact that we accomplished this whole week without any faculty/academic advisors. From now on, I can only see the programming for the next mixed heritage week to become more abundant. With the contacts that we have gained from holding our mixed heritage events, we have started to network with other organizations (such as AMEA) and can only hope to continue to build the mixed community in Davis and beyond.



MIXED STUDENT UNION
LEADERS POSE WITH
JUNGMIWHA BULLOCK
AFTER CLOSING EVENT

MSU also produces their own newspaper to the UC Davis community, created and run by the students. For more information, you can access the group on Facebook at "Mixed Student Union." Contact Geraldine at gmwaycie@ucdavis.edu or Kathleen at kmsheppard@ucdavis.edu (secretary)

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

By AMEA Executive Board

AMEA Internship/Mentor Program Launches in August!

Applications for AMEA's fall and spring internship program will be available in August. Please email Harold Gates, Vice President and Outreach/Internship Chair if you are interested in applying at hgates@ameasite.org or email AMEAorg@aol.com. The internships will be open to high school and college students, with the option of credit and/or service learning/volunteer hours. Most internships can be completed virtually, especially if you're technologically savvy!

Students have several internship options to choose from. For example, **OPTION 1** will be assisting one of the main AMEA committees, including *media/public relations*, *membership*, *social/networking*, *education/resources*, *development/funding*, and *outreach*. This means you will work directly

Become an Intern of the Mixed Heritage Center for AMEA

with an AMEA executive board officer of your choice.

OPTION 2 will be to intern through your local/state AMEA affiliate member organization to develop programs, increase membership, etc. You will assist them with duties to maintain a successfully running affiliate through various activities. The length of the internship will range based on need, from short-term to nine-month commitment periods. In either option, each intern will be paired with a mentor to which they report during the length of their internship.

URGENT NEED: At this time, we need an intern(s) who can assist AMEA and MAVIN with the Mixed Heritage Center immediately. You will work directly with Bif Brigman, MHC Coordinator. Please contact us for more details.

On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the anti-miscegenation statutes prohibiting interracial marriage in the state of Virginia violated "both the equal protection and due process clauses of the 14th Amendment." (for more information, refer to www.ameasite.org/loving.asp) In 1992, AMEA commemorated the 25th Anniversary of the Loving Decision at the Loving Conference in Chevy Chase, Maryland. This June 24th, AMEA has initiated a national conference call with many leaders to begin planning for the 40th anniversary in 2007. This year AMEA collaborated with several AMEA affiliate organizations across the nation, along with Loving Day Org in New York. Here's what happened this June to commemorate the 39th anniversary of the Loving Decision.

Chicago, IL (06/10/06)

Organized By Michelle M. Hughes, Robin Tillman, and Jim Mitchem

On Saturday June 10, 2006, a Loving Day party was celebrated in Chicago at the Victor Hotel hosted by AMEA, along with help from the Biracial & friends group. Over 150 people came out to celebrate in Chicago, including over 30 multiracial adults and many interracial couples. Biracial Family Network (BFN) made its presence known with Robin Tillman, Irene Carr, Neriada Carroll and her husband, Clarence Krysheld.

In Illinois, a statute from 1845 outlawed marriages between White people

and "Colored persons". The law provided the marriage would be null and void and punishment including "liable to pay a fine, be whipped not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, and may be imprisoned, not less than one year." It did not become legal to marry across color lines in Illinois until around 1874. However, in other parts of the country it was still illegal until 1967 when the U.S. Supreme court in Loving V. Virginia, made the decision that it was illegal to restrict interracial couples to marry in

the United States. Many BFN members were already married or born by that year. Interestingly, the last miscegenation law was not removed from state law books until 2000 in Alabama. South Carolina had their law until 1998. And there was substantial resistance to remove these laws even though it had been over 30 years since the United States Supreme court had ruled.

Finally, on behalf of our Chicago supporters we would like to thank our parents for being rebels.



ATTENDEES
POSE DURING
THE PARTY
IN CHICAGO



PHOTOS
COURTESY OF
MARCIA
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New York, NY (06/11/06)

By Ken Tanabe, Loving Day Org

The Loving Day celebration in New York City was a smashing success for 2006 with about five hundred guests in attendance. The celebration was on the rooftop deck/garden of the Delancey for the second year, where free BBQ was served all afternoon. Some guests were returning for their second or third Loving Day celebrations, while others were joining us for the first time. At the height of the party, we told the story of the Loving case and announced that we were sharing this celebration with hundreds, even thousands of others in major cities nationwide.

There was also considerable press attention this year. The Washington Post featured an article about Loving Day. It was the most emailed article on their website on June 13th, beating all other national news. The Village Voice ran an article about Loving Day in their online edition on June 9th. Also, volunteers from the Loving Day celebration appeared on The Early Show on CBS on the plaza outside the studio in a nationwide broadcast.

Thanks to everyone who organized, attended and volunteered, at this year's Loving Day celebrations. We sent a positive message to a very large audience and we had a great time.

WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE JUNE 14, 2006

Ken Tanabe of Loving Day Org and Jungmiwha Bullock were interviewed for an article on the 1967 Loving v Virginia Decision Celebrations held this year.

TO ACCESS ARTICLE CLICK:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/12/AR2006061201716.html?sub=new>

Los Angeles, CA (06/11/06)

Organized By Apollo Emeka and Jungmiwha Bullock

For the Los Angeles area, AMEA hosted the "Back-In-The-Day BBQ-Potluck" which was spearheaded by AMEA president Jungmiwha Bullock and assisted by AMEA member, Apollo Emeka. This event, held on June 11th, 2006 at Verdugo Park in Glendale, California, united many people of beautifully diverse backgrounds in an "old school" family reunion style barbeque.

