

Minutes of the CLSUIAA General Assembly Meeting

Porterville Inn – Best Western, Meeting Room

350 W. Montgomery, Porterville, CA 93257

ATTENDANCE:

Dory Bugawan	Rob Bugawan
Julia Campos	Juanito Campos
Ponciano Cuaqresma, PhD	Gloria De Vera
Rogelio Espejo, Jr.	Fe Del Rosario
Juanito Del Rosario, PhD	Gerry Galinato
Leticia J. Galinato	Floro Gutierrez
Zenaida Gutierrez	Mel Juan
Lilia D. Lopez	Pete Lopez
Ricky Mabunga	Val Pascual
Eddie Quiba	Tita Quiba
Daisy DG Quines	Jenny Recaido
Nayda Recaido	Aida V. Rull
Marcelo Rull	Leo Sicat, PhD
Norma C. Sicat	Andy Silao
Elsie Silao	Annie A. Silva
Nestor Silva	Lito Viray
Norma "Ohma" B. Viray	Pablito Yra
Shirley Yra	

WELCOME REMARKS: **President and Board Chairman Gerry Galinato, PE** warmly welcomed all the attendees.

INVOCATION: **Director Val Pascual** gave the morning's invocation while **Director Floro Gutierrez**, offered the Invocation and the blessing of the food during the Dinner/Dance in the evening.

RECOGNITION OF DELEGATES: **Vice President and Director Rob Bugawan** recognized and presented the out of town attendees led by **Ponciano Cuaresma, Acting Dean of the CLSU Open University, Engr. and Inventor Pablito Yra, Consulting Electrical Engineer, Space Electronics, California, USA, and Mr. Rogelio Espejo, Jr., Owner and CEO of the multi-million Fullgreen Corporation, and Mr. Ricky Mabunga, Vice President, Fullgreen Corporation.** He also presented the delegates from the various CLSU IAA regions led by their Regional VPs. Another distinguished attendee, **Internationally-recognized Artist and Chair, Samahang Makasining (Artist Club Inc.), Philippines, Mr. Elito Circa** was delayed in his trip, and was introduced later.

SHORT MESSAGES:

1. **Dr. Ponciano Cuaresma** thanked **President Galinato, PE** for inviting him as one of those to give a brief message during the General Assembly meeting and the guest speaker during the Dinner/Dance in the evening. He introduced himself briefly and proudly announced that the CLSU Open University is one of the only two accredited by CHED in the Philippines, the other one being the UPLB. He also remarked that currently, he is tasked to negotiate and partner with two universities abroad to further develop this type of higher learning endeavor.
2. **Engr. Pablito Yra** thanked everyone, especially **President Galinato, PE** for the invitation to join the Annual Meeting and for the honor to give a brief message. He narrated that he studied in CLSU, which was then CLAC, and graduated in the high school, Class of 1963. He dreamt to pursue a higher education but due to lack of funds didn't. But he was lucky to join the U.S. Navy. In the enlisted personnel, he progressed steadily until he had a chance to be trained, the only Filipino, to successfully complete and be certified as a Nuclear Reactor Operator.

Along his assignments in and outside of the U.S. Navy, he was able to graduate with B.S. and M. S. degrees in Electrical Engineering in Virginia. He now believes that the Almighty Creator of the Universe has a plan or destiny for each individual. He realized this when he was recommended for a commission as a Lieutenant, Junior Grade (JG) in the Navy and as he was undergoing the process, it was discovered that he had problems in his blood, caused primarily by his exposure to Agent Orange while stationed in Vietnam. While he didn't get the commission, he declared that it was a blessing in disguise, a life-changing experience for a much higher, more prestigious and lucrative career awaited him, even loftier than getting his commission and maybe rising in rank before retirement time.

Pabs, as his close friends call him is the only Filipino who has several patented inventions and some still pending, which were used by NASA on several occasions. In

the first NASA mission to Mars, his name and Shirley, his wife, were mentioned in the report.

Now retired, Pabs is a part time Technical Consultant.

3. **Mr. Rogelio Espejo, Jr.** gave an impassioned brief speech and summed up his life philosophy in a few words, "Hard work, hard work, hard work." He graduated from CLSU with a degree in Ag. Ext. Ed in 1994. His general weighted average qualified him to graduate with honors as a Cum laude, but didn't because of a failing grade in ROTC.

Owner and CEO of Fullgreen Corporation, Philippines, Mr. Espejo did not attain the pinnacle of success immediately. He suffered setbacks and failures in his earlier business ventures. But through sheer hard work, training and research, he finally got it right and is now a favorite invited speaker by various entities in the country to share his ideas. As a successful change agent, he stressed that extension officers will be more effective if they know very well what they are teaching, and more importantly, practice them.

