



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 12:00pm
The Gallery, Hilton Resort Guam**

Frances Danieli, MBA, CB, CGFM
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Treasurer-Elect
Justin Castro, CFE
Secretary

Attendance Count: AGA Members: 43 Non-Members: 2

1. Meeting called to order at 12:17pm by President Frances Danieli
2. Approval of Minutes – February 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report - February 2019 Treasurer’s report was tabled
4. President Report –
 - A. Community Service – Margie mentioned the following community services events.
 - Feed the Homeless at Guma San Jose on April 13, 2019
5. Winners of the CCR 2019 Competition
 - a. 1st Place – University of Guam
 - b. 2nd Place – Guam Community College
 - c. 3rd Place – Guam Waterworks Authority
 - d. 3rd Place – Guam Housing Corporation
6. Topic: 2015 GUAM Corruption Perception

Presented by: Dr. Maria Claret M. Ruane, Ph.D. from the University of Guam, School of Business and Public Administration

- a. Dr. Maria Claret M. Ruane’s Corruption Perception Report covers how the citizens of Guam view corruption in the government.
- b. According to Dr. Ruane, corruption is a serious problem on Guam. She states that two thirds of respondents believe that corruption is a very serious problem on Guam and were concerned about corruption in both the local government and the federal government.
 - The survey results show that both local and federal government play vital roles in the lives of the people of Guam and should be honest, moral, and should carryout trustworthy actions, which are crucial in gaining trust from the people.
- c. Dr. Ruane mentions that the political parties were viewed as the most corrupt while non-profit, religious, and military organizations were the least corrupt.
 - Based on the survey results, Political Parties are perceived as being the most corrupt, while Guam Police Department and Guam Department of Corrections

were second. The results also shows that non-profits, military, and religious organizations were viewed as the least corrupt.

- d. Dr. Ruane states that personal contacts are very important when dealing with agencies and entities of the Government of Guam. However, personal contact is less important in the Federal Government based on Guam.
 - e. Dr. Ruane mentions that people prefer less risky actions against corruption, such as choosing to remain passive in fear of retaliation for reporting acts of corruption.
 - According to the survey results, 83% of respondents would like to take action against corruption on Guam. However, respondents would rather choose a passive approach against corruption, such as a petition to the government, peaceful protest, joining an anti-corruption organization, using social media approaches, reporting an incident of corruption, and supporting a coworker against corruption.
 - f. Dr. Ruane recommends to reduce corruption in the Government is to increase transparency, encourage reporting, and enforce accountability.
 - g. Dr. Ruane states that the reality of corruption helps the creation of policies and makes conviction based on head evidence, while perception of corruption helps illustrate the amount of confidence and trust the community has in the government and private sector.
7. Grace Edrosa won the lunch raffle.
8. Next Meeting: April 24, 2019 at 12pm. Location: Hilton Resort and Spa
9. Doris moved to adjourn the meeting. Zeny seconded. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm.

Minutes prepared by: /s/Justin B. Castro
AGA – Guam Chapter Secretary