

**THE MINNESOTA CHINA FRIENDSHIP GARDEN SOCIETY  
2018 CHINESE ADVISORY GROUP**

**Chen Zhou** is the Chair of the MCFGS Advisory Group and was a board member of USCPFA for 6 years. He is currently the Chair of MCFGS Chinese Advisory Group. In the last 3 months, Chen along with a number of Chinese volunteers have planned and executed a grass roots campaign. Through their efforts, there have been over 10 Chinese articles published in that short period time in various media: local newspapers, WeChat links, World Journal, etc. Chen with his team also organized a sister-city gift Reveal party for 300 guests, mobilized a grass roots donation campaign, and has supported various Chinese activities. Chen is regarded as one of the leaders in the Chinese community.

**Christina Deng Morrison** is the Editor in Chief of the MN Chinese World WeChat Platform and has actively promoted the Changsha China Friendship Garden project through this Platform. She co-founded the US-Jiangxi Development Association and has long served as the President. She is also a Board Member of the Minnesota Minghua Chinese School and serves as Secretary General of the Chinese American Business Association of Minnesota. Christina majored in English and holds a Master of Arts in Literature and a Master of Arts in Communications. During her professional career, Christina was the Editor in Chief of an English and Chinese bilingual magazine for years before founding her own multilingual advertising agency. Christina has organized or co-organized many large scale cultural events and activities in the Twin Cities Chinese community including Carnival China Style, Voice of Peace, MOA Chinese New Year Celebration, Festival of Spring-Beauty of Jiangxi, Gourmet Night of Shandong, and The Greatest Spirit Show. Christina is regarded as one of the leaders in the Chinese community. Her strong commitment and professional experience in media, PR, advertising, and more has made her a valuable asset in the community.

**Fangyu (Fiona) Kan** moved to Minnesota from China in 2001. She got a Bachelor degree in English from Beijing Foreign Studies University when she was in China. She received master degrees in both sociology and biostatistics from the University of Minnesota. The unique background of liberal arts, social science and STEM shaped her passion for cultural exchange, and developed her critical thinking and problem solving skills using science and technology. Currently, she works at Medtronic for clinical research. In her spare time, she is active in the Chinese community and local community. She serves as a board member in non-profit organizations such as Meadow Ridge Elementary School and Elm Creek Crossing Homeowners Association. She is also a PTO board member at Minnesota Yucai Chinese School. Most recently, she, together with some Chinese friends, organized a grassroots fundraising campaign in the Chinese community for St. Paul-Changsha China Firendship Garden project.

**Jing Li** majors in biomedical engineering and has been a clinical project manager for many years working with large and small medical device companies. She is very active in environment protection and has a heart for serving her community. Past experience includes Girl Scout cookie mom for two years; initiated the first International Night at an elementary school, and served for that annual event for three years. She assisted in founding the Yucai Chinese school PTO board

and board of a Chinese dance organization (TCCDC), and has served as a board member for both organizations for many years. She is also one of the initial promoters of the China Garden project to the greater Chinese community and has played an important role in the donation effort for the project's first phase construction.

**Yiqiang Li** has been a partner of the law firm of Faegre Baker Daniels since 2002. He provides a full range of legal services in connection with multinational companies' investment and technology licensing in China, and Chinese companies' investment and litigation in the US.

**Yudong Shen** was born in Northeast China. He artistic abilities at a young age and that started his pursuit of art as a hobby and later career. He went to art school and his works have shown in Japan, Hong Kong and the United States. His Chinese Ink painting have won national awards in both China and the U.S. He was a judge for the national Sumi-e Society of America Annual show and runs workshops for Chinese Art lovers all over the state. He was honored to be a judge for the Minnesota State Fair Fine Art Exhibition and has won numerous awards over the years. His works were collected by various art collectors and by the Beijing National Museum. Believing art is for everyone, he founded his MeiLin Art studio in Minnesota, teaching painting and drawing. Besides art, Yudong has been very much involved in the Chinese community, and has supported many charities, culture, and networking events. His good rapport with many community organizations also brings valuable asset in his commitment of serving the community.

**Ping Wang** hold a Ph.D. of Microbiology. He was a full professor of Huazhong Agricultural University, editorial board member of Acta Pedologica Sinica, Standing Director of Soil Science Society of China, and Vice president of Micro-Ecology Society of Hubei Province. Currently, he serves as an editorial board member of Acta Microbiologica Sinica, Vice president of Chinese American Association of Minnesota, President of Hunan Folks Association of Minnesota; and is involved in the visa and passport services for Minnesota Chinese community.

**Gaoxiang Yang (Tony) 杨高亭** and his family are originally from Kunming, China. He studied Marketing and professional leadership at University of Minnesota. He has lived in the United States for over 9 years and has over 8 years of global market and business management experience from global leading brands such as Compass Group & Alibaba Group. His adventurous personality allowed him to find his true passion and became a serial entrepreneur after leaving the corporate world. He is the founder of multiple companies including Legendary Spice, Lao Sze Chuan Minneapolis, SynoPay, and Shenzhen Information Technology Co. Outside of work, he enjoys participation in community activities, and has a strong connection with the student organization.

**Melody Zhou** holds a Master of Business, University of Western Sydney, Australia, Master of Business Administration and IT, Schiller International University. Currently, she is the Executive Director of CIAC Travel, President of Mingzhou International Chinese School, and Director of Mingzhou Shandong Association. She has coordinated many large-scale travel groups and community cultural activities, including the annual Passage to China event at the Mall of America and numerous Mingzhou Spring Festival.