



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 23, 2017
Media Room, Sheraton**

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

Attendees: 31 AGA Members, 5 JAS Members, 2 Non-Members

1. Meeting called to order at 12:13pm by President Clariza Roque.
2. Approval of Minutes. Tabled.
3. Treasurer's Report. Tabled.
4. Committee Reports.
 - a. Presentation of Awards (AGA National Awards)
 - i. Six AGA National Awards were presented to the following people, with their respective awards: Yuka Hechanova, Platinum Chapter Recognition Program Award, Jojo Guevara, Chapter CGFM Award, Maripaz Perez, Chapter Accountability and Transparency Award, Frances Danieli, Community Service Award, Taling Taitano, Regional Vice President Award, and Rodalyn Gerardo, Recruiter of the Year.
 - b. CGFM
 - i. Jojo Guevara reminded regarding the upcoming CGFM training at the Gloria Nelson Building (GPWA). He also noted that there is a reimbursement for AGA members that pass the exam.
5. Topic: Guam Open Research & Education eXchange (GOREX)
Guest Speaker: Mr. Rommel Hidalgo, University of Guam Chief Information Officer

As Chief Information Officer at the University of Guam, Mr. Rommel Hidalgo is responsible for ensuring the success of all enterprise services of Information Technology in support of the university's mission and strategic plan. Mr. Hidalgo was previously the Assistant Vice President for Information Technology at the California State University, Fullerton campus, as well as a faculty member in the CSU Fullerton, Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, teaching Information Systems and Decision Sciences. He holds an MBA from the University of Guam and a Master of Science degree in Management Science / Information Systems from CSU Fullerton.

Mr. Hidalgo talked about the importance implementing the Guam Open Research & Education eXchange, or GOREX, to expand island-wide internet connectivity and research availability. This expansion is greatly helped using available submarine cables that are placed world-wide. He noted that Guam is an important Pacific port for these submarine cables, as many countries throughout Asia and America are linked to Guam through these underwater cables.

Mr. Hidalgo stressed the importance of these submarine cables, which are small fiber-optic cables that are placed carefully by ships on the seabed throughout the world and transmit telecommunications worldwide. He placed an important example with Saipan, whose under-sea fiber optic submarine cables were cut and deemed inoperable, causing the island along with the other Northern Marianas Islands to cease internet, phone, and banking communications with the world.

He noted that through these cables we may be able to expand Guam's connectivity. The University of Guam's current situation with internet connectivity per Mr. Hidalgo can be greatly improved, and he

and his team are working to create reliable connectivity for students and researchers. Since he has started as Chief Information Officer, the reliability of UOG's internet service has vastly increased.

6. Other Matters
 - a. Community Service
 - i. Frances Danieli reminded everyone of the upcoming community service event, the Annual Guam International Coastal Clean-up, which will be held on September 16, 2017 9am at the Adelup Shore.
7. Raffle Winner: Debbie Ngata
8. Next Meeting: September 27, 2017 at 12pm. Location: Media Room, Sheraton Laguna Beach Resort.
9. Clariza moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15pm.

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