Over the course of the afternoon dozens of individuals and families arrived bearing smiles and tasty homemade or store bought dishes. There was a strong sense of community as people of all different backgrounds took turns cooking at the grill. The aspiration was to create an open environment in which people could identify with one another on a level that society does not often encourage. It was evident that this goal was accomplished as people of all shades were conversing on a multitude of topics including everything from their particular heritage to current events.

A wide range of experience was boldly apparent as young care-free children laughed and played across the table from AMEA's co-founder and "multi-racial" advocate pioneer Ramona Douglas. Members of one of AMEA's CA affiliate, MASC, were also in attendance. A table was designated for "multiracial" resources and networking which provided the opportunity to participate, gain information and stay connected. Thank you to those who came out to support. Stay tuned for our next L.A. event coming soon!



Berkeley, CA (06/12/06)

Organized by Asmara, Tarah, and Kristen, MEP-AMEA Affiliate

On the anniversary of Loving Day, June 12, 2006, the Multiethnic Education Program held a family style gathering at the MEP center. About 30 people came, including interracial and transracial families, colleagues, Bay Area Swirlies, friends and supporters. The young ones held the party down in the early hours while we enjoyed an international potluck. Everyone enjoyed checking out the multiethnic resources, family photos, children's books and art projects that decorate our meeting space and t-shirts from Like Minded People were a big hit. The Sound - DJ Tibbs and Big Citrus kept the energy high with dance beats that had all generations moving it on a Monday night! The ME Program was proud to host the Bay Area's Loving Day 2006 celebration, a great warm up and precedent for the exciting 40th Anniversary celebrations to come in 2007.

THE CELEBRATIONS ARE NOT OVER YET!

AMEA AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS,

OCMA (PORTLAND, OR) AND HONEY

(EUGENE, OR) ARE STILL HOLDING

LOVING DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE

END OF THE MONTH.

Eugene, OR (06/18/06)

By Sarah Ross, HONEY-AMEA Affiliate

Honey Inc. (Honoring Our New Ethnic Youth Increasing New Consciousness) is Eugene's local interracial family support organization and AMEA affiliate that is holding a Loving Day and Father's Day Celebration at Cozmic Pizza from 3PM to 7PM. Join multiracial families, their friends and supporters in celebrating this landmark decision. There will be activities for kids, informational videos, spoken word performances, drumming and more. Thank you to VIBE NATION for their entertainment assistance. Info: 541-343-4023.

Portland, OR (06/24 - 06/25)

By Thomas Wright, OCMA-AMEA Affiliate

We are planning a potluck celebration on the 24th of June. I will be speaking at Ainsworth United Church of Christ on the 25th for a Loving Celebration at the Church. The Oregon Council on Multiracial Affairs and Ainsworth United Church of Christ have had joint celebrations in the past. They are now separate celebrations. I have organized the celebrations at Ainsworth United Church of Christ since 1999 when we had our first celebration. We will also attend the Loving Celebration in Eugene, Oregon that HONEY is holding as well.

LOVING DAY CELEBRATIONS

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Support Biracial Family Network Through Staples Reward Program (IL)

By Cindy Christopher, Editor BFN Newsletter and BFN AMEA Affiliate

The Biracial Family Network (BFN) is a founding affiliate of AMEA and has joined the Staples Rewards Program. BFN has endorsed this program to increase our fundraising efforts in hopes of reducing our newsletter printing costs.

This is how the program works. If BFN or any BFN member or friend of BFN (we have one account) makes a purchase at any Staples Store or Staples Catalog purchase we receive a portion of the sale in a reward check each quarter. If we spend a total of \$200 per quarter on merchandise (exclusions apply) we will receive 2% back up to

\$15 per quarter. If we spend \$50 or more at the Staples Copy & Print Center we will receive 20% back up to \$200 per quarter.

Since beginning the rewards program we have received two checks, which subsidized the cost of two of our quarterly newsletters. Please when making purchases at any Staples Stores or Staples Catalog let the checkout clerk know you are a rewards member. You give them our rewards number: **5774595192** or have them look us up by name BIRACIAL FAMILY NETWORK / Cindy Christopher.

AMEA President's Parents Open New *Seoul* Food Restaurant in PA

By Jungmiwha Bullock, Sukye Bullock, and Orlando Bullock, AMEA President and Parents (Owners of Sukye's in Pennsylvania)

I'm honestly quite excited to share something more personal in this newsletter with all of you outside of my professional life as the new president of AMEA. In my opinion, I think it is vital that leaders sincerely connect with the communities they claim to serve both on a professional and personal basis. Hopefully this will give you more insight into who I am as a person, and a little bit more about my own family and specifically, my parents most recent project, since so many of you share your experiences with me daily.

When I was growing up, my three older brothers and I lived in what I consider today as an extraordinary household. Not necessarily because we are considered a "multiracial family" per se, but it was extraordinary for several reasons—I'll share two in particular. First, my parents were the ultimate risk takers (and still are) who demonstrated that if you believe in something even while other people may not quite "get it" yet, the benefits will always outweigh the risks. Hence, 4 beautiful, successful children with no "identity confusion" issues contrary to public belief about raising multiracial children.

Second, we lived in a household where both of my parents cultures were always combined or fused together without question. For

Sukye's

instance, imagine combining English, Korean and Jive (yes, "Jive" is a legitimate language people! =), so much so, that I grew up pronouncing "French Fries"



as "Fun Tries" when I was a kid.

For back then, my

mom's Korean language did not articulate the "Fr", and my dad encouraged us to embrace difference, so I didn't question the pronunciation and just thought they were called "Fun Tries" because they were "fun to try." Stop laughing =). Gotta love it!

