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The Council of Korean Americans Regional Chapters: Strengthening our National Network through our Local Communities

The Council of Korean Americans (CKA) Regional Chapters aim to build a strong network to engage local members, communicate with regional communities, and promote volunteerism and collaboration with allied groups nationwide.

Each Chapter will have two leadership groups: the Steering Committee and Regional Advisory Council. The Steering Committee, composed of dedicated volunteers, aims to engage local members, organize events, lead local CKA activities, and represent CKA in various locales. Conversely, the Regional Advisory Council consisting of invited advisors will serve as a distinguished support group, providing assistance, resources, and expertise to the Steering Committee. Together, they strive to build local relationships among members, keep the community informed about CKA, host impactful regional programs, and utilize CKA resources for the city's or local community's benefit.

Over the course of the next 12 months in multiple phases, CKA is rolling out Regional Chapters in a number of cities throughout the United States where CKA membership and the Korean American Communities are thriving. The selected cities will include Atlanta, Boston, and Southern California in the first phase, with Chicago, New York City, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and more joining in the future.

In this overview, we will share the roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee and the Regional Advisory Council.

CKA's mission is to advance the national voice and influence of the Korean American community.

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STEERING COMMITTEE

Who are the Steering Committee Members?

- The Steering Committee for each Chapter will consist of at least three CKA Members who will oversee the events, activities, communication, and general engagement for the Chapter. Each Member will hold the office for at least one two-year term and will take up the role of Chapter Head/Chapter Co-Leads.
- This role is a volunteer position.
- The Steering Committee will be appointed by CKA HQ invitation.

What Does it Mean to be a Steering Committee Member?

Steering Committee Members are expected to:

- With funding from CKA and other regional sources, implement at least three events per year.
- Leverage the Regional Advisors for advice, guidance, and support.

- Connect and communicate with CKA HQ bimonthly to update on the status of the Chapter and any important information about region.
- Engage with regional CKA members, welcome new members, and keep tabs on the health of the regional CKA community.
- Liase with the local AAPI and Korean American groups within respective cities looking for collaboration opportunities.

Benefits of being part of the Steering Committee:

- Opportunity to serve and represent in a visible regional leadership role for CKA.
- Be a trusted volunteer team at the regional level to organize and execute exciting programs and events to serve CKA and Korean American communities
- Engage and communicate actively with all of the CKA members regionally and allied groups to build a strong national network.

Types of events that the Regional Chapters can hold include, but are not limited to:

- Reception / Socials
- Engagement / Salon Dinners / Fireside Chat
- Special Keynote Speaker Event / Presentation
- Community Building / Leadership Events / Workshops
- Welcome Events for New Local Members
- Concerts / Sporting Events
- Fundraising Events for CKA or CKA Programs
- Other Creative Events

Types of events that Regional Chapters **CANNOT** host or sponsor:

- Political Campaign Fundraisers for Candidates
- Partisan / Political Party-Affiliated Events

REGIONAL ADVISORS

Who are the Regional Advisors and What is Their Role on the Regional Advisory Council?

- **Purpose:** The purpose of Regional Advisers is to create a local network of influential and reputable CKA members who support CKA's mission and values and are willing to volunteer their time, ties and/or treasures to provide advisory support when called upon by the Steering Committee to promote local CKA activities.
- **Role and Responsibilities:** Each Chapter will have a Regional Advisory Council to support the Steering Committee initiatives through consultation, financial support,

volunteer time, access to resources, and opening of their network. Consequently, they will back the engagement activities and events organized by the Steering Committee. This role is a volunteer position.

- **Management:** The Regional Advisory Council will be managed by the Steering Committee's Chapter (co-)Lead and Officers.
- **Tenure:** The Regional Advisory Council for each Chapter will consist of at least three distinguished CKA Members to support and advise the Steering Committee of the Chapter. Each Regional Advisor will hold this role for at least one two-year term.

- **Selection:** Regional Advisers will be identified by the Steering Committee Leads and invited with the consultation and approval of HQ.

What might the Regional Advisors be Called Upon to do?

- Providing general advice and guidance
- Identifying guests and speakers for events
- Providing financial / venue support
- Hosting / sponsoring events
- Speaking at events