



**AGA Guam Chapter
General Membership (GM)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2020
12:00 p.m.**

**Zoom Meeting
Final (subject to corrections)**

Pilar Pangelinan
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Secretary

Present for the zoom meeting 53 participants:

Alma To	Edison Manaloto	Lorbea Palaming	Ranel Ranoa
Arleen Sahagon	Frances Danieli	Margie Francisco	Ritzmar Erni
Artemio Hernandez	Frank Leon Guerrero	Mari Calvo-Perez	Rodilyn Gerardo
Blanca Eata	Hyo Kim	Mariella Cruz	rosalia abonales
Bobbie Howard	Joaquin (KEN) Leon Guerrero	Mary Grace Edrosa	Sandra Seau
Chris Carillo	John Camacho	Mercedes Poliarco	Sarah Elmore-Hernandez
Chris Wolseley	John Onedera	Michelle Armenta	Taling Taitano
Clariza Roque	Jose Guevara	Noeme Jereza	Vanessa Valencia
Debbie Ngata	JOSEPHINE VILLANUEVA	Noli Sanchez	Vincent Borja
Deborah Hartzler	Justin Castro	Odeth Ignacio	Vincent Duenas
Dominic Hernandez	Kenneth Borja	pam aguigui	Yuka Hechanova
Don A.A. Edquilane	Kunitaka Akita	Paz Perez	
Doreen Crisostomo	Lawrence Jay Alcairo	Pilar Pangelinan	
Doris Brooks	Llewelyn Terlaje	Rachel Cubacub	

1. Call Meeting to Order:


Meeting called to order at 12:03 p.m. by President Pilar Pangelinan.

- 2. Herminia Dierking Scholarship:** Lorbea presented brief overview of Herminia Dierking Scholarship Award. Congratulations to Sole Applicant, Mr. Noli Sanchez from UOG who will received \$1000 to cover books, tuition etc. for Fall 2020 semester. Mr. Sanchez thanked AGA and scholarship committee and spoke on how the scholarship would assist him off set his tuition in pursuing his accounting degree.

3. 50 Under 40 Emerging Leaders in the Government of Guam:

Digital publication feature 50 individuals under the age of 40 available on website. Link:<https://issuu.com/agaguamchapter/docs/50under> 40 - emerging leaders in the government. Some AGA members featured in the publication.

- 4. Guam Election First Time Senatorial Candidates:** Vince was responsible for organizing this event and provided results from previous AGA forum. This is the 3rd time AGA hosted forum for 1st time candidates running for office. In 2016, 1st time there were 12 candidates and half made it or 50%. In 2018, 11 candidates, 6 made it. Goal this time is at least 5 to make it! Good quality candidates – good luck in the election next Tuesday.


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Early election on-going – last day to early vote is Friday (from chat – by Lawrence Jay Alcairo).

Doreen provide the forum requirements: 5 minutes to speak based on alpha order. Vince to hold timer – when you hear buzzer, your presentation is over. Doreen used your campaign sign indicating the number on the ballot and (D) Democrat or (R) Republican.

1st time Candidates include:

- 1) **John Ananich, II -not on-line #12 (D)**
- 2) **Michelle Armenta – #1 (R)** Platform: Priority, reality and transparencies. In regards to Public Health – tend to disagree with new hospital – same problem – for prioritize GMH to bring down the cost of health care.

Under Public Safety – FY2021 budget cut of \$1.4M to fund police department. Need to properly fund the police and fire department to help the economy. Helps give community a sense of safety – less crime. Low morale is created when funds are taken away for police and fire. Establish K-9 units to better secure borders to prevent and keep track of drugs from coming into island. Searches are random but should be 100%.

Public education –schools received lots of funding but seem like not put to use properly. School choice and push for school vouchers. Now it seems like schools are falling apart, kids don't have books and the bathrooms are disgusting. She has to home school her child. Noticed schools differ on how they teach and what's available from one school to another – there should be some continuity. No transparency and accountability on what they're doing with the funds. Not using funds on what's it's for. Need to focus on curriculum lot better in the past. Today, kids struggling to read and write and that is unacceptable. Fear opening up school but studies states its safe. DODEA school are opening with students separated with plastic dividers and not required to wear face mask. Wait to see what happens and recommend to open up school next semester.

