



**Association of Government  
Accountants  
Guam Chapter  
General Membership  
Meeting Minutes**  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Maripaz Perez, CGFM, CGAP,  
CICA, CIA, CFE**  
President  
**Josephine Villanueva, CPA, CGFM**  
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Secretary

Present for the meeting were 69 attendees:

Amacris Legaspi	Joanne Brown	Mike Phillips
Anita Arile	Jon Fernandez	Nico Fujikawa
Artemio Hernandez	Jorizaira Borja	Odeth Ignacio
Benjamin J.F. Cruz	Jose Guevara	Pam Aguigui
Bobbie Howard	Joshua Tenorio	Pamela Peralta
Cheryl San Nicolas	Josephine Villanueva	Pilar Pangelinan
Cheryll Estrada	Joy Bulatao	Rahnne Joy Belonio
Chris Wolseley	Justin Castro	Rizalito Paglingayen
Christopher Budasi	Kathleen Aguon	Robert Torres
Clariza Roque	Kenneth Borja	Royelle Carter
Danica Batac	Krystal Paco	Samuel Mantanona
Danica Lagman	Lawrence Jay Alcairo	Sean Phillips
Darleen Hiton	Llewelyn Terlaje	Steve Terlaje
Debbie Ngata	Lorbea Kim	Taling Taitano
Deborah Hartzler	Lourdes Leon Guerrero	Tammy Batac
Doreen Crisostomo-Muña	Marc Tanag	Tera Camacho
Dorianne Reyes	Margaret Artero	Theresa Rojas
Edlyn Dalisay	Margie Francisco	Maria Thyrza Bagana
Edward Birn	Mari Calvo-Perez	To Alma
Elizabeth Cena	Maripaz Perez	Tricia Balajadia
Helen Legaspi	Marisol Andrade	Vanessa Valencia
Jason Perez	Mary Grace Edrosa	Yukari Hechanova
Jennifer Claros	Mercedes Poliarco	Yuri Han

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at 11:49 a.m. and was presided by Maripaz Perez.

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2. 2021 Professional John M. Phillips Excellence in Government Accountability Award Presentation
- a. Royelle Carter stated that the award was issued by the Chapter since 2012 and was created in memoriam to Professor Phillips, the “Godfather of AGA”.
    - i. The award is given to a government professional that has consistently exhibited highest professional standards.
    - ii. Past recipients included Doris Flores Brooks, Dr. Mary Okada, Benjamin Pangelinan, Taling Taitano, Robert Torres, Jr., Benjamin “BJ” Cruz, Senator Joanne Brown, Jon Fernandez, and Carmen Kwek Santos.
    - iii. The Chapter received three nominations: Edward Birn, CPA from the Department of Administration, Miguel Bordallo, P.E. from the Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA), and Daphne Mansapit-Shimizu, CPA from the Department of Revenue and Taxation.
    - iv. Professor Phillips’ children, Sean Phillips, Mike Phillips, and Cathy Aguon presented the award to Miguel Bordallo, P.E.
  - b. Cathy stated that Miguel:
    - i. Substantially completed the development of a 20-year master plan for the GWA’s capital improvement projects.
    - ii. Provided innovation to GWA with the use of satellite technology to support locating leaks and reducing water loss.
    - iii. Developed an environmental certification program and required the implementation of a comprehensive training plan with GWA’s workforce.
    - iv. Stabilized GWA’s financial management, marking Fiscal Year 2019 as the GWA’s 4<sup>th</sup> year as a low-risk auditee.
  - c. Chris Budasi accepted the award on Miguel’s behalf and recognized the GWA employees’ continued commitment as public servants.
  - d. Mike expressed his appreciation to the Chapter for continuing the award.
  - e. Josephine Villanueva also recognized Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, Krystal Paco from the Office of the Governor, the other nominees, the judges and past award recipients (i.e., Doris, BJ, Robert, Joanne, Jon, and Mary), Mike Santos, and Kevin Kwek.
3. Guest Speaker’s Presentation
- a. Nico Anthony Calvo Fujikawa, Director of Tourism Research of the Guam Visitor’s Bureau, presented on “Tourism over the Years, Digitizing the Experience, and Positioning for Our Future”.
    - i. Guam’s tourism industry began with the arrival of Japanese visitors during the first Pan American flight in 1967. Tourism diversified with the addition of Korean and Taiwanese visitors, but significantly declined at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.
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- ii. Guam had to reimagine the tourism industry to welcome the new normal. Using technology, the Bureau implemented online solutions to reduce the need for manual processes and create storyboards or meaningful reports. The Bureau is also trying to meet tourists' demands for safety measures (e.g. required vaccinations for visitors) and low rates of COVID-19 positive cases.
- 4. Approval of Minutes – Tabled
  - 5. Treasurer's Report – Tabled
  - 6. Committee Reports
    - a. Accountability (Citizen-Centric Report or CCR) by Dr. Doreen Crisostomo-Muña
      - i. The committee submitted the CCR award application to AGA National. The committee is also compiling CCRs of Government of Guam agencies and anticipates receiving news about the CCR award within the next two months.
    - b. Certification/Certified Government Financial Manager or CGFM by Josephine
      - i. The committee will be connecting with the University of Guam's Junior Accountants Society and the Guam Community College's Association of Junior Accountants.
      - ii. AGA National is promoting the "Buy One, Take One" part of the CGFM exam. The promo expires on November 3, 2021.
      - iii. Please let Josephine know if interested in borrowing the Chapter's study guides for Parts 1 through 3.
    - c. Communications Newsletter by Debbie Ngata
      - i. The committee is holding a raffle for Membership Mondays for a cash prize of \$25 at the end of the year.
    - d. Communications Website by Clariza Roque
      - i. The committee posted a short video on the Chapter's social media regarding community service activities.
    - e. Community Service by Margie Francisco
      - i. Adopt-a-Bus Stop cleanup is this Saturday. The committee needs a head count of those interested in participating by tonight in order to purchase supplies. The bus stop is the second bus stop near the Naval Hospital, by the snake road, in Agana Heights.
      - ii. Members who would like to donate for the shoe drive for children have until the end of this week to drop off their donations.
      - iii. Due to the social gathering restriction, the Chapter has reinstated the one-hour campaign. The campaign asks members to give an hour of their time to community service until Oct. 31, 2021.
    - f. Scholarship by Lorbea Kim
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- i. Scholarships were due on Sept. 17, 2021. The committee and other Chapter Executive Committee members presented to students to promote the scholarships.

#### 7. Other Matters

#### 8. Next Meetings

- a. The Chapter Executive Committee Meeting will be held virtually on Oct. 13, 2021.
- b. The next General Membership Meeting will be held virtually on Oct. 27, 2021.

#### 9. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was moved to be adjourned at 1:08 p.m. by Josephine. Pamela Aguigui seconded the motion.