



AGA Chapter General Membership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 12:00pm
Outrigger Guam Resort, Tumon, Guam

1. Meeting called to order at 12:25 pm.
Attendance count: members-48, non-members-2, JAS-1, Guest-1
Total - 52
March is CGFM month and in celebration, CGFM members are treated with a free lunch.
2. President's Report – CGFM month activities:
Proclamation (#2013-24) signing at the Governor's Office
Resolution (#57-32 COR) presentation at the Guam Legislature
AGA / GSCPA mixer
CGFM Intensive 1-week review course
3. Guest speaker – Joseph Bradley, Chief Economist, Bank of Guam
Topic: Military Build-up 2020, Sequestration, Dow Jones breaking the record: How it affects Guam's Economy and its People.

The military build-up is still in the planning stages. There are a lot of interdependent, moving pieces. "The nation's elected leaders elected not to lead" stated Mr. Bradley. As a result of the implementation of sequestration, the federal budget will see \$85.4B in cuts this fiscal year. Half of those cuts will come from defense and the other half from almost everything else, with a few exemptions. The national deficit has reached \$14.5 trillion. How did we get to this point? This is a result of deficit spending during recession as well as during prosperity. The national debt grew as a result of almost continual deficits. The US has had virtually unconstrained growth in its debt since mid-1960.

Mr. Bradley reported that the impact on Guam is difficult to ascertain. The federal agencies do not know where the cuts will be made. GovGuam estimates cuts to be \$86M which equates to 2% of our GDP. With all else being equal, we can expect negative growth in 2013 and in 2014. However, all things are not equal – tourism is on the rise and there is activity in private construction.

4. Nominations for officers for the upcoming program year are:
President-Elect – Tom Paulino
Treasurer – Bobbie Molarte & Cora Montellano
Secretary – Clariza Roque
5. Announcements: Free lunch raffle will be conducted at the next meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm