



**AGA Guam Chapter  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
Media Room, Sheraton**

**Clariza Mae Roque, CICA**  
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**Shannon Bartonico, CFE**  
Secretary

Attendees: 34 AGA Members, 11 JAS Members, 2 Non-Members

1. Meeting called to order at 12:10pm by President Clariza Roque.
2. Approval of Minutes. Tabled.
3. Treasurer's Report. Tabled.
4. Committee Reports.
  - a. Presentation of Awards (2017 Herminia Dierking Scholarship)
    - i. Dr. Robert Underwood and Esther Rios presented scholarship awards to 4 students: Rosa Pugay, Clayton Okada, Flori-Anne Dela Cruz, and Elise Calvo were provided scholarships for GCC (\$1000) and UOG (\$1500).
5. Topic: Grant Fraud Waste and Abuse: Awareness and Prevention  
Guest Speaker: Ms. Alicia Limtiaco, Former U.S. Attorney General for Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands

Ms. Alicia Limtiaco spoke about the role of the U.S. Education Office of the Inspector General (EDOIG), and its role against grant fraud. The OIGs were created after the Inspector Act of 1978, where their main role is to promote efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity of the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). They are also responsible for identifying and preventing fraud, as well as recommending changes in relevant federal laws and regulations. The OIG has the broad statutory right of access to all records available to their agencies. They deal with criminal and civil investigations, and observe all types of possible fraud and criminal activity, such as embezzlement, bribery, mismanagement of assets, waste, identity theft, contract irregularities, and conflicts of interest.

She also spoke about grant funds in general. These grant funds are funds that are awarded for a specific public purpose. The grant process is an "integrity based system", which open up the possibility of fraud within the agencies. Grant fraud is defined as lying, stealing, or cheating to obtain grants that they are not entitled to receive. Grant fraud may also include bribery or kickbacks, false application, destruction of documents to cover-up, or not spending the funds for intended purposes.

Ms. Limtiaco noted that anyone can commit fraud, as she noted several different examples of grant fraud not limited to one area, but it is also up to us to prevent it. Grant consequences can include debarment of receiving future funding, civil lawsuits, and criminal prosecution. To reduce these risks, agencies need to examine operations and determine vulnerability (as well as potential conflicts of interest), implement specific fraud prevention strategies (including educating others and spreading

awareness), maintain a well-designed and tested system of internal controls, and share concerns and always follow up.

6. Raffle Winner: Norma Tuazon
7. Next Meeting: November 15, 2017 at 12pm. Location: The Gallery, Hilton Resort & Spa.
8. Clariza moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

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