Furthermore, whenever people ask me about my background and/or questioned how it "felt" growing up as a proud African American AND Korean woman, I always tell people that I

grew up *eating my kimchee and collard greens at the same time with no problem*. Put it this way... my mom's sweet potato pies and greens are the most revered and requested dishes at any family function on my dad's side, and my dad's galbi and bulgoki (courtesy of my mom's teaching) would put a traditional Korean restaurant out of business. Catch my drift?

So imagine my surprise along with my three older brothers, Orlando, Toriano, and Zikomo, when my parents retired this past March and decided to go into an entirely different venture than their corporate and entrepreneurial lives from before. They have recently opened up a restaurant in Altoona, PA, named after my mother, Sukye, serving *seoul food*—Korean and African American BBQ that is (including other cultural/American dishes). They sold our house in Baltimore, Maryland, and moved permanently to the house we built as a family in Pennsylvania, about 30 miles outside of Altoona.

My father states, "We feel this will give us an opportunity to spend even more time with one another in retirement and it'll be really fun to do something entirely different together in our 35th year of marriage."

But let me be completely frank because

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iPride's FUSION Summer Program for Mixed Heritage Youth

Contributed By iPride, AMEA Affiliate Member

The FUSION Summer Program for Mixed Heritage Youth seeks to support multiracial, multiethnic, and/or transracially adoptive youth and their families. The 2-week summer day camp is open to all youth ages 7-12 with a particular focus on children who come from more than one cultural and/or racial community experience. FUSION offers a fun and supportive environment where youth can share, explore, and celebrate the richness and complexity of mixed heritage.

The program facilitates self-discovery through creative and interactive activities such as visual and performance art, outdoor education, community service-learning, field trips, and student leadership activities.



ties. We recognize that mixed heritage families have various experiences of their identities; thus, our goal is to support children and their families to explore and share in this process.

The FUSION Program Summer Day Camp will take place at the Redwood Day School, 3245 Sheffield Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602. Program hours are 9 AM - 3 PM each day. Pre-care

(8 - 9 AM) and after-care (3 - 5 PM) are available for an additional fee. All campers must arrive by 8:45 AM and can be picked up no earlier than 3:15 PM.

FUSION SUMMER

DAY CAMP RUNS

FROM JUNE 24TH

TO AUGUST 4TH.

ENROLL NOW!

Here's what FUSION campers said ...

"Fusion is one of the greatest camps I have been to. Fusion makes you understand how being multi-racial, multi-ethnic, and transracially adopted is important. Every single day we

would write in our journals and write about what we did that day. But I would write more than that. I would write about having different races in my family."

"One day Fusion decided to watch a movie with us called, "That's a family." After we watched the movie, we broke up into age groups and talked about how people could be rude about being prejudice and racist about different things. So please send your kid to Fusion Camp. They will learn a ton of different things!!"

iPride is an affiliate member organization of AMEA. For more information about iPride or the FUSION program, please visit: www.ipride.org or www.fusionprogram.org. To get more information about the camp, contact Joemy Ito-Gates at joemy@fusionprogram.org or call 510.414.8686.

Status of Mixed Heritage in Canada: I - Anti-Racism Conference

By TheosoD'Rejean L. Turner, M.A. [L.I.S.], Coordinator/Spokesperson of MOXHCA, AMEA Canadian-affiliate

An "Anti-Racism" Conference held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, April 28-30 at the Holiday Inn-Chateau Lacombe attracted over 100 participants of diverse ethnic/"racial" backgrounds. It was sponsored by the Alberta Division of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and attended mainly by local, provincial and national CUPE members, most of whom represented executive boards. CUPE is a national trade union having many divisions containing various trades and occupations, employed within diverse national, provincial (state) and local/municipal institutions and agencies.

I attended along with 4 other colleagues from CUPE Local 3550 that represents teaching assistants, technicians, clerks, administrative assistants, and secretaries employed by Edmonton School District#7. It is important to state this was classified as an "educational conference" (rather than a decision-makers convention), and all 5 of

us happened to be board or standing committee members or trustees.

I write to broaden essential communications in a timely way, as a 5th generation multiracially-mixed descendant, and spokesperson for AMEA/MOXHCA (Multiracial Oxidental/Occidental Heritage Citizens, the Americas), our only advocate in Canada.

The 2 most popular workshops were "Gangs and Guns" and "Racial Profiling". Originally, I had registered for "Racial Profiling"; I opted for my second choice, "Communities", because "profiling" was overfilled- not surprising, these days!

"Communities" was conducted by Linda Joyce, for several years president of CUPE local 1158 (hospital/health workers) and also currently [national] Chair, Anti-Racism Committee/Alberta Division Diversity Vice-president. Ms. Joyce happens to be a Canadian of Afro-Caribbean descent.

"Communities" asked how we could involve our respective neighborhoods by awareness of various established or new community agencies, including churches. During "Communities" first hour, each participant was asked to think of a group we were involved with and of course, AMEA/MOXHCA was the first one both in mind and out of my mouth! Other organizations added to the list included: sports/youth groups; seniors centres; women's retreats; hospitals/health networks; crime-prevention. Linda led us into her concept of "coalition-building 'pros and cons'" raising numbers and profile, leadership/responsibilities-sharing [vis-a-vis] differing/conflicting primary interests, time-consuming aspects [vs] urgency of some projects/communications.

