



## Association of Government Accountants Guam Chapter

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### Minutes of the Chapter General Membership Meeting Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 12 Noon Manhattan Steakhouse – Guam Marriott Resort

1. Call to Order: President Rodalyn Marquez called the meeting to order at 12:27 PM
2. Opening Ceremonies – National Anthem and Guam Hymn
3. Introduction of Guests – Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature
4. Approval of Minutes & Treasurer’s Report – March 2009 minutes approved subject to corrections. Treasurer’s Report – For the month ended March 31, 2009, we have total assets of \$71,597 of which \$55,929 is Cash in Bank and \$15,668 in Accounts Receivable. For the eight months ended March 2009, we realized an overall increase in net assets of \$16,161.
5. Officer Elections – The floor was opened for additional nominations. The current nominations were President-Elect - Thomas Paulino, Treasurer - Yukari Hechanova, and Secretary - Gloria Travis. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made to close the floor for nominations and accept the nominees by acclamation. Motion was approved with no oppositions; therefore, all nominees were elected. The new Officers to serve with current **President-Elect/Incoming President, Jojo Guevara** for program year July 2009 to June 2010 is as follows: **President-Elect - Thomas Paulino, Treasurer - Yukari Hechanova, and Secretary - Gloria Travis.**
6. Guest Speaker: Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr., 30<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature
  - Senator Aguon began his presentation by discussing the landfill issue and the current events surrounding the issue. He spoke about the recent \$120million decision the US District Chief Judge, Francis Tydingco Gatewood, and shared his concern on the initial \$1million a week ruling and the burden it would have brought to the people of Guam. He expressed his appreciation to the judge for rescinding the order on the \$1million a week based on the commitment the Government of Guam has made in pursuing the bond option and providing the \$120million by the end of June .
  - Senator Aguon discussed about the options available and what options they are pursuing from a Guam Economic Development Authority perspective. The first option they are pursuing is the over \$200million bond borrowing to address the landfill issue and they are also looking at borrowing over \$250million as a general obligation bond to address some of the Government’s prior year obligations.

- Senator Agoun also presented other options the Government is pursuing in conjunction with going to the bond market. One option he presented, which he mentioned was a viable option, was the public-private partnership, where the government gets a private business to finance the entire requirement for the opening of the new landfill and the closure of the old landfill. The third option he presented was the Government's pursuing of \$170million from the US Department of Agriculture and how documents and applications have already been provided to the USDA officials and is moving to the next step.
- Senator Aguon also presented the financial condition of the Guam Memorial Hospital. He introduced GEDA's plan to reach out to the community through a healthcare forum to determine what types of solution can be realized to help resolve the financial predicament our healthcare system is facing. He shared how this issue is a community problem and needs contributions from the people of Guam.
- Senator Aguon also discussed about the current permanent injunction that the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse are under.
- In conclusion, Senator Aguon shared that the reality is we really have to get a good handle on our finances and that it's important that we hear from our community members.

## 7. Committee Reports:

- a) Membership Committee – AGA currently has 124 members.
  - b) Education Committee – Maripaz reported that the committee will be presenting “Join CGFM” to UOG graduating students at 7pm tonight at UOG SBPA Building. She welcomed those who were interested in sharing their thoughts about the benefits of having a CGFM to attend tonight's presentation.
  - c) Early Careers – Kristine reported that the Career Day event held at Simon Sanchez on 4/16/09 was successful and thanked those from AGA who volunteered to speak. Theresa Gumataotao, Joseph Claveria, and Edison Manaloto were presented awards for speaking at the event. In addition, Kristine reported that the JAS School-kind cookies arrived.
  - d) Community Service Committee – Llewelyn reported that their latest community service event was coordinated with Kristine for the SSHS Career Day event. A 5K meeting will be held tonight at 5:30 pm at Java Junction in Hagatna. Llewelyn also mentioned that they want to join the national contest where we submit as many pictures as we can from all of our events by May 15<sup>th</sup> to try to win a slot in the National Conference.
  - e) CGFM Committee – Doreen reminded those who joined the CGFM review that they have to pass the exam by December in order to qualify for the scholarship.
  - f) Awards Committee – Taling will be emailing the members who the winners of the National Conference are.
8. PDC Annual Raffle – Two members were selected through a raffle to attend the PDC along with President-elect Jojo Guevara. Both Maripaz Perez and Theresa Gumataotao won the raffle. Edison Manaloto, Kristine Delos Reyes, and John Phillips, respectively, were selected as alternates to attend the PDC in case the two winners will not be able to go.
  9. Raffle – Rachael Field won the raffle for free lunch for the May 2009 meeting.

10. Others/Announcements – AGA thanked Robert Bond and Doris Brooks for enabling two members, Zeny and Jojo, to attend the Section Leader’s Meeting.
11. Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 27, 2009 Location – Manhattan Steakhouse, Guam Marriott Resort.
12. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Minutes Prepared by:

/s/ Mark V. Alviz  
*AGA Secretary*