Frugality and transparency are one and the same. Need to hold government more accountable for spending and not about who gets the money. Use of receipts to see spending. Need to update technology so programs in the government can be linked for efficiency. None of the programs in the government are linked and no one has any idea what the anyone else is doing.

For example, went to acquire a police clearance. It took a while but if something were to come up with the police clearance, the process will have to stop and go down to the court house to pull to the report which is unacceptable. Takes at least 2 days.

Revenue and Taxation needs to be automated for services such as driver's licenses.

- 3) **Vincent Borja #13 (R)** – Platform: Most issues in community are not new. With pandemic has changed the dynamics of how we do things. Our economy struggling with unemployed, need ways to diversify jobs to pay more, modernize government – streamlining do more with less and make 1 stop center a true one stop center. Need to do more for veteran's services to transition from war zone to island life much easier. Lastly, must make youth engagement a priority - can do for troubled youth in our community. Youth crying for help and must help now to grow and make for the community. Knows the impact of youth engagement on his life and changed the path he was heading. Continues being a leader/mentor or volunteering with young adults and working with non-profit or veteran services. Success is not about what I can do but more what I can do for others. Wants to re-invest his education, experience and passion for helping others. Road ahead is rough and I want to work for you. Want to make Guam a better place!
- 4) **Christopher L. Carillo #2 (D)**- Platform: Wealth of experience in public policies understand intricacies in government budget. Government accountants do a tremendous job of keeping money accounted from the Public auditor's audits for across the board government agencies. Fundamentally believes there is a revenue shortfall - lots of complaints in the community about government spending with \$1B budget yet fundamentally over \$100M on debt services!

\$150M in tax refunds that GovGuam should not be paying. Guam needs to get back unfunded mandate from the federal government mandate for EITC reimbursements.

Recommends reduction of BPT. Last time BPT was raise was 2004. Since then we lost over 100 public safety officers, loss ability to fund schools, short 300 teachers and depilated schools and short 400 officers.

Plan to making sure health insurance to as many people as possible. One way is following models of Guam Chapter of Commerce, Contractor License or Women's Chamber. Collective purchasing thru health care co-operative premium come down and increased benefits.

Improve government customer service thru technology for example provide kiosk to renew car registration, renew driver's license in a timely manner with no charge. This can free up critical human resources for more administration at DOE or contract tracing at Public Health.

Lastly, group of people want to be heard but all want to do the best. But like music to have the best sound come out at the end. Like legislature, too many voices shouting in different directions! Need good policy with wide ranging effect on our residents otherwise just making noise. Need to have consensus builder and understand how public policy pass the legislature who can help best the people of Guam

- 5) **Joseph Iglesias Cruz #8 (R)** – not online (in class teaching)

- 6) **Dominic Joaquin Hernandez #3 (R)** –Platform: Common citizen – paying bills and know how to deal with the pandemic like PUA constant delays in the beginning. To help those applying, he provides guidance on his Facebook page on PUA services due to difficulty in filling out the forms.

Does community clean up services especially if tourist want to come back need to clean up public parks and public bathroom that is not being taken care of. If we are going to advertise how beautiful our island is, then we need to produce a product that shows it. For example, can see how beautiful Tumon looks yet Tango beach has abandon cars piled with trash! Need to put more effort in cleaning up our island to get tourism back.

Advocate public safety: Under Guam Code annotate-77301 Section 3" minimum requirement is 2 officers per village with 1 additional officer for every 2000 resident within village. Sees maybe only 20 officers per shift. Suppose to be at least 100 officers. Lacking manpower and don't blame officers the best with what they got. Need to increase funding to get more police officers. Average salary for police officers is about \$13.00. Would you put your life on the line for \$13.00? Should give police officers better pay especially putting life on the line for public safety.

Tourism tied to public safety where tourists needs to feel safe. The safer Guam is the more likely tourists and families want to come to Guam. Last thing a tourist wants to see on social media is people breaking into car in the middle of the day. See stuff like that on social media, that is a turn off to not come to Guam.

