

Minutes of the CLSUIAA Executive Committee Meeting on April 18, 2015  
Las Vegas Residence of Dr. & Mrs. Fiorello & Luningning Abenes

**ATTENDANCE:**

Fiorello 'Leo' Abenes. Ph.D.	Luningning M. Abenes
Rob Bugawan	Gerry Galinato, P.E.
Floro Gutierrez	Annie A. Silva
Norma 'Ohma' B. Viray	Joselito 'Lito' Viray

Others: Cesar Caindec, Norma Caindec, Lettie Galinato, Zeny Gutierrez, Gloria Tan

Absent with Regrets:

Tim Aganon, Ph.D.	Ed Cabacungan, Ph.D.
Romeo Castro	Lorie S. Malonzo
Val Pascual	Ray Peralta
Johnny Raniel	Leo Sicat, Ph.D.

Absent:

Manny Buado	Bartolome Cadamia
Francisco Carpio	Carlos Carriaga, Ph.D.
Gloria A. De Vera	Gerry Mamaclay, DVM
Lun Mateo, Ph.D.	Rev. Nenita G. Perez
Eliseo Rana	Celia Sigua
Gil Valenzuela	

**READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Board Secretary **Floro Gutierrez** invited the members to go over the distributed copy of the December 6, 2014 meeting minutes which were also emailed earlier and bring out any noted errors for correction. **Leo Abenes**, Ph.D. moved, seconded by Treasurer **Ohma B. Viray**, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. **Motion Approved.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer **Viray** presented the accounts summary of **CLSUIAA** as of April 15, 2015 which is as follows:

**Cash Accounts**

Checking	\$2,306.10
Savings	\$1,400.40
Business Market Rate Savings	\$15,004.99
Subtotal	<u>\$18,711.49</u>

**Investment Accounts**

CDxxxxxxx3184	\$20,053.33
CDxxxxxxx4710	\$10,889.95
Subtotal	<u>\$30,940.28</u>

**Grand Total \$49,654.77**

The **Treasurer** also reported a summary of financial transactions from January 1, 2015 to April 15, 2015:

	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>Total disbursements</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>A. General Fund</b>	<b>\$611,36</b>	<b>\$961.37</b>	<b>\$1,212.33</b>
<b>B. Endowment Fund</b>	<b>\$1,834.15</b>		
	(Includes 10% of Interest, <b>\$9.15</b> )		<b>\$42,096.94</b>
<b>C. Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$1,142.87</b>		
	(Includes 90% of Interest, <b>\$82.36</b> )	<b>\$3,300.00</b>	<b>\$6,345.50</b>

The **Treasurer** explained that the **Endowment Fund** increase was the result of additional donations received from **Edita & Jeff Donnelly \$1,000 (total now \$5,800)**, **Dr. & Mrs. Rudy & Berna Undan, \$200 (total now \$400)**, **Dr. Carlos Carriaga \$50 (total now \$1,050)** and **Engr. & Mrs. Johnny & Vicky Raniel, \$575 (total now \$1,920)**, and the **10% of the interest**.

The **Scholarship Fund** total disbursement of **\$3,300.00** is the tuition payment for the **5 CLSU IAA** scholars, **5 Member Sponsored-CLSU IAA** scholars and for one **Professor Benito Abenes** scholar sponsored by **Dr. Leo Abenes**.

There are two donation pledges ( **\$50 and \$25**) for the **CLSU IAA's** sponsorship of Breakfast/Lunch at BFAR on February 8, 2015 that have not been received yet. **Treasurer Ohma Viray** suggested that **Pres. Gerry Galinato** email a thank you note to all the donors at the same time reminding the two pledgers concerned that the association is expecting their donation soon.

