



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
Koko Room, Hilton Resort**

Clariza Mae Roque, CICA
President
Frances T. Danieli, CGFM
President-Elect
Yuka Hechanova, CPA, CIA, CGFM, CGAP,
CGMA
Immediate Past-President
Mary Grace Edrosa
Treasurer-Elect
Shannon Bartonico, CFE
Secretary

1. Meeting called to order at 12:18pm by President Clariza Roque.
2. Approval of Minutes. Matt moved to approve the January 2018 minutes, and Rodalyn seconded. All were in favor. The January 2018 minutes were approved.
3. Program Year 2018 – 2019 Officers Election. Rodalyn moved to adopt the slate, and Paz seconded. All were in favor. The slate was approved as follows: Debbie Ngata, President-Elect; Justin Castro, Secretary; Shannon Bartonico, Treasurer-Elect.
4. Committee Reports.
 - a. Education & Professional Development. Clariza noted that there will be a training on March 23, 2018 related to the EQ Advantage. This training session will be taught by Dr. John Rivera, and will be a 4 CPE, half-day training on emotional intelligence.
 - b. Community Service. The next upcoming community service will be the Annual AGA Accountability 5k. If there are any questions, Clariza noted to see Rodalyn for more information.
5. Topic: Introduction to the CGFM Program
Guest Speakers: Guam Chapter CGFMs
Jojo Guevara – Professional Certification Chair
Maripaz Perez – Professional Certification Co-chair
Rodalyn Gerardo – Education Chair
Frances Danieli – Community Service Chair
Clariza Roque – AGA President
 - a. This month's AGA general meeting focused on kickstarting CGFM month, which begins in March. Jojo spoke about what a CGFM is: a Certified Government Financial Manager. This is a professional certification awarded by AGA, a member organization for financial professionals in government committed to government accountability and transparency. To earn the CGFM, per Frances candidates must apply for the program and follow the code of ethics, have a bachelor's degree, pass three comprehensive CGFM examinations, and complete two years of professional-level experience in government financial management. The process is \$33 to apply, and \$125 per exam. The annual renewal fee is \$30.
 - b. Maripaz spoke about what makes CGFM stand unique from other certifications. She noted that this was the only designation that covers local, state, and federal areas of government. It also has a broad coverage of various aspects of financial management at all areas of government. With the CGFM, you gain an increased knowledge of government financial management, greater job confidence, a better understanding of

the government “big picture”, and it also enhances marketability and encourages employer incentives and continuing education.

- c. Clariza spoke about her experience preparing for the CGFM exam. She noted that the courses (the practice exams and the intensive review) are very helpful in her preparation. She also spoke about the mentorship program, which allowed her to be partnered with a CGFM mentor, who helped guide her through the process of examination.
 - d. On a final note, Paz mentioned that if any AGA members need study materials, or if they are in need of mentorship, to contact her or Jojo for assistance.
6. Raffle. Merlita Azicate won the Raffle for next general meeting’s luncheon.
 7. Next Meeting: March 28, 2018 at 12:00pm. Location: Koko Room, Hilton Resort Guam.
 8. Clariza moved to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 01:03pm.

Minutes prepared by: /s/ Shannon Bartonico
AGA – Guam Chapter Secretary