



**Association of Government Accountants  
Guam Chapter**

*Advancing Government Accountability*

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Chapter General Membership Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 11:30 am  
Chamorro Ballroom, Marriott Resort, Tumon, Guam

**Jose "Jojo" Guevara III**  
President  
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Past President

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremonies – National Anthem and Guam Hymn
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Approval of Minutes –approved as presented
5. Treasurer’s Report - tabled
6. Committee Reports
  - Membership Committee- Bobbie stated that membership count is at 110 with pending applications from DOA, GWA, and Deloitte.
  - Education Committee – Paz reported that the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter, is proud to announce that Mr. William Morehead, AGA National President 2009-2010, will be offering a one-day training, up to 7 CPEs. Mr. Morehead's presentation includes:
    - (1) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
    - (2) Occupational Fraud
    - (3) Finding More Time In Your Day
    - (4) Internal Controls and Management's Risk AssessmentWhen: October 20th (Tuesday)  
Where: University of Guam SBPA Bldg. Lecture Hall (Rm 131)  
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM"
  - Community Service Committee – Llwelyn stated that volunteers are requested to assist in the financial literacy campaign. The quarterly donation drive for school supplies/uniforms is still on-going. Donations are being accepted at the membership meetings.
  - By-Laws - Rodalyn reported that the Chapter Executive Committee members would like to propose that the bylaws be amended. The proposed amendment was provided to the general membership and the motioned was passed without any objections. Therefore, Article VI, Section 1(b) of the AGA Guam Chapter Bylaws is hereby amended to read:

(b) CEC Meetings and Quorum: The CEC shall meet preferably monthly at the call of the Chapter President or three of the members of the CEC. A quorum for the CEC meetings is a majority of sitting seven CEC members.

7. Guest Speaker – Mike Sablan, “Ethics and Accountability in Government and Private Sector”

Mr. Michael Sablan gave a one-hour presentation and one CPE was awarded to the over 70 accountability professionals from both the government and private sector in attendance.

Mr. Sablan explained that the CNMI Ethics Act is considered among the strictest in the United States. His presentation included examples that enabled workshop attendees to better relate to common situations experienced in the workplace and in social settings. He stated that there are unique enforcement challenges in the islands due strong customs and relatively small communities. Additionally, ethics is a personal issue, in knowing what is right or wrong. “When in doubt, don’t do it”

He talked about the three key sections covered in the Ethics Act:

- Political Activities  
Political activity is not allowed in government offices or during government time. Employees may not use government property for political purposes, campaign for any candidate, or solicit or receive political contributions.
- Conflicts of Interest  
Occur when an individual’s public responsibilities conflict with his or her private interest.
- Gift and Gratuities  
Defined as an enrichment received without an equal value exchanged. Gifts and gratuities are not acceptable if it is given anonymously, where official actions maybe influenced, received from someone you regulate, or from someone your office does business with.

All elected public officials, employees, officers, members of government boards, task forces, commissions, and immediate family members must comply with the ethics laws. Humorously, he closed his presentation with the following quote, “it’s only unethical if you get caught”.

8. Raffle – Randy Wiegand is lucky winner of the luncheon and gift coupons.

9. Announcements/Next Meeting – Zeny Nace, RVP announced that this is the first ever general membership meeting where a CPE was awarded. Additionally, attendance is at an all time high with 70 attendees. The next meeting will be September 23 and the speaker is Judge Frances Tydingco Gatewood.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Prepared by: Gloria Travis, Secretary