

Los Angeles Asian Pacific Islander Sisters (LAAPIS) was founded in August of 1993 to affirm and support a community of Asian, Pacific Islander, and mixed heritage lesbians and bisexual women.

From its initial start of 15 women, LAAPIS has grown to over 150 members, some of whom belonged to its predecessor organization, the ground-breaking Asian Pacific Lesbians and Friends (APLF). LAAPIS' functions include outreach and networking with various mainstream Asian and Pacific Islander organizations and the gay, lesbian and bisexual organizations at large.

LAAPIS has been honored by the 1994 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Heritage Month Committee as a vital part of the API community and has worked with other gay and lesbian organizations on civil rights, education, and AIDS issues.

LAAPIS is currently working towards achieving a non-profit status.



LAAPIS is comprised of an active/voting membership, open to API/mixed heritage lesbians and bisexual women, along with all others who support our mission and goals considered as non-voting supporters. LAAPIS is headed by two co-chairs and is organized into five committees.

▼ *Political/Outreach*

Plans and coordinates outreach and education

efforts as well as organizes political action on behalf of mainstream API and Asian Pacific lesbian and bisexual issues.

▼ *Social*

Organizes monthly social events.

▼ *Support*

Organizes and facilitates regular support/rap groups and a mentor program for members.

▼ *Newsletter*

Coordinates and publishes the monthly LAAPIS newsletter.

▼ *Financial/Fundraising*

Manages LAAPIS' budget and coordinates fundraising activities.



LAAPIS offers itself as a referral and speaker resource on API lesbian and bisexual issues and is available to:

▼ University and high school groups.

▼ Asian American, women's, and gay/lesbian studies classes.

▼ Media - radio, television, newspaper, magazine.

▼ Other gay and lesbian organizations.

▼ Individuals or organizations in need of sensitivity training.

▼ Legitimate research studies for theses or books.



YES,

I would like to become a LAAPIS member.*
Enclosed is my check for:

☐ \$10.00 (Student)

☐ \$20.00 (Regular)

This is an annual membership fee.

This entitles you to:

- Monthly newsletter including event listings
- Access to **all** LAAPIS events
- Voting privileges
- * LAAPIS membership is open to lesbian or bisexual-identified women of API descent.



I would like to become a LAAPIS supporter.* Enclosed is my check for:

☐ \$20.00 (Regular)

This entitles you to:

- Monthly newsletter including event listings
- Access to **open** LAAPIS events
- * LAAPIS supporters are non-API, male, and/or heterosexual identified.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____ State: _____

(Make checks payable to Nancy Wong)

Any additional donations
to LAAPIS will be greatly appreciated.

MISSION STATEMENT

LAAPIS seeks to provide
an environment of support and affirmation
for API/mixed heritage API women
who identify as lesbian, queer, bisexual,
women loving women, or gay.

LAAPIS recognizes the ethnic and sexual
diversity within the API communities and the
co-existent need to form common bonds.

LAAPIS also serves as a resource
for the community at large.

We promote non-racist, non-judgemental,
non-ageist, non-sexist attitudes.

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