The following day, all conference participants were divided into

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Wisconsin's Midwest Center for Cultural Competence Offers Consulting

Contributed By Harold Gates, MSSW, CISW, AMEA Vice President and Co-Founder of MCCC, LLC



(FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)
DON COLEMAN, JODEE
GRAILER, HAROLD GATES,
AND KEVIN BROWNE

Cultural competence is fundamental to providing quality services that promote individual and family strengths, dignity, and self-reliance. It broadens and enriches the delivery of all services by providing a holistic, relevant view of the world

and the helping process. (MHCDC, 1994) The Midwest Center for Cultural Competence LLC offers consultation, training and education to the community at large with the goal of helping to create a culturally competent multicultural community.

The Midwest Center for Cultural Competence LLC is dedicated to improving the lives of people in all walks of life and across all dimensions of diversity by continuing to work at transitioning from destructive responses to cultural differences – through steadfast examination of our beliefs, values and behavior and making appropriate and timely adjustments – to responses to cultural difference that are proficient.

A CULTURALLY COMPETENT ORGANIZATION

Organizations interested in providing culturally competent services go through stages of implementation:

Stage 1 – Establishing a Foundation

Establishing a foundation for a culturally competent organization begins at the highest levels of the organization including the Board of Directors, CEO's, Service Directors and Middle Management.

Stage 2 – Education and Change Implementation

Providing the knowledge and skills necessary to all staff so that a culturally diverse staff is created, the culture of the organization changes, and culturally competent services can be provided.

REVIEW APRIL-MAY NEWSLETTER ON

"BRIDGE COMMUNICATIONS"

ON CONSULTING FOR PARENTS WHO

TRANSRACIALLY ADOPT

Stages 3 – Preservation of the Change

Preservation of the change by ensuring that there is fidelity to the change that has occurred.

EDUCATION, TRAINING & CONSULTATION

... How An Organization Can Begin To:

- Develop a cultural diversity management capability.
- Identify current level of cultural competence.
- Develop and implement a vision statement and strategic plan to support cultural competence
- Update organizational policies to reflect the move to increased cultural competence.
- Create an effective affirmative action policy & program.
- Establish effective cultural diversity recruitment and retention policy and program.
- Employ and incorporate cultural consultants.
- Minimize culture clash and improve work relationships.
- Provide cultural competence training and education.
- Integrate concepts of cultural competence into practice standards of an organization
- Enlist support for organizational cultural change from employees at all organizational levels.

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SAVE THE DATE: July 8, 2006 (Berkeley, CA)

The Multiethnic Education Program announces...

"Going Beyond the Basics"

Training of Trainers Level II

9:00 AM–3:00 PM

COST: \$100

An in-depth look at:

- * racial identity development in mixed heritage children
- * fielding challenging questions (explore models of discussion) * teaching practice * current issues in the multiracial community

Please join us at this training if you have already completed the ME Program's "Training of Trainers", or if you have experience as a diversity trainer with the multiracial community.

For more information, visit: www.multiethniceducation.org

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up for this year until December or thereafter when it can be reintroduced at the start of the new 2007-2008 legislative session. However, there is still work to be done.

(Courtesy of legislative aid, Rei Onishi)

- **KEEP BUILDING THE COALITION**

We are still growing our group of supporters. If you or your group supports this bill, please let us know. You can also do so by still officially sending in letters of support to the Senators offices. (Refer to bill details in April-May newsletter, pages 18-19 or our website: www.ameasite.org).

- **BILL CLARIFICATION**

There was some misperception of SB 1615 that assumed the bill was going to adversely affect other protected groups. This bill actually ensures that multiracial individuals who self-identify with their heritages in their entirety are counted amongst their groups, not *excluded* from them as is the case at this time without the bill. We are eager to speak with communities to clarify this bill to build a stronger, more unified coalition prior to the next session.

- **HELP/CONTINUE TO EDUCATE**

We need to continue to educate the larger public about already established programs that have helped bring attention to this issue (i.e., "One Box is Not Enough"). The Senate Office of Research and the CA Research Bureau can be enlisted in this effort. Please coordinate with their offices if you have relevant resources/programs.

- **CONTINUE RAISING AWARENESS**

We will continue to collect related media op-eds, news articles, etc. If you have anything to contribute, please send us a copy and we will forward it momentarily. We hope our coalition helps to organize another legislative staff briefing at the Capitol in 2007, organize a legislative lobby day to lobby legislators and staff, and build relationships with key administrators and staff.

Let's work on getting it passed through the Senate Appropriations Committee in 2007!

FROM PAGE 2 "AMEA and MAVIN's Mixed Heritage Center Updates..."

we will be offering in our Resource Center is a national Speakers Bureau. Have you been impressed with someone you heard speak on mixed race, multicultural or transracial adoption issues and experiences? Do you speak on these issues? MHC wants to hear from you! Become part of our Speakers Bureau and get your name out to thousands of people on a national level.

Please consider supporting the MHC with your tax deductible donation today. We want to show the world that people understand the value of, and support the Mixed Heritage Center. No contribution is too small. We want supporters from every state in the nation! *Friendraising* is just as important to us as fundraising. As we grow the MHC it will be important to show potential funders and grantmakers that our work is supported by many people from all over the country. One great way of illustrating that is to have our supporters giving their support to our mission and vision.

For these issues or other questions and comments, contact Bif Brigman by email at Bif@mavinfoundation.org or visit www.mixedheritagecenter.org

FROM PAGE 5 "Status of Mixed Heritage in Canada..."

working groups to participate in a skit-exercise. More and more complexities surrounding both "race" and other "isms" surfaced. It was at the conference's end, that I was able to tactfully, effectively, circulate my binded copy of the AMEA Vol. 1, Issue 1 Bi-monthly Newsletter among a diverse selection of participants. I left a few updated MOXHCA handouts with individuals whom I sensed actually would read them.

