



**AGA Guam Chapter  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 12:00p.m.  
Hilton Resort & Spa Gallery Room

**Debbie Ngata**  
*President*  
**Pilar Pangelinan**  
*President- Elect*  
**Frances Danieli, MBA, CB, CGFM**  
*Immediate Past President*  
**Shannon Bartonico, CFE**  
*Treasurer*  
**Fierce Catoc, CPA**  
*Treasurer-Elect*  
**Llewelyn Terlaje, CGFM, CGAP, CFE**  
*Secretary*

Attendance Count: Member: 35; Non-Members - 9

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:17 PM by President Debbie Ngata.
- II. Approval of Minutes – June 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes was approved.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – May and June 2019 Treasurer’s Reports were tabled.
- IV. Llewelyn Terlaje was sworn in as the incoming AGA Secretary by Senator Joe S. San Agustin.
- V. Sponsorship Appreciation
  - a. Jackie Marati accepted the award for Bank of Guam and talked about their outreach program to teens.
  - b. Francis Valencia accepted the award from Boy Wonder Creative Agency and shared the importance of social media. Francis Valencia helped design 5K shirts and flyers.
  - c. Representatives from Coast360 Federal Credit Union were unable to attend, however, Vanessa Valencia read a statement that was provided by Coast360.
  - d. John Onedera accepted the award for Ernst & Young and presented a video.
  - e. Blanca Eata accepted the award for Calvo’s Insurance Underwriters.
  - f. Fierce Catoc accepted the award for Deloitte & Touche LLP.
- VI. President’s Report
  - a. John Phillips Award – Debbie called a moment of silence for the late John Phillips. Afterwards she shared some of John Phillips’ accomplishments and significant contributions to AGA, which is also the prelude to the John Phillips Award. These include:
    - Mr. Phillips being one of 20 individuals who formed the Guam Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants 40 years ago.
    - Mr. Phillips arrived on Guam as a United States Marine Corps Officer in March 1958. He was a Management Analyst of O&R Department Naval Air Station Alameda in 1962-1966 and was the Comptroller Officer in charge of construction on Guam in 1966-1987. Soon after, Mr. Phillips joined the University of Guam as an Associate Professor of Accounting.
    - At UOG, he established the Junior Accountants Society and served as an advisor in 1991. His tenure at UOG, his continued involvement and dedication as an AGA member, and his service overall in the accounting profession made him be recognized by his peers as an original “Godfather of Accounting” on Guam.
    - Prof. Phillips dedicated his career to AGA and the accounting profession. As an AGA member, he was an active participant in the chapter executive committee, taught courses, and attended nearly every chapter meeting and annual Professional Development Conference. He is the only AGA Guam Chapter member to have served as president of the Chapter four different times, and worked with AGA’s Hawaii Chapter to establish the Pacific Rim Region.
    - He continuously chaired the Education Committee until his retirement. He was instrumental in bringing AGA’s Certified Government Financial Manager courses to Guam and helping the chapter earn the prestigious National Award for Education for Program



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Years 2008 and 2009 and was awarded the National Chapter Service Award in 2005. Prof. Phillips has also served as Regional Vice President and a Regional Education Coordinator. Prof. Phillips has also been a member of the Guam Society of Certified Public Accountants, Guam Chapter National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Guam Civil Service Commission, and many other organizations.

- In Program Year 2011-2012, the AGA Guam Chapter established the Professor John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award, an annual award recognizing a government professional who exemplifies and promotes excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management, much like Prof. Phillips did throughout his career. The AGA Guam Chapter is honored to recognize Prof. Phillips for his contributions to advancing government accountability in the Pacific region.
  - b. Community Service
    - i. GDOE's Broken Crayon 2019 Project – Donations sought from now until August 9, 2019
    - ii. Bus Stop Blitz 2019 – 8am – 4pm on August 10, 2019 (see Justin Castro to volunteer)
    - iii. Coastal Clean-up – September 21, 2019
  - c. CGFM
    - i. Changes to the Exam starting September 1, 2019. Please see Maripaz for any questions related to the Exam as well as scholarships available
    - ii. Congratulations to Clariza Roque for passing the exam.
  - d. July Member Anniversaries
    - i. Barbara Howard, CPA - 26 years
    - ii. Nancy Cueto - 11 years
    - iii. Rizalito Paglingayen - 9 years
    - iv. Margaret Artero - 4 years
    - v. Marie Garcia - 4 years
    - vi. Helen Legaspi - 4 years
    - vii. Arlita Mabini - 4 years
    - viii. Thelma Perez - 4 years
    - ix. Tiara Cunningham - 1 year
- VII. Other Matters/Open Floor – None reported.
- VIII. Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 28, 2019.
- IX. Adjourn Meeting – Jojo Guevara moved to adjourn the meeting. Pilar Pangelinan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.

Official Minutes prepared by: Llewelyn Terlaje  
AGA – Guam Chapter Secretary