



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Hyatt Regency Guam Resort
(Santa Rosa & Santa Rita Ballrooms)**

Artemio “Ricky” Hernandez, CGFM
President
Yuka Hechanova, CPA, CIA, CGFM, CGAP,
CGMA
President-Elect
Rachel F. Cubacub, PMBA
Immediate Past-President
Josie Villanueva, CPA, CGFM
Treasurer
Clariza Mae Roque
Secretary

Attendance Count: 46 members and 4 non-members.

1. Meeting called to order at 12:14pm by President Ricky Hernandez.
2. Approval of Minutes. Taling Taitano moved to approve the April minutes subject to correction. Rodalyn Gerardo seconds. All were in favor. Motion approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report. Jason Katigbak moved to approve the March and April financial statements. Jerrick Hernandez seconds. All were in favor. Motion approved.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Education Committee. GPDC is scheduled for mid-September. We are expecting the AGA National President and Executive Director to be in attendance. Currently in the planning process with monthly meetings. Contact Rodalyn for more information.
 - b. Membership and Early Careers Committee.
 - i. PDT Raffle. Rodalyn Gerardo and Barbara Howard are the PDT Raffle Winners. Alternates are Noemi Tuazon and Jojo Guevara.
 - ii. May membership anniversaries announced.
 - c. Community Service Committee. Planning our annual 5K to be held June 25th. The 5K is to benefit the Herminia Dierking scholarship and the AGA Guam Chapter scholarship. Contact Frances Danieli or Yuka Hechanova for more info.
 - d. By-Laws Committee. Successful filing of the By-laws and will be sent to AGA National within the next week.
5. **Guest Speaker:** AGA Guam Chapter Past Presidents Panel
In celebration of our “Past Presidents Month”, we invited five Past Presidents to discuss their AGA Guam Chapter Presidency experience: 1) Taling Taitano (1990-1993), 2) Eloy Lizama (2000-2001), 3) Doris Flores Brooks (2002-2003), 4) Randall Wiegand (2005-2006), and 5) Christopher Wolseley (2006-2007).

Taling sort of fell into the role of AGA President. It’s wonderful to see that there is a larger education and community service committees now. During her time, there weren’t big education conferences like we do today and she couldn’t get anyone interested in the community service committee. She encourages all members, especially the new ones and students, to get involved and volunteer. You’re able to establish relationships with people you might not otherwise have with and can network with. Any service that she’s put in, she’s received back tenfold. AGA is a wonderful membership.

Eloy is the only Past President who was not affiliated with the government or audit firm. Prior to leaving UOG and with the assistance of John Phillips, he helped set up an AGA sub-chapter in 1991 now known as the Junior Accountants Society. He continued his Presidency even though he wasn’t part of the government was due to John Phillips’ infectious dedication to AGA. He encourages continued AGA participation as it is a good opportunity to reach your careers locally and abroad.

Doris joined AGA because John Phillips asked her to become President-Elect during her first term as Public Auditor of Guam. This was her first time hearing about AGA. She felt a bit awkward in taking the position, but when the opportunity presented itself, she went for it. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. She was happy that she did that. Her very first National PDC in Atlanta was one of the best conferences she attended. Herminia Dierking and John Phillips attended the most PDCs. There was a challenge of members not attending AGA functions and not much money at that time. Most organizations paid for their staff’s membership, but they didn’t attend. AGA Guam Chapter has provided more local training opportunities.

She encourages AGA members to take the CGFM as it distinguishes you from the rest and to attend an AGA National PDC. Get involved with AGA.

Randy noted that AGA Guam Chapter reveres John Phillips. In the 1990s, the group was really wane and no one was really willing to be President. John stepped up to be the President for multiple terms. If he had not stepped up, the chapter would have folded. He is key and instrumental in getting our Chapter to where it's at. Randy said that during his term, even as President-Elect, there was the stress of no cash in their account because funds were spent to send people to the PDC. AGA Guam Chapter has helped in having contacts from different agencies and creating relationships with them. He urges members to become involve and the relationships will benefit you.

Chris reiterates the finance issues of AGA Guam Chapter. His first connection to AGA Guam Chapter was Herminia Dierking and John Phillips during the Hawaii PDC. When he came to Guam in 2002-2003, he already wanted to get involved with AGA Guam Chapter. The continued commitment of growing the Chapter to where we are today. Being a member of this Chapter, there are networking opportunities. When you get deeply involved with AGA, you start working with "higher up" officials, such as the Governors of Guam. Unique involvement where he ran concurrently as the RVP for AGA Pacific Rim and AGA Guam Chapter President. Clarence was deeply involved with Chris joining the AGA. Encourage younger folk to consider getting involved with the CEC and have the desire to become a President-Elect. It was extremely difficult to find a President-Elect. As far as your involvement with AGA and current obligations with work, he found that about 95% of the case your employer may be supportive. He mentioned that Deloitte found it as a great way to get Deloitte out there. It's all about the networking and getting to know people of different spheres.

Yuka inquired that as Past Presidents, what do they envision AGA going forward. Doris responded for AGA to consider using its force to be a lobby effort in political viewpoints within the Government of Guam. Doris suggested a Government Committee to look at certain areas. Randy suggested getting AGA on the map and training option of dinners with awesome speakers for a fee.

6. Raffle Winner is Josie Muescan.
7. Other Matters.
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 12:00pm at Hyatt Regency Guam Resort.
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:26pm. Anita Cruz motioned to adjourn meeting and Maripaz Perez seconds. All were in favor.

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