He invited CLSUIAA expats who are attending the 2018 CLSUAAl Grand Alumni Homecoming to visit his farm and corporate headquarters in Guimba, Nueva Ecija on February 4, 2018.

4. **Mr. Ricky Mabunga, Vice President of the Fullgreen Corporation,** thanked Roger for hiring him and the opportunity of attending the CLSUIAA Annual Meeting in Porterville, CA.

BUSINESS MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **President and Board Chairman Gerry Galinato, PE** gave a summary of the highlights of his administration's third year. He reported that the total assets of CLSIAA rose from \$52,750 to \$68,750 in two years, a 30% increase. Other highlights of his report:

- The Endowment Fund increased steadily too in that period.
- The association has 14 scholars now (5 General Fund financed and the rest, Member-Sponsored).
- The association has consistently and actively participated in the CLSUAAl Alumni Homecomings and the number of participants is increasing steadily.
- The association annually nominated some officers and members for the CLSUAAl Gintong Butil and Achievement Awards which were usually approved.

-The association prepared a Policy Handbook, already approved by the BOD. Publication of this Operations Manual is underway.

-Finally, the BOD, approved, only a couple of hours ago, the participation of CLSUIAA in the Joint International Reunion in Thailand.

R E C E S S at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: **Director Norma "Ohma" B. Viray** rendered, as usual a comprehensive and detailed Treasurer's Report. She reported that as of September 29, 2017, CLSUIAA has a total of \$68,715.16 in the bank broken down as follows:

General Fund	\$ 10,122.42
Endowment Fund	\$ 53,732.75
Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,859.95

The money for the 14 scholars of CLSUIAA and Member-Sponsored scholars for the school year 2017-2018 has already been remitted to **Carlos Abon, PhD**, President and Board Chairman of the CLSUAAI.

ENDOWMENT FUND (EF): **Director Floro Gutierrez** who was asked by Endowment Fund Committee Chair **Dr. Edison Cabacungan** to render a brief report cited the Treasurer's record of EF donations. To date, there are 79 donors, and including Interest earned, the EF total is \$53,732.75.

Note: During the Annual Meeting, additional donations were received totaling \$850 from:

Andy and Elsie Dilao	-\$100
Lilia and Pete Lopez	-\$250
Val and Beulah Pascual	-\$100
Rogelio Espejo, Jr.	-\$200
Ricky Mabunga	-\$100 (New donor)
Daisy DG Quines	-\$100 (New donor)

Director Gutierrez thanked the old and new donors and appealed to those who have not donated yet to please pledge and/or donate to the Endowment Fund.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (OTHER THAN EF) Committee Chair Leo Sicat, PhD reported that the association has to engage in projects to raise funds. He related his experiences in other organizations. He also mentioned about the HMDO mission that CLSU IAA has conducted in the past two years. He expects that next year's HMDO would have a bigger crowd. He wants to raise the budget to \$2,500. To date, donations received for the 2018 HMDO Mission total \$550 given by: Directors Del Rosario, Galinato, and Bugawan, \$100 each, and Leo Sicat, PhD, \$150, and during the meeting, \$100 from Marcel and Aida Rull.

He thanked the donors last year and this year and sounded an appeal for those who have not donated yet to do so.

Juanito Del Rosario, PhD remarked about the project and donations in the mission in San Jose where he donated \$1,500. The people who benefitted from this did not know about it nor thanked him. But if one looks into their eyes, one can feel their appreciation and gratitude.

President Galinato, PE, remarked that initially, we started this project with the San Diego Rotarians, but this year, we are doing this by ourselves.

SCHOLARSHIP, EDUCATIONAL AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (SEA): **President Galinato, PE** who chairs the committee reported that the association has spent \$14,719 since its inception. On the nomination for CLSUAAI awards, he announced that it is the responsibility of the Nominators to provide information about their Nominees.

Some nominations were made:

For Achievement Award, Ms. Lilia D. Lopez – nominated by **Director Campos**

For Gintong Butil, Director Val Pascual – nominated by **Director Gutierrez**

For Ginton Butil, Director Juanito Del Rosario, PhD – nominated by **President Galinato, PE**

REUNION COMMITTEE: **President Galinato, PE** reported that the Board of Directors in its meeting a couple of hours earlier has approved the participation of CLSU IAA in the 2018 Joint International Reunion in Chiang Mai, Thailand on Sept. 28 – Oct. 4, 2018.

BACK TO ELECTION COMMITTEE, **Chairman Lito Viray, PE** reported that the following were elected or re-elected as Directors and will serve from 2017-2020:

GLORIA DE VERA

ROB BUGAWAN

ANNIE A. SILVA

VAL PASCUAL

AIDA V. RULL

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Board Secretary

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