It was moved by **Secretary/Regional VP at Large Gutierrez**, seconded by **Vice President Rob Bugawan** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. **Motion Approved.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Report on 2015 CLSU IAA Homecoming in CLSU – Pres. Gerry Galinato** shared the following highlights:
  - a. Of the 26 expats who definitely planned to attend, 23 made it while three didn't ((**Val and Beulah Pascual and Rodrigo Dioso, Jr.**).
  - b. Presidential reception was held at the Alumni Hall; the videokae machine donated by **CLSU IAA** was visibly displayed.
  - c. Recognition of the alumni association awardees
  - d. Modesty aside, was the Guest Speaker during the General Assembly program/meeting.
  - e. Finalized the invitation letter (actual signatures) for the people who want to join the Mexican cruise during the Annual Meeting of **CLSU IAA**.
  - f. There was a Mayor's Night dinner/dance hosted by **Mayor Nestor Alvarez** who also promised that he will sponsor a Mayor's Night every time there is a **CLSU IAA** Grand Homecoming/ Reunion in CLSU.
  - g. The giving of the gifts was not done during the Mayor's Night to avoid interfering with the program. It was done the next morning.
  
2. **Report on the 2015 CLSU College of Engineering Reunion:** **Engr. Galinato** mentioned that there were 300 participants (Ag. Engineers) in this first ever reunion. There was no registration fee because the organizers solicited funds (Sponsors, P10,000, and Donors,

P5,000 or less, and Souvenir program, \$25 per page). The Engineering alumni adopted a project which was to build an Agricultural Engineering Building. Initial donations were made by: **Engineers Francisco Carpio, Gerry Galinato and Alex Reuyan.**

- 3. Cocofed Scholars Reunion: Director and Regional VP Annie Arcinue Silva** reported that the first reunion of the Cocofed Scholars Association was highly successful with the cooperation of local alumni and expats.

**Leo Abenes, Ph.D.** remarked that the reason he pushed very hard for the change of **CLSUAAl** homecomings from April to February is in February, there is a wider participation from the local alumni. In his last lecture as Fulbright scholar, he encouraged the alumni to be more proactively involved.

- 4. Report on Scholarships: President Galinato** reported that three of the CLSU IAA scholars graduated last April.

**Leo Abenes, Ph.D.** echoed what he mentioned last year that there are many sponsored scholars in CLSU now, and also the fact that students in CLSU are actually *de facto* scholars because the tuition fee they pay are very low and in effect, the government is subsidizing them already. He invites the association to look into the idea of sponsoring or helping sponsor review classes to prepare CLSU graduates (or even graduating students).

**President Galinato** remarked that the need for scholarships is still vital.

**Regional VP Annie A. Silva** shared the idea that she wanted to sponsor a Member Sponsored-CLSUIAA scholar. The Chair reminded her that if she wants to do that, she is bound to adhere to the established procedures. The alternative is to just offer a private scholarship with guidelines of her choice.

**On the nomination for CLSUAAI awards,** the Chair remarked that there is a need to re-work the process to avoid confusion. The fact remains, that any alumni can recommend anybody directly, whether a member of **CLSUIAA or not, but** the Scholarship, Educational, and Awards (SEA) Committee may not endorse or support the nomination. The current process is any **CLSUIAA member can suggest a nominee to the SEA** which will recommend (or not) to the association approval and endorsement and go on from there.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS/UPDATE:**

- 1. Homecoming/Reunion Committee on the Status of the 2015 CLSU IAA Annual Meeting along a Mexican cruise: Leo Abenes, Ph.D.** reported that –
  - a. 32 registered and paid at least the deposit
  - b. More individuals in the Philippines want to join but cannot get their visa because the U.S. Embassy is leery of granting visas when the cruise is still so far away.
  - c. Those with visa already do not have credit cards. Recommended that CLSU IAA ask them to pay through Dr. Zenaida Serna who in turn will transfer the monies to the association. The CLSU IAA Treasurer will reserve and pay the cruise costs.

It was agreed that CLSUJAA will go ahead with its plan to secure a credit card as soon as possible and the necessary resolution and required signatures be done for the bank to approve the credit card application.