While participants were of all hues, half appeared Caucasian, even some Metis/Latino colleagues, although, as I said during one of our conversations "[they say] it takes one to know one". The most vocal expressions on personal experiences with racism came from Metis/Latino colleagues, male and female, during [semi-private] conversation and from [primarily] Afro-Canadian, Filipino/ other Latino attendees during sessions. Racism combined with

FROM PAGE 8 "Midwest Center for Cultural Competence LLC Offers Consulting"

- Diversify work and decision making groups.
- Connect individual and team rewards to behaviors that value and demonstrate cultural competence.
- Create structures that: support organizational change ... **and much more!**

TRAINING CURRICULA, WORKSHOPS AND INSTITUTES

Midwest Center for Cultural Competence, LLC can assist you in the following:

- Creating an *Organizational Environment* to begin work in cultural competence:
- Providing *Staff and Team Development* to encourage and support culturally competent staff
- Provide culturally competent *Service Delivery*:
- Establish practices and policies that enhance *Community Partnerships*:
- Provide training in *Ethnographic Interviewing* techniques:
- *Expert Witness Testimony* In Issues of Cultural Competence

Training and Workshops can be customized to meet the goals of educational institutions, businesses, and not for profit organizations. Please contact us to discuss your individual needs.

Don Coleman, MSSW, Harold Gates, MSSW, CISW, Jodee Grailer, MSSW, and Kevin Browne, PhD, MS, LCSW, are clinical & administrative trainers for the organization. For more information, contact Midwest Center for Cultural Competence LLC / 801 Emerson Street / Madison, WI 53715 / (608) 251-4726 or email haroldgates101@msn.com.

sex, gender, age, community health/organized crime (and global stability) issues and other reawakened tensions historically part of trade union/labour activities, now assumes different complexities (and complexions??).

More observations of these (and linked events) complexities surrounding both "race" and other "isms" are planned for the next AMEA Bi-monthly Newsletter issue. It is clear to me the state of being "officially" of "mixed-heritage" is similar to that in the USA still pending.

TheosoD'Rejean L.Turner is a long time AMEA affiliate organization leader. If you have any questions or comments, she can be reached at skydogs@295.ca.

For almost 20 years, AMEA has continued to advocate on behalf of our infinitely diverse community. Now that we are transitioning and revitalizing our organization, we will do everything in our power to keep everyone more informed and knowledgeable about a range of topics. We offer direct advocacy to all of our members.

Census Advocacy

2010 CENSUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE
MAY 11-12 2006 AT THE CENSUS BUREAU
SUITLAND, MARYLAND

Submitted by Ramona E. Douglass: Member CAC

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

A. Mark Neuman was introduced as the new Census Advisory Committee Chair: Multiethnic Hispanic & Jewish with origins in Central America: has served the Census as a member of Bureau's Executive Staff (1990); in 2000, was a Congressionally appointed member of the US Census Monitoring Board; appointee of both the Director of the Census Bureau and the Secretary of Commerce. Copies of all the CAC members' biographies/introductions were handed out during opening session and will be made public shortly.

AMEA appointed to the CAC Communications Working Group which consisted of the following CAC members: Jackie Byers (National Association of Counties); Ramona Douglass (AMEA); Joan Naymark (U.S. Chamber of Commerce); Frederick Riley (National Conference of Black Mayors); Edward Spar (Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics).

COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP HIGHLIGHTS:

Goals for Census Communications in 2010: Increase self-response; Encourage cooperation; Reduce differential undercount; Send the right message at the right time via the right vehicle; 2010 will have a "holistic" approach to marketing; Paid Advertising; Partnership; Media Relations; Direct Marketing & Promotions. Changes in Advertising Vehicles post-2000 Census will include: Cable News; Pod Casts; Internet; Web Blogs.

REOCCURRING ISSUES & NEEDS: Privacy (more now than in 2000); Immigration Debate (Full count versus "Citizens Only" count: 2 Bills in Congress: Miller and Burns); Needs: Creative Partnership; Defining the Budget; Need for Diverse Partnership "Specialists"; Acknowledgement of Diverse Community Interests (e.g. Multiracial/Multiethnic focus panels/groups recommended); Utilizing University "talent" to generate powerful community posters; Reduce "paid advertising costs" by using talent in the making

OTHER WORKING GROUPS ESTABLISHED: Content: Including Race & Hispanic Origin; Language; Coverage Improvement & Measurement; Data Collection for Special Populations

NEXT CAC MEETING: The next meeting will be in conjunction with REAC (Race & Ethnic Advisory Committees) some time in late September or early October, 2006.

In order to advocate fully the community's needs, please bring any related issues or correspondence to our attention as soon as possible.

"CENSUS" -

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"MEDIA" -

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Media Advocacy

MEDIA IMAGE COALITION (MIC) RETREAT UPDATE
MAY 23, 2006 AT AFTRA HEADQUARTERS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Submitted by Jungmiwha Bullock: Executive Board MIC

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

AMEA serves on the executive board of the Media Image Coalition which consist of a coalition of organizations that are dedicated to addressing adequate representations of underrepresented communities in the media. This April, we held the first working retreat to revitalize the organization to better serve MR/ME/TRA communities.

WORKING GROUP COMMITTEES:

Several working group committees were established to design and implement guidelines and timelines to reach tangible goals for MIC in the next 12 months. The groups include: Membership, Events, Judiciary, Public Relations, and Education. Each group met during breakout sessions during the

retreat and reported to the other committees. AMEA serves on the Membership and Events committee.

REOCCURRING ISSUES & NEEDS: The main goals that MIC would like to address in the next fiscal year is increasing membership, recruitment of new and old members, planning consistent events, and establishing a media protocol to support member organizations that are facing discrimination in the media at all levels.