Many issues but one common questions, if your water pipe break and gushing out water, do you just like leave it broken? No, you fix it. Broken system in the government that has gone downhill -needs to fix – like public health, public safety, education. Need individuals who address the issue and be proactive and at time be reactive in the appropriate way. With economy, over 36,000 unemployed and are ways to get those back to work without introducing new industries. Want to diversity economic re-train people and get those in those fields such as health care, construction that are still hiring.

- 7) **Frank G. Leon Guerrero #4 (D)** – Platform: Trained and experienced in major crisis such as air crash disaster, biological nuclear hazards, hostage negotiations, shoot outs etc. Other attributes include FBI graduate, Veterans affairs coordinator, 9th US Marshal for Guam and Northern Marianas, Budget Analyst etc. Wants to offer his years of specialized experiences to the people of Guam to help community and government to fight this virus and other economic issues. Fully understand the concerns for economic recovery and need to start reopen business for tourism. No business can operate without money to pay employees and very few businesses can run solely with the population of Guam.

Similarities between drug problem on Guam and Covid Pandemic. We know it is here, we know it can kill and cause irreparable damage to the people and island. Requires concerted effort to work together to control and contain this virus. It's not

just the government's responsibility but all our responsibility and be all held accountable for action or in-action. The effects of this pandemic will be with us for many years and now is the most critical point due to many deaths. With many experiences and training, wants to step up to offer my services to the people of Guam; offer hope and continuing hope to my people, my island.

- 8) **Joaquin Vicente Leon Guerrero #9 (R)** –Platform: Favorite quote from W. Edwards Deming, “In God we trust, everyone else we use data”. Beneficiary of a Guam education system came to Guam 1967 from DODEA. Hired by major industry from a GW and UOG student education! For 12 years, been community advocate for different legislature, administrations, boards and commissions representing people's point of view. Numerous times testified at legislature with only a dozen government officials and himself. Purpose of running is to take community advocacy seat of the hearing room to a floor in the legislature. Small island with 212 miles, small population as of 44,662 households as of 2016 data. 87% of household have income less than \$50k from all sources of income. Passed nearly \$3B budgets in a row with the last one, the largest budget passed during a pandemic. When asked how the Legislature plans to meet this budget, counting on the federal government! Doesn't sound like a good plan! Running because we need to improve election process, strengthen health care system, prevention is 6,7, 8, 10x cheaper than actual medical care. Have an island where our population's chronic disease rate is sky rocketing but the support systems are not. Running to put a public committee advocate in the floor of the Legislature to stand up for the people in the peoples' house!
- 9) **Sandra Reyes Seau #10 (R)** – Platform: Public safety, health care, transparency and accountability. On accountability, in order to start for a better Guam, need to start from the inside out. Wants to engage OPA on his audit findings and help find solutions to remedy findings and not continually over carry audit findings and never resolved. Need legislation and not carry over audit findings any longer than the next fiscal year.

Especially during times of COVID, when looking at the budgets of our government – don't know where Legislature plans to get \$950M. Wants to look at payroll closely and every detail on why they want the budget they want, especially during times of COVID, don't believe then need that big of a budget.

On transparency, want to ensure government promotes checks and balances – hold government officials accountable and provides truthful responses to our island residents, whether pandemic times or not, wants to champion that cause. Doesn't understand why Legislature afraid to voice themselves and listen to the people. Not afraid and wants to be that voice for our people.

On Public Safety, need to support our local law enforcement GPD and DOC. These officers go into this profession because they have the passion to serve and protect our island. When officers graduate from the academy starting pay is at \$11.00 something an hour.

Risk their lives on a daily basis to go out to scene and not know what to expect and how can they support their family? Risk their lives for only \$11.00! I feel there are here to serve and protect us. We owe it to them especially when she found out budget for law enforcement was reduced by \$1.4M! Need to increase budget for payroll, better wages, updated equipment because without this how can they perform their job!

Spoke to several GPD and DOC officers that money is not everything.

- 10) **Don Antonio Ada Equilane #12 (R)** – Platform: Advocate for the homeless especially as part of contract tracing when living nomadically. Advocates for Pro-life needs to have a voice like values of our elders (strong Christian base and Catholic)

Like lots of environmental issues. Very pro-life.
In regards to pandemic, priority should be re-define the vaccine and human therapy and right to try all of the above. Need to listen to WHO.

