Dues Schedule:

Dues shall be paid according to a graduated scale based on income as indicated below. This requirement should be waived for all women with yearly incomes of less than \$8,000. Dues shall be accepted at any time during the year, with membership privileges granted immediately and extended through the duration of that fiscal year, except for those joining during the last quarter of the fiscal year who shall have their dues applied to the following year.

<u>Pues Schedule based upon household income</u> minus \$4,000 per dependent:

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How we began:

Our origin dates back to July 9, 1977, when a group of Asian American women attended a State Women's Conference in Albany, N.Y., to elect delegates to the International Women's Year Conference scheduled for November, 1977, in Houston, Texas. The Asian American women came together at that time and presented a slate of Asian American delegates who were subsequently elected and actively participated in the historic Houston Conference. That was our beginning -- and ASIAN WOMEN UNITED itself became a reality to form an independent women's organization in April 1978.

What we believe: - Our Statement of Purpose

As Asian and Pacific Island women, we are working towards a society free from race and sex discrimination through the development of women as community leaders with an understanding of the Asian woman's issues and concerns. We believe that visibility through building the Asian and women's rights movements is a way to ensure and extend our rights. We want to help one another realize our full potential and strength: to take positions and organize and educate communities and ourselves around issues, to monitor legislation; and to work with individuals and groups consonant with our goals.

How we are structured:

Each year we elect a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. We have a rotating chairperson system at each meeting to develop leadership among ourselves.

Our General Membership Meeting is held once a month, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, and the Executive Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, and is open to all members.

In addition, members participate by volunteering for the following committees: Program/Education, Outreach, Fund Raising, Newsletter, and a By-Laws Committee.

Yearly dues are based on a graduated scale of income detailed elsewhere on this brochure.

Who can join:

Any Asian or Pacific Island woman who subscribes to our Statement of Purpose is eligible for membership and upon payment of dues shall be enrolled as a member with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereof. No woman shall be excluded from membership, segregated or otherwise discriminated against within the organization because of religion, disability, national origin, age, economic status, citizenship, marital status, affectional preference, political affiliation or lifestyle.

Our past activities:

Besides our meetings and monthly Newsletter, we have come together for:

- * A Mother-and-Daughter Social
- * Teach-in on Women's Right to Choose Abortion
- * Consciousness-Raising Workshops and Sessions
- * Leadership Training Sessions
- * Celebration of National Asian Pacific Heritage Week with other Asian organizations
- * Participation in "Women Working Together," an Asian Women's Conference
- * Workshops on Sexuality and the Asian Woman
- * Demonstrations of Self-Defense Techniques for Women
- * Participation in Asian American and Feminist conferences at colleges and universities
- * Organized athletic events

We have taken stands in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment and Medicaid coverage for abortions, as well as a position against sterilization abuse. Members of our organization were the main participants in a documentary film about Asian women, "Ourselves," which will be shown around the country in high schools.

We maintain active liaisons with other organizations such as: Asian Americans for Equality; Asian Pacific American Women's Political Caucus; Basement Workshop; Better Chinatown Project; Japanese American Citizens League; National Organization for Women; National, New York State and Manhattan Women's Political Caucus; New York Working Women; Organization of Asian Women; Organization of Asian Women; Organization of Chinese Americans; Pacific Asian Coalition; Philippine Americans for Community Action and Development; and the Philippine Forum.

Our projections for the future:

We shall not only continue the kinds of activities held in the past but our program will reflect our continual growth as an organization as well as individuals. We project future activities that will include the following:

- * Continuance of our monthly Newsletter
- * Continued participation in organizing a Young Women's Health/Social Services Center in Chinatown
- * Forums and discussions on:
 Personal Money Management
 Daycare
 Affirmative Action
 Feminist Health Care
 Image of Asian Women in Media

In addition, we shall extend our organizational ties nationally and expand our communication not only with other Asian women but with women of all ethnic backgrounds.

We invite you to join us and participate with us in developing Asian American sisterhood.