



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2016
Hyatt Regency Guam Resort
(Salon)**

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: 35 members, 2 non-members, and 18 JAS members.

1. Meeting called to order at 12:20pm by President Ricky Hernandez.
2. Approval of Minutes. Clariza Roque moved to approve the March minutes subject to correction. Reginald Diaz seconds. All were in favor. Motion approved.
3. Treasurer's Report. Tabled.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Education Committee. Tabled.
 - b. Membership and Early Careers Committee.
 - i. March membership anniversaries announced.
 - ii. AGA and GSCPA Mixer on May 6th at the University of Guam
 - iii. High School Essay Contest due date April 29th
 - c. Community Service Committee. Maripaz mentioned the "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive, which will be held Saturday, May 14th. You may coordinate with her on donation pick-ups. An email will be sent out to the membership.
 - d. By-Laws Committee. The by-laws changes were sent out to the membership for their review. Llewelyn Terlaje discussed the major changes within the by-laws, such as specified dates for election, treasurer-elect position, and quorums. After the discussion, she opened the floor for any questions or concerns. Jojo moved to approve the updated by-laws as of March 2016. Rodalyn seconds. All were in favor. Updated by-laws as of March 2016 have been approved. It will be filed with DRT and sent to AGA National.

5. **Guest Speaker:** Maria Pangelinan, Guam Election Commission Executive Director

Topic: Guam's Election and Financial Reporting

Ms. Pangelinan discussed the 2016 Guam Election. Over 130 packets were picked up at the GEC. For the first time in GEC history, 40 were picked up on the first day, which was April 19, 2016. This may be due to the pay increase for the Mayors (\$75,000) and Vice Mayors (\$68,000). To be a Mayor, you have to be a registered voter in the village you live in and actually living there. Also, attest that you are a U.S. Citizen.

Guam has under 45,000 registered voters. Ms. Pangelinan's personal goal is to have 60,000. All you need is a photo ID to become a registered voter. If you do not vote in two consecutive General Elections, you have to re-register. GEC is the 31st jurisdiction to implement online registration.

Currently, GEC is working on legislation for the public to check if they are registered voters, voter registration, and decolonization registration. The Governor is pushing to have the plebiscite sooner than later. GEC is appreciative that it is in the limelight as they only have about 9,000 registered as native inhabitants. Registering as a native inhabitant is registering to vote in the plebiscite. It does not mean independence, free association, or lose your U.S. citizenship. They are seeking help in native inhabitant registration.

Ms. Pangelinan continued to discuss the requirements for candidates. Refer to Title 3, Chapter 6 of the Guam Code Annotated for details. The Organizational Report is required from each candidate, or authorized person in the case of a political party, or campaign treasurer in the case of a committee. This is required not later than the tenth day prior to each election or primary. GEC pays precinct officials \$350 each for the Primary Election and General Election. They are currently recruiting. In order for you to be prioritized to be a precinct official, you must be prioritized by the party. For information on how to become a precinct official, contact GEC.

6. Raffle Winner is Rodalyn Gerardo.

7. Other Matters. Yuka noted that for Program Year 2016 – 2017 nominees: President-Elect Clariza Roque, Treasurer Josie Villanueva, and Secretary Florigene Dela Cruz. She opened the floor for any nominations on the floor. No nominations were made. Yuka moved to approve the slate of candidates for Program Year 2016 – 2017. Maripaz seconds. All were in favor. Slate was accepted and no election was needed.
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 12:00pm at Hyatt Regency Guam Resort. AGA Guam Chapter will be celebrating Past Presidents' Month.
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm. Yuka motioned to adjourn meeting and Cora Montellano seconds. All were in favor.

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