EVENTS: MIC plans to hold 4 quarterly industry "meet and greet" events beginning in September. Please look out for the details in August.

NEXT MIC MEETING: The next meeting will be held at CBS studios on June 27, 2006 at 7PM. Updates in the next newsletter.

LET US KNOW WHAT OTHER ARENAS

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADVOCATE OR

JOIN. SEND SUGGESTIONS TO:

AMEAORG@AOL.COM

FROM PAGE 6 "... Seoul Food Restaurant"

this venture has not been without risks already. Altoona, PA is a predominantly white, suburban and rural community where in fact, *Sukye's* is now deemed the very first Korean restaurant, AND one of the few, if not the first Black soul food establishments of any kind in the area. In fact, they were even offered their own subject heading in the local phonebook!

Unfortunately, racism and discrimination run high in these parts and elsewhere in this country. But remember, I said my parents are risk takers and that they believe the benefits will always outweigh the risks. In the face of being different and welcoming the challenge, including some racial incidents already, there are a number of interracial couples that have somehow found their way to my parents restaurant, even before my parents had their advertisements run in April. People of all diversities have been driving 30 miles or more just to taste their food, and I might sound bias, but it's worth the drive. When I visited 3 months ago when they had first opened, I sat at a table and witnessed 3 interracial couples come in within a matter of hours. This is very uncommon in those parts, nonetheless, I was very pleased.

Meanwhile, I mention my parents restaurant because I am very proud of them for persevering and creating a place of comfort to couples and families in the area that I'm pretty certain have not found a safe haven for which to dine with their children in peace and comfort until they opened. Though my mom shares that some days are slower than others, they are confident that the restaurant will be a great success. They have also been invited by the county already to have a booth at the African American festival in July.

Should any of you be in the Pennsylvania (Altoona, State College, Pittsburgh, or Philadelphia) area or be passing through Altoona on a road trip from the east coast, please look up my parents at *Sukye's*. They would welcome you with open arms. And don't forget to ask for the side of kimchee and collard greens.

If you are in or around the Pennsylvania area and be interested in consignment, donating, or collaborations, visit 3333 Beale Street / Altoona, PA 16801 or call 814.946.4303 and ask for Sukye or Orlando Bullock.

WANT TO ADVERTISE OR POST MESSAGES IN THE NEXT

AMEA NEWSLETTER?

EMAIL US FOR QUOTES

(FREE SHOWCASES AND/OR LOWER RATES FOR MEMBERS)

ALL FUNDS WILL FUND PROGRAMS AND SPONSORSHIP!

<p>Sukye's</p> <p>We specialize in many Korean and American dishes!</p> <p>\$2.00 OFF</p> <p>Hours of Operation Monday - Thursday 10AM - 8PM Friday 10AM - 10PM Saturday 10AM - 10PM Sunday Closed</p> <p>"Our store hours are subject to change." Full Korean menu items available soon!</p> <p><i>This coupon applies to your next order of \$10 or more at Sukye's!</i></p> <p>3333 Beale Street Altoona, PA 16801 Tel: 814.946.4303 Fax: 814.946.4307</p>	<p>Sukye's</p> <p>We specialize in many Korean and American dishes!</p> <p>\$3.00 OFF</p> <p>Hours of Operation Monday - Thursday 10AM - 8PM Friday 10AM - 10PM Saturday 10AM - 10PM Sunday Closed</p> <p>"Our store hours are subject to change." Full Korean menu items available soon!</p> <p><i>This coupon applies to your next order of "Monster Slab BBQ Ribs" at Sukye's!</i></p> <p>3333 Beale Street Altoona, PA 16801 Tel: 814.946.4303 Fax: 814.946.4307</p>
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Congratulations to Ann Clemons,
AMEA Executive Board member

who gave birth to a beautiful baby
girl, HANNAH, on June 13, 2006!

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AMEA: Representing the Multiracial, Multiethnic, and Transracial Adoption Community Since 1988.

JUNE 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 MEP free Film Screening of "My People Are..." (San Francisco, CA)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 AMEA Loving Day Party and BBQ (Chicago, Illinois)
11 AMEA and Loving Day Org Celebrations (LA, CA & NY, NY)	12 MEP/iPride Loving Day Celebration in Berkeley, CA	13	14	15	16	17 Orlando and Sukye Bullock's 35th Wedding Anniversary
18 Honey Inc. Loving Day Celebration in Eugene, OR	19	20	21	22	23 MAVIN Student Leadership Retreat begins (Seattle, WA)	24 OCMA Loving Day Potluck Celebration (Portland, OR)
25 Ainsworth Church Loving Day Celebra- tion (Portland, OR)	26 MAVIN Student Leadership Retreat ends (Seattle, WA)	27 Media Image Coali- tion Meeting at CBS (Los Angeles)	28	29	30	

**TO GET YOUR INFORMATION OR THE DATE OF AN EVENT IN THE NEWSLETTER,
CONTACT US NO LATER THAN 2 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT PUBLICATION.**

PLEASE NOTE: NEWSLETTER PRIORITY GIVEN TO MEMBERS FIRST.

JULY 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7 The TOPAZ Club Tentative Gathering (LA, CA)	8 MEP "Training of Trainers" Program (Berkeley) & BFN Monthly Mtg (Chicago)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Velina Hasu Houston "Calling Aphrodite" play—John Anson Ford Theatre
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 iPride FUSION Summer Day Camp Begins (Berkeley, CA)	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4 iPride FUSION Summer Day Camp Ends (Berkeley, CA)	

Contributions to the AMEA Newsletter

We are interested in the latest news and updates occurring domestically and internationally as it pertains to the diversity of the communities we serve. If you have something you would like to contribute, please send to AMEAorg@aol.com. Indicate the type of submission in the subject line (ex: Newsletter Article, Book Release, etc.). Due to spatial limitations and help, we serve the right to edit and choose the stories we include. We will send you a confirmation.

