

May 10, 2023 Special Meeting, CLSUIAA Executive Committee (EC)
Minutes of Meeting – via ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: 14 of 28 EC members attended (2 Proxies). (* BODs)

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| 1. Abenes, Leo - Proxied by Rob | 11. Galinato, Gerry* | 20. Quiba, Ed |
| 2. Arcinue, Annie* | 12. Gutierrez, Floro* | 21. Raniel, Johnny* |
| 3. Bagalso, Nora* | 13. Jankatad, Diana | 22. Ruiz, Ely* |
| 4. Buado, Manny | 14. Malonzo, Lorie* - Proxied by | 23. Rull, Marcelo* |
| 5. Bugawan, Rob* | Ohma | 24. Sigua, Celia |
| 6. Carriaga, Carlos | 15. Mamaclay, Gerry | 25. Valenzuela, Gil |
| 7. Castillo, Melith | 16. Pascual, Val* | 26. Viray, Lito |
| 8. Castro, Mary Jane | 17. Pastor, Ernie* | 27. Viray, Ohma* |
| 9. Del Rosario, Juanito* | 18. Peralta, Ray | 28. Yra, Pabs |
| 10. De Vera, Gloria* | 19. Perez, Nenita* | |

CALL TO ORDER: After a roll call and quorum is determined, President Floro called the meeting to order at 6:20PM.

Before the meeting started, Floro announced to the group that he just received a check from Dr. Nenita Cabacungan an amount of \$2275 – of which \$2000 to be allocated to her two (2) existing scholars and two (2) new scholars for the upcoming Academic Year (AY) 2023-2024, \$100 each as bonuses for the two (2) Cabacungan’s existing scholars, and \$75 as financial assistance in seminar workshop in Mushroom Farming and Production, used for attendance by scholar Angela Pugat.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES: The secretary read the minutes of the April 5 Special meeting.

After reading, Gerry commented that on the Investment Committee report, he indicated at the time he mentioned that the fund currently available in the Money Market be invested into VOO. The secretary noted it to reflect Gerry’s comment in the minutes.

When there were no further corrections or omissions, Gerry moved and seconded by Melith that the minutes of the meeting be approved as corrected. **Motion Approved.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: As 4/28/2023, Treasurer Ohma reported that not much has changed since last month’s report except as follows:

- Funds were transferred from WF to Fidelity Market Account ----- \$14,000
- Her Excel file report showed a separate column for GSP and MSSP, with a total of ----- \$8136.52

Mileth moved and seconded by Nora that the treasurer’s report be accepted. Gerry supplemented the motion with minor suggestion and/or modification to review and accurately reflect the balance amount under the GSP and MSSP. **Motion Approved.**

EVENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Gloria De Vera shared on the screen the following (\$1 = ~35 Thai Baht):

1. 1800 baht/vehicle/day, no tax, seats 8 persons max/vehicle with 2 seats occupied by bags.
2. Ballroom - 450 baht/person for 200 guests (no report in baht/person if count is < 100 guests), includes Thai food, water, soft drinks, no alcohol. Ballroom rental is free from 5PM to 12Midnight.
3. 4,000 baht for optional cultural show including 2 Thai dances.
4. 4,000 baht for entertainers – soloist/pianist/guitarist performs alternately.
5. Diana suggested giving awards (recognition, or something) to Thai alumni to encourage attendance from Thailand. Diana J. and Aydz Serna recommended a private agrobusiness Dr. Wuttichai and a successful businessman Dr. Klavmurkol, respectively. Diana is responsible to contact the recipients to ask their CVs.

Item 5 prompted some discussions from Executive Committee, such as award eligibility per our award policy, and/or if they will be awards sponsored and shared by International and national association, among others. The consensus from the group though was that the idea for giving awards would be a good idea in general sense, and that our own award committee should investigate and process the whole concept for the event in Chiang Mai.

6. Four (4) invitation designs were created by Scholar Franclin Gomez per Gloria’s requests were shared on the screen. All designs seem looked good, however, they needed to specify the purpose as “JOINT CLSUAAI/CLSUIAA GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CLSUIAA ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING”.

MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT: Co-chairs Nora Bagalso and Gloria De Vera shared on the screen the Excel lists of the current association’s members.