Economy is very important. Need to help ourselves. As a Republican, believes people need to empower themselves. If we don't stay active and get the economy going, we're going to depend on the government and government is not going to the one side to fall for everyone.

Need to stay active in the routine otherwise you're going to get sick and not just from COVID! Thinks outside the box!

Reminder by Doreen to go out and vote!

5. Approval of Minutes:

August and September 2020 CEC and General Membership minutes. Motioned by Doreen and seconded by JoJo to approve. Minutes were sent on membership chat. Polling results: Minutes approved and to be posted on website.

6. Treasurer's Report: September 2020

Fierce – not available. Due to Covid, not much on the account. Officers met to change signatories. Motion by Doreen and second by Edison. Poll results: Motion passed and approved September 2020 Treasurer's report.

7. President's Report and Committee Updates:

7.1 Extended until Friday, October 30, 2020 –

Call for donations of \$50.00 to fund either for homeless or scholarship fund.

Mail to post office or PayPal (type in AGA email)

Like to present donation to the homeless in November.

8. October Anniversaries – Pilar needs to include Ceria Johnston in listing.

24 Years	Dr. Filomena Cantoria, CPA	Emeritus Professor Acctg
22 Years	Ms. Romana Blailes	Palau OPA
	Ms. Rena L. Kloulechad	Palau OPA
	Mr. Satrunino Tewid	Palau OPA
	Mr. Jowas Wasisang	Palau OPA
11 Years	Ms. Clariza Mae Roque, CGFM	Guam OPA
10 Years	Dr. Artemio Hernandez, CGFM	GU Intl Airport Authority
	Ms. Caroline Senda	Deloitte
3 Years	Mr. Keith C. Elliott, CPA	EY
	Mrs. Elsa C. Flores	UOG
	Ms. Danica Lagman	Deloitte
	Mr. Michael S. Moreno	GU Public Defender Svc Corp
1 Year	Ms. Rena L. Kloulechad	Palau OPA
	Mr. Jason Onedera	EY
	Ms. Elaine Song	EY

9. Open Floor:

Newsletter emailed by Clariza to membership.

Next General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, November 25, 2020


November speaker: ERP by Jason Katigbak (1 CPE)

GPDC committee meeting: 1st Saturday in November 10, 2020
(virtual GPDC – last week of May 2021)

Pilar recognized some AGA members 50 Emerging Leaders under 40: Maripaz, Clariza, Rodalyn, Rickey, Lawrence, Justin, Llewelyn, Rachel,
Check listing posted on website.

10. Adjourn Meeting: Doreen moved to adjourn the meeting. JoJo second. Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m. Motion passed.

Attached are copies of July, August and September 2020 Treasurer's Report as discussed during CEC meeting of 10/14/20.


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Association of Government Accountants
Statement of Financial Position
As of July 31, 2020



ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash in Banks	<u>60,690.54</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>60,690.54</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>60,690.54</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	<u>60,690.54</u>
Total Equity	<u>60,690.54</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>60,690.54</u></u>

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Association of Government Accountants
Statement of Activities
July 2020



Income	
Chapter Dues	<u>279.60</u>
Total Income	<u>279.60</u>
Expense	
Subscription Dues	164.41
Bank Charges	<u>3.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>167.41</u>
Net Income	<u><u>112.19</u></u>

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Current Assets	
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>60,987.54</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Fund Balance	<u>60,987.54</u>
Total Equity	<u>60,987.54</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>60,987.54</u>

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Statement of Activities
August 2020



Income	
CPE Trainings	<u>300.00</u>
Total Income	<u>300.00</u>
Expense	
Bank Charges	<u>3.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>3.00</u>
Net Income	<u>297.00</u>

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As of September 30, 2020



ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in Banks

60,875.49

Total Current Assets

60,875.49

TOTAL ASSETS

60,875.49

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Fund Balance

60,875.49

Total Equity

60,875.49

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

60,875.49

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Statement of Activities
September 2020



Income	0.00
Total Income	<u>0.00</u>
Expense	
Donation	100.00
Supplies	9.05
Bank Charges	3.00
Total Expense	<u>112.05</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-112.05</u></u>

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