ARTICLES

Send summaries of events, opinion pieces, and stories you would like to contribute. If it is about your organization, please include a description of your organization or its' mission.

PHOTOS (preferably in .jpeg format)

When you send photos, please indicate the photographer and the people in the photo(s) if applicable, or a description of the photo(s).

DATES of EVENTS

If you are holding an event, please send the date, time, location and costs of your event. We also accept Birthday Announcements!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Always include your full name, your title, and contact information for members to follow-up.

BOOK RELEASES

We welcome new book releases, reviews, or recommendations of books you have read, produced, edited, or wrote.

STUDIES

If you are conducting a study, we MAY be able to help post your requests. However, we do screen the types of studies that people send to us all the time to ensure that your study does not adversely affect anyone in the community. Please send a description of your study first.

Why Join AMEA? What Do You Get With AMEA Membership?

In order to sustain AMEA's advocacy and meet the needs of the community, including supporting our affiliate organizations with programming across the nation, raising money for our scholarship and internship programs, and maintaining the MHC (just to name a few), we really encourage you to apply for membership today. It is our hope to be around for you, your family, your children, your children's children, and so forth for decades to come. Without membership, AMEA and other organizations with similar missions will cease to exist. Help be a part of growing our organization. Thank you in advance.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS	DESCRIPTION
Bi-Monthly Newsletter	Be the first to get the latest news on the MR/ME/TRA community, including much of the ongoing news covered in this issue and more! Members also have the advantage of sending in stories in advance to be published with a personal byline.
Media Representation	All members will be able to voice their concerns to our AMEA media representative who will in turn advocate face to face with key industry leaders, such as producers, directors, and writers, in order to incite change.
Representation in Washington DC	As a member of AMEA, you have representation in Census activities and related issues that impact policy. Aside from AMEA, no other related organization provides this at this time.
Speaker's Bureau	Our officers and board members can be utilized as consultants or speakers at different functions and engagements that you organize. Each of us brings different expertise from our professions (i.e., education, media, law, politics, etc.).
AMEA Email Listserv	Network and stay connected with the many individuals, families, organizations, allies, and companies that serve this unique community more frequently.
Invitation to All Events	All members will be invited to attend all events that AMEA and its' affiliates organize, including an invitation to the next national <i>Loving v State of Virginia</i> conference that we are now planning.
Access to the Mixed Heritage Center (MHC)	When the MHC is officially up and running, our members, along with MAVIN Foundation's customers, will be the first to have access to the center's resources.
Free Promotion and National Publicity	Members have the opportunity to be showcased in relevant AMEA literature, such as the newsletter. If you have a book or product that is coming out, let us know, and we will try to help advertise for you nationally. Member organizations also receive national publicity with a link on our website that currently receives many hits per day. Individuals and families can send announcements or birthday wishes to be included in our newsletter, and more!
Discounts	When new products come out on the market that target members of the community we serve, we will attempt to work out different promotions, from educational resources to hair products! In addition, many invitations will also include member discounts to attend functions.
Cultural Competent Resources	For many parents, finding adequate resources that are culturally competent in raising your child/ren are crucial. As a member, we can assist you in your search by supplying you and your family with up-to-date global resources.
Guidance on Developing Your Member Organizations	Many organizations seek to move from "casual" to "official" status. We can work with your group to become not only socially involved with multiracial/ethnic issues, but also, to become more actively involved through AMEA.
Press Releases and Immediate Updates	Often times, we are among the first organizations to be informed of issues regarding our diverse community. Our members will be the first to know when we receive information on compliance and ethnomedical issues that are of concern.
And more!	We are always thinking of creative ways to inform and mobilize all people, regardless of multiracial and multiethnic status. We are a forum where people can feel comfortable and safe in a nonjudgmental environment. Our benefits lists will continue to grow as our membership flourishes. Thank you for your support!



Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of AMEA. With your membership you will be entitled to several immeasurable benefits that we hope you will find useful in the years to come. Membership is good for one full year from the date your application is processed and confirmed.

DIRECTIONS

1. Please fill out the membership application completely and clearly.
2. Use a separate application if you are applying for multiple memberships. For example, if you are interested in becoming an individual member, and also would like to purchase a membership for your group or organization, we ask that you fill out a separate application. You may mail them in the same envelope with one combined check or money order for your convenience.
3. Make your check or money order payable to “AMEA” and mail it with your application to:

AMEA
P.O. Box 29223
Los Angeles, CA 90029-0223

4. Once we receive your application and payment, we will send you a confirmation letter. However, if you do not hear back from us within a few weeks, please let us know since there may be many reasons for the delay (i.e., letter lost in the mail, etc.).

Thank you for your support in advance. We really look forward to working *with* you and *for* you!

BREAKDOWN OF MEMBERSHIP TYPES

We offer several types of membership. Please be sure to mark the correct membership on your application.

<i>Individual</i>	Memberships that are only for one person (including students and seniors)
<i>Family</i>	Memberships that are only for one family name. They cannot be transferred to other families. Family members are still encouraged to apply for individual membership.
<i>“Member”</i>	Organizations whose missions are to serve and work directly with the multiracial, multiethnic, and transracially adopted community. Member organizations (also known as “Affiliate Members” are designated by student groups, nonprofits, small businesses, and corporations.
<i>“Ally”</i>	Organizations whose missions are <i>not specific</i> to serving the multiracial, multiethnic, and transracially adopted community. These type of organizations (also known as “Affiliate Allies” wish to support the mission of AMEA and our affiliate member organizations as “allies.”