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NEW BUSINESS:

I. Background: With the October 2023 proposed meeting in Chiang Mai, the upcoming election/re-election of the next batch of BOD's whose terms expire this year has somewhat been on the table for discussions in the past two meetings due to the election process that typically happens once a year in a meeting succession shown below:

1. For the general assembly, a quorum or 9% of general membership must be present to elect/re-elect 5 BODs, whose 3-year term expire in 2023.
2. A BOD meeting, a quorum of 50% plus 1, follows immediately consisting of 5 new BODs elected during the general assembly and 10 BODs whose terms are still in place, an election of new set of key officers for 2024 to 2026 (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) are held.

Dilemma: To date, without getting an absolute commitment from some members and officers of attending the Chiang Mai meeting, it is possible a quorum will not be achieved in either of the two meetings.

Proposed Solution: A suggestion was to use an option (a precedent) to first hold an initial General Assembly (part 1 of 2) here in the US by September or earlier for the purpose of electing/re-electing the five (5) BODs, then continue hold a second General Assembly (part 2 of 2) and the BOD meeting in Chiang Mai in October. However, since all these are just speculative concerns, they will be discussed further after the July 24th Chiang Mai Registration deadline, if needed.

II. Treasurer's Comment: Treasurer Ohma Viray suggested that for the next election of key officers, she wants to be relieved of her position, but rather be elected as Assistant Treasurer instead. In addition, she prefers the Investment Committee Chair Dr. Leo Abenes be elected as the next Treasurer, since the bulk of the association's fund are already being managed at Fidelity by the association's Investment Committee that he leads.

If elected as Assistant Treasurer, she will continue to manage the funds that are going in and out of WF, such as future receipts from EF donors, including income and dividends receipts from fidelity Investments, and the disbursement of MSSP and GSP funds.

Floro decided to table Ohma's suggestions for future discussions.

Other Business – Prof Johnny Campos' 100th birthday.

- I. **Background:** A June 24 or 25, 2023 summer Exec Committee (EC) was selected in conjunction to the 100th birthday celebration of the CLSUIAA former president Bro. Juanito Campos. A invitations were sent to EC members via Invite app to be held in Concord Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glen Dr., Concord CA from 1PM to 5PM.
- II. **Plan:** If majority of EC members are able to attend the 100th birthday, then an **EC summer F2F meeting** will be on June 25 at 9AM breakfast time, having assumed EC members are to spend the night at the hotel. A hotel meeting room available free of charge, - hopefully with hi-speed connection too for Zoom App.
- III. **Suggestion: As birthday gift,** Ohma suggested to raise some seed money to commemorate Juanito's 100th birthday. The proceed will be in the name of Juanito Campos' scholarship fund. Should collections amount to at least \$1000, it would be enough to support one scholar starting his/her junior year completing a 4-yr degree. Otherwise, the collection can be kept by the Campos family or they can optionally add it to the association's educational fund.

The above suggestion was put into motion for approval by the committee. **Motion Approved.**

Floro will communicate the idea to Mr. Campos' family to see if they will participate raising the seed money.

During the meeting - a pledge of \$100 each was made by Ohma, Nora, Floro, and Rob. Nora Zelled \$1100 to Rob that covers her \$100 pledge and \$1000 funding her scholar's grant for AY2023-24 & 2024-25 MSSP.

After the meeting - Lory, Johnny, Rev. Nenet, and Gerry donated \$100 each.

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED = \$800.

SER COMMITTEE REPORT: Gerry said that Dr. Nenita Cabacungan has confirmed that she will continue to sponsor two (2) scholars that Dr. Edison has started. In addition, she will also sponsor two new additional scholars to those majoring in a course similar to her career, which was in nutrition science. Gerry said that to his knowledge, the Home Economics curriculum may be the closest one to nutrition science but it is no longer being offered by CLSU. He suggested a degree leading to food technology, which she approved. Altogether, she now supports 4 scholars at \$500 each a year.

Prior to the start of this meeting, Floro announced that Dr. Nenita already sent a total of \$2275, allocated as shown above.

Gloria DeVera announced her new pledge to support one (1) new scholar from Engr dept for the AY2023-24.

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ADJOURNMENT: Ohma moved seconded by Nora that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion Approved.* Meeting was adjourned at 9:28PM.

Next Meeting: Special Meeting June 25, 2023 at 9AM - Concord Plaza Hotel



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