



**AGA Guam Chapter
Chapter Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2016
Prego, Westin Resort Guam**

Yuka Hechanova, CPA, CIA, CGFM, CGAP, CGMA
President
Clariza Mae Roque
President-Elect
Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, CGFM, MAcc
Immediate Past-President
Josie Villanueva, CPA, CGFM
Treasurer
Florephine Dela Cruz
Secretary

Present for the meeting were:

Douglas Glenn
Billy Morehead
Doris Flores-Brooks
Taling Taitano
Yuka Hechanova

Clariza Roque
Florephine Dela Cruz
Rachel Cubacub
Jerrick Hernandez
Christian Rivera

Rodalyn Gerardo
Frances Danieli
Jojo Guevara
Von Alcoran

1. Meeting called to order at 5:40pm by President Yuka.
2. Approval of Minutes. Taling moved to approve the August CEC minutes. Jojo seconded. All were in favor. August CEC minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report. Tabled.
4. President's Report. Tabled.
5. Committee Reports. Tabled.
6. Meeting AGA National President Doug Glenn
 - a. Doug expressed that AGA Guam Chapter is a powerhouse group, comparable to the DC chapter. He praised the chapter for its accomplishment, involvement, community service, and awards nomination.
 - b. Yuka mentioned that they presented the overview of the CGFM Part 1 exam. She shared that participants from other islands are interested in attending the review course and taking the CGFM exam.
 - c. Doug suggested video teleconference. Yuka and Jojo responded the difference in time zone has been a challenge for teleconference with the National office.
 - d. Jojo shared that our chapter has been successful in getting the CGFM award. He also mentioned that members who pass the exam would be reimbursed of the full amount. He stated that the chapter plans to bring instructor to conduct the review course.
 - e. Clariza shared that her biggest challenge is to continue the chapter's legacy. She discussed her plans as the next president such as increasing programs and meeting attendance.
 - f. Von discussed the JAS's plan to connect more with AGA and increase student membership by coordinating with the Early Careers committee. Von also mentioned that JAS expose members to different certifications, company tours to ensure that the members are well informed of the accounting profession. Von discussed the new accounting program requirement that mandates student to pass the entrance exam in order to take upper-level accounting classes.
 - g. Christian discussed that the Early Career committee plans which are attending student organization's meetings to promote AGA and CGFM, and attending the mixer to interact and give advices and tips with the students. Christian plans to increase the student awareness of the CGFM scholarship.
 - h. Doug inquired on mentoring program. Rachel responded that it was difficult for the professionals to make a commitment to the students.
 - i. Frances explained her role in providing community service opportunity to the members such as 5K, coastal cleanup, feed the homeless program. She stated that the proceeds from the 5K are used for the student scholarship.

- j. Floregine shared the she received the student scholarship and NLT scholarship She also discussed the networking opportunity when attending the meetings.
 - k. Doris learned about AGA from John Philips. She shared that AGA offers scholarship to two members to attend the PDT. She attended a PDT conference, where she learned about CGFM certification. She took and passed the CGFM exam during the PDT conference. She also mentioned the Herminia Dierking Scholarship for the UOG students.
 - l. Jojo shared that he was the first Guam chapter member to attend the SLM. This year was the first time that the chapter was able to bring two officers to the SLM.
 - m. Rod shared that she initially attended meetings as a support for her supervisors. Then, Rod became a treasurer. Becoming an officer exposed her to the different committees. She also attended a PDT conference, which gave her an idea to recreate one including the conference booklet for Guam chapter. She shared that Randy initiated the Pacific Emerging Issues Conference (now GPDC). She also mentioned the various roles and positions she held in AGA. She discussed that networking allows her to meet new people and potential guest speakers and maintain professional relationships.
 - n. Jerrick shared that he learned about AGA from Dr. Crisostomo during his college years. He agreed with Chris that we should market the CGFM certification to the students to expose them with the opportunity and benefits the certification can offer. Jerrick also mentioned that he attended three PDTs. He shared his PDT experience such as networking through “Meet Your Match”, where in the participants received a pin with a number need to find their match to win prizes.
 - o. Doug inquired on the number of students who join the chapter. Yuka responded that a scholarship would be provided to some students to pay for the membership fees. Yuka also added that student members only pay \$10 for the luncheon meeting.
 - p. Jerrick mentioned some agencies, which participate in the UOG internship program, encourage their interns to become a member and attend the meetings. Jerrick added that JAS gives points to students who attend the AGA meeting. Von stated that some students could not attend the meeting due to conflict of schedule.
 - q. Rachel shared her roles in AGA in the past few years. Rachel appreciated the networking benefits, trainings, and leadership opportunity that AGA has provided her. Due to the diversity of the membership, she was able to share and expand her knowledge, or gather information conveniently. She expressed that her experiences as president has boost her self-esteem and assisted her in career.
 - r. Taling stated that she is the current RVP and part of the Chapter Recognition program. She shared that Dr. Crisostomo’s students assist various government agencies in preparing the CCR. She mentioned the scholarship provided to the students. Taling provided an update that the Japan Chapter has concerns with their membership, while Saipan has not conducted meetings due to the typhoon.
 - s. Due to the number of Palau and FSM participants, Jojo would try to convince them to form new chapters. Jojo sent an email Louise and Susan about the process on establishing a new chapter.
 - t. Rod mentioned that GPDC is conducted every other year, and the chapter conducts training, especially during March (CGFM month), which is free for CGFM. She also mentioned that we survey the membership to identify their interest in a certain topics or trainings. The chapter invites guest speakers to offer CPE to the members.
 - u. Doug stated that he looks for two traits in a team: freedom of expression and laughter. He commended the chapter for having these two traits and for being a great team.
7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, Location: TBA
8. Clariza moved to adjourn the meeting. Frances seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.