NOTE: If you would like to form a new AMEA Affiliate Member Organization, contact us for details!



AMEA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please print clearly

FULL NAME OF CONTACT PERSON

DATE

STREET ADDRESS

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STREET ADDRESS

PHONE

CITY

STATE

ZIP

FAX

Occupation _____

“Racial” / “Ethnic” Heritages/Identities (Optional)

How did you hear about AMEA? _____

Select Membership Type

___ Individual Membership \$15

___ Family Membership \$25

Students/Seniors \$10

Specify Family Name: _____

___ “Affiliate Member” Organization

___ “Affiliate Ally” Organization

Student Group \$25

Student Group \$25

Non-Profit Organization \$50

Non-Profit Organization \$100

Small Business/Org \$100

Small Business/Org \$200

Corporate 1 (50-100 employees/members) \$500

Corporate 1 (50-100 employees/members) \$1000

Corporate 2 (101-250 employees/members) \$750

Corporate 2 (101-250 employees/members) \$1500

Corporate 3 (<250 employees/members) \$1000

Corporate 3 (<250 employees/members) \$2000

___ **ALSO CHECK HERE** if you would be interested in the option of a “Lifetime Membership” if it became available

* Please note that the rates of dues are subject to change and we reserve the right to deny or remove membership (with full refund) to any groups or individuals whose intention is to exploit, harm, or adversely affect the community and mission that AMEA upholds.

Please fill out each section that applies to the membership(s) for which you are applying.
Please print clearly.

INDIVIDUAL (only if you are a student)

SCHOOL, COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY NAME

GRADE/YEAR

MAJOR/MINOR FIELD(S) of STUDY

Interested in AMEA's Internship Program?
(Circle) YES NO

MEMBER & ALLY ORGANIZATIONS

NAME OF ORGANIZATION or BUSINESS

YEAR ESTABLISHED

ADDRESS

~ # of MEMBERS/EMPLOYEES

ADDRESS

WEBSITE

CITY

STATE

ZIP

* Please attach: 1) Brief background of your organization/business, including how often you hold meetings/month; 2) Officer/Leadership Breakdown and Contact Information, if applicable; 3) Any other related literature that would tell us more about your organization/business and how it supports MR/ME/TRA issues; 4) State organization needs, if any.

FAMILY

FAMILY NAME

IN HOUSEHOLD

Interested in connecting with families in your area?

(CIRCLE) YES NO

* Please attach: 1) List of family members, ages, birthdates; 2) How would you describe your family? Feel free to be creative!

If Applicable, How Else Would You Like to Get Involved with AMEA?

☐ Volunteer Please specify: _____

☐ Intern ☐ Prospective Board Member ☐ Add me to the AMEA email listserv

☐ I would like to donate (a) service(s) (i.e., website construction, printing, supplies, office space, etc.).

Please specify types of service(s): _____

AMEA Directory of Contacts

Please be mindful that all members affiliated with AMEA are volunteers and have professional and personal lives outside of this organization. However, we will do everything in our power to respond to you in a timely manner because we care about you. Thank you for your understanding.

Officers and Board

To reach all members on the board, please send messages to our general email: AMEAorg@aol.com.

Officers may be available for speaking engagements with enough advance notice.

Each officer and board member is also responsible for coordinating an AMEA committee. Please send information relevant to their committees.

After becoming a member, if you would like to participate on a committee, please feel free contact the appropriate officer for more info.

President Jungmiwha “Jummy” Bullock, MA, ABD
Email: jbullock@ameasite.org
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Committee: Media/Public Relations

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Board Member Michelle M. Hughes, JD
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Once more, we are now recruiting new members to the board. Please email us for an official AMEA board recruitment letter

The subject heading should read, “AMEA Board Applicant.” We will be in touch shortly. Thank you for your interest.

Advisory Council and Other Contacts

To reach AMEA Advisory Council Members, please send messages to our general AMEA email address (AMEAorg@aol.com) and we will disseminate the information accordingly.

NOTE: Other Advisory Council Members still pending.

Nancy G. Brown
Reginald Daniel
Edwin Darden
Josef Liles
Maria Root
Sarah Ross
Thomas Wright

AMEA also advocates for the community and its' members through other vehicles, such as diversity in the media industry, census/governmental issues, and legislative/public policy initiatives.

The following members can be contacted directly in the event you have a concern or emergency that needs public attention. We will be more than willing to assist you.

DC Census Advisory Council

Ramona Douglass—rdouglass@ameasite.org

Media Image Coalition through the L.A. Commission on Human Relations

Jungmiwha Bullock—jbullock@ameasite.org

You may also send inquiries related to the joint AMEA/MAVIN Foundation **National Mixed Heritage Center** to our Coordinator.

Bif Brigman —Bif@mavinfoundation.org

www.mixedheritagecenter.org

Affiliate Organizations

This list is not comprehensive since new member organizations are joining. Most of the following members have been member organizations for several years.

To reach all affiliate organizations, you may also send messages to our general AMEA email where we will distribute the messages to the head of each group.

Intercultural Pride (IPride) Northern CA

Contact: Andrew Jolivet
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Email: info@ipride.org
Website: www.ipride.org

Biracial Family Network (BFN) Illinois

Contact: Nereida Carroll
Email: president@bfncchicago.org
Website: www.bfnchicago.org

Multiracial Americans of Southern CA (MASC)

Contact Jennifer Noble
Jonathan Brent
Email: masc@mascsite.org
Website: www.mascsite.org

GIFT

New Jersey
Contact: Lois and Pete Donegan
Email: info@njgift@org

HONEY Inc.

Eugene, Oregon
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OCMA

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MOHXCA

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