2. **Endowment Fund (EF) Committee:** On behalf of **Edison Cabacungan, Ph.D.**, committee chair who asked Vice Chair **Floro Gutierrez**, the latter was glad to report that donations to the Endowment Fund, as reported earlier by **Treasurer Ohma Viray** are encouragingly and steadily going up. The total EF as of April 15, 2015 is **\$42,096.24** (see page 2 for more details).
3. **Fundraising Committee: Chair Leo Sicat, Ph.D.** who is still in the Philippines has no report at this time. **Treasurer Ohma Viray** brought out the idea of printing t-shirts with the association's logo. **Leo Abenes, Ph.D.** supported the idea and declared that the t-shirts will be a good uniform for us to wear during the cruise which will be a good identification for our group. It was the general consensus that participants order t-shirts by giving the size and number of t-shirts to **Treasurer Viray** who in turn will give the order to **Dr. Serna** who will take care of the t-shirt ordering. Price is **\$12** each and is not a fundraising for CLSUJAA and proceeds, if any, will go to any CLSUJAA project.
4. **Membership Committee: No report.**
5. **Scholarship, Educational and Awards Committee: (See page 3).**
6. **Constitution and Bylaws: Secretary/Regional VP at Large Gutierrez** rendered a brief report.

He recommended the following amendments to the Bylaws:

- a. In ARTICLE 8, Pages 6 and 7, delete the five paragraphs following the line **Rob Bugawan, Webmaster**, because these provisions duplicate the provisions of ARTICLE 12, OFFICERS, Sections 6,7,8 and 9, however, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> lines of the President's duties on Page 6, "He/She shall appoint all committees, temporary or permanent." should be retained, and slightly revised to "He/She shall appoint temporary or permanent committees." and inserted after the second sentence in the Duties of the President in Section 6 on Page 13.
- b. In ARTICLE 12, OFFICERS, insert "Section 8. Duties of the Regional Vice President at Large. "In the absence of the President or Vice President or in the event of their inability or refusal to act, the Regional Vice President at Large shall perform the duties of the President. The Regional Vice President at Large shall perform the duties of the Regional Vice Presidents in areas or regions not covered by a Regional Vice President".
- c. In ARTICLE 12, OFFICERS, add "Section 9, Duties of the Regional Vice President. The Regional Vice President is the direct representative of the President and be responsible in seeing to it that the members of his/her region are aware or informed of the programs/projects/activities of the Association. He/She shall encourage and lead in holding educational and social activities that enhance solidarity and cooperation from the members of the region." What used to be Section 8, Duties of the Secretary will be changed to Section 10 and the numbering of the Sections progresses on after the inserted Sections.
- d. In ARTICLE 13, COMMITTEES, Section 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, add a third paragraph, "The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting is eight (8)."

Rationale: this number, which is one-third of the current 26 officers (Board Directors, 14, the Appointed Officers, Non-Board Member Officers,9) and Committee Chairs, Non-Board Member, 3)

This arbitrary number has the luxury of eight minds to deliberately think of the business at hand and the ease of meeting the quorum requirement whether physically present, by webinar, telephone conference or by skype.

**Leo Abenes, Ph.D.** moved, seconded by **VP Rob Bugawan** that the proposed amendments be approved except the quorum which should be changed from 8 to 13, including proxies.  
**Motion Approved.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2016 CLSUIAA Homecoming in Vancouver: President Galinato** is still waiting on the development and news update from **Regional VP Tim Aganon, Ph.D.** on the feasibility of having the 2016 Homecoming/Reunion in Vancouver, after their meeting in May. Initial reports from people who have gone there suggest that it is very expensive to hold the reunion there. Alternative venue will be Las Vegas.
2. **2017 CLSUIAA Grand Homecoming in CLSU?** Tabled for next meeting.
3. **President Galinato remarked that he will continue his efforts on working policies with the Secretary and the Treasurer.**
4. **Next Meeting: July 26, 2015 at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Norma Sicat in Oceanside, CA. The concept is to involve the whole region. President Galinato asked Regional VP Annie Arcinue Silva to contact and invite the members of the region to attend the meeting.**
5. **It was suggested that future meetings will be held on week days because hotel rates are much cheaper. Approved by consensus.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Recorded by:

**Floro Gutierrez, Board Secretary**