



**AGA Guam Chapter  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 28, 2015  
Hyatt Regency Guam Resort**

Artemio “Ricky” Hernandez, CGFM  
President  
Yuka Hechanova, CPA, CIA, CGFM, CGAP,  
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Immediate Past-President  
Josie Villanueva, CPA, CGFM  
Treasurer  
Clariza Mae Roque  
Secretary

Attendance Count: 19 members, 6 non-members, and 8 JAS members.

1. Meeting called to order at 12:17pm by President Ricky Herenandez.
2. Approval of Minutes. Maripaz Perez moved to approve the August and September General Membership minutes subject to correction. Rodalyn Gerardo seconds. All were in favor. Motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report. Tabled and will be provided to members during the November General Membership Meeting.
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Education Committee. Rodalyn noted that Joe Bradley will be the Speaker for the November General Membership Meeting with an update on Guam’s Economy. One CPE will be offered. There will also be another training on Cybersecurity for 4 CPEs. No date has been set, but it may be no later than January 2016.
  - b. CGFM Committee. Jojo mentioned the National Office is offering a CGFM “Refer a Friend” Promotion. Encourage others to apply for the CGFM designation and earn \$10 (per referral) off your 2016 CGFM renewal fee. He also discussed P.L. 33-18 relative to the certification pay for CGFMs.
  - c. Membership Committee. Jason and Debbie recognized the October AGA Guam Membership Anniversaries:
    - i. 4 Years: Travis Carbon (GDOE)
    - ii. 5 Years: Caroline Senda (Deloitte) and Artemio Hernandez (Guam Legislature, Office of Finance and Budget)
    - iii. 6 Years: Clariza Roque (OPA)
    - iv. 7 Years: Jeremy Rojas (GDOE)
    - v. 12 Years: Vince Duenas (GWA) and Haser Hainrick (FSM Office of National Public Auditor)
    - vi. 15 Years: Gaudencio Rosario (DOA) and Anita Linda Arile (DOA)
    - vii. 17 Years: Rena Kloulechad (Palau Public Auditor’s Office), Satrunino Tewid (Palau Public Auditor’s Office), Jowas Wasisang (Palau Public Auditor’s Office), and Romana Blailes (Palau Public Auditor’s Office)
    - viii. 19 Years: Dr. Filomena Cantoria (UOG)
  - d. Early Careers Committee. No update.
  - e. Community Service Committee. Contact Frances or Ariana for more details.
    - i. GHURA – Guma Trankilidat Clean-Up (November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7am)
    - ii. Kusinan Kamalen Karidat – Soup Kitchen (November 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm)

- iii. Can Food Drive for Salvation Army Guam (November 20<sup>th</sup>). Frances needs agency point of contacts.
  - f. Scholarship Committee. Tabled.
  - g. Accountability Committee. Announced the Best CCR Contest FY 2014. CCRs are due October 31<sup>st</sup> (Guam Time).
5. Guest Speaker: Mr. John Benavente, Guam Power Authority General Manager.  
Topic: GPA's Energy and Financial Plans

GPA credit is improving. GPA is successfully achieving initiatives to strengthen its credit to adapt to a changing environment. Financial performance remains strong with improved coverage. The CCU and GPA senior management have begun several operational initiatives to improve the GPA system and lower costs. Operation initiatives include streetlight conversion to LED streetlights from high pressure sodium streetlights; new billing system, system hardening of distribution poles and place selected lines underground; and Smart Grid to improve operational efficiencies and provide customers with more information concerning their power use.

GPA dialogue with the EPA is constructive and a compliance plan was well-received. GPA Energy Plan consists of: 1) Negotiate EPA Consent Decree; 2) Install energy storage system; 3) Expand renewable energy programs; 4) Evaluate clean fuel alternatives; 5) Install new dual fired combined cycle units; and 6) Retire old units. GPA expects to finalize consent decree in the next six months. Energy sales are decreasing due to the energy conservation despite a growth in customers.

GPA has made substantial progress in all areas of its Energy Plan including:

- CCU approval of two dual fuel combined cycle units;
- Upcoming commercial operation of 25 MW solar project; and
- Evaluation of future renewable projects.

6. Raffle
7. Other Matters
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 12:00pm.  
Guest Speaker: Mr. Joseph Bradley, Bank of Guam SVP/Chief Economist and Business Continuity Officer
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.  
Maripaz Perez motioned to adjourn meeting and Vince Duenas seconds. All were in favor.

Minutes prepared by: /s/ Clariza Roque  
AGA – Guam Chapter Secretary