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The GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION's Board of Governor's Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the Guam Bar Office located at the second floor of the Judicial Center Building, Hagatna, Guam.

PERSONS ATTENDING: President Rawlen Mantanona called the meeting to order. Board members present included Cynthia V. Ecube, Vice President; Phillip Tydingco, Treasurer; John Terlaje, Secretary; Hank Parker, member at large; Maria Cenzone, member at large; and Rodney J. Jacob, Past President. Bruce Bradley, Executive Director ("ED"); and Erika Scherer, assistant to the ED, were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Upon motion made and seconded, without objection, the minutes of the Board of Governor's December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting were approved subject to corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **2009 Registration Renewal Form and Annual Notice of Dues:** The ED reported there are several members who still have not submitted their annual registration forms nor have paid their dues as of the date of this meeting for 2009. First notices will be sent out to those members who have not paid their 2009 Annual Dues and submitted their registration forms by the end of the month. Those GBA members who still have not submitted their annual dues and membership registration forms are reminded to pay their dues with the late fee and submit their registration forms to the GBA Office as soon as possible or they will be referred to the Supreme Court for removal from the roll of attorneys.

2. **2009 Annual Meeting and Swearing In of New GBA Officers:** It was reported that the GBA's Annual Meeting and Swearing In of the New GBA Officers will be held at the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 4th, 2009. A CLE presentation on the topic of the Familiarizations of Court Operations will be conducted by the Judiciary of Guam. All members who sign up for the presentation and pay a \$25 accreditation fee for the CLE shall receive 1.5 CLE credits for attending the presentation. The Bar will then conduct its 2009 Annual Meeting, and the Swearing In of its new officers by Chief Justice Robert J. Torres of the Supreme Court of Guam. Complimentary Lunch and beverage will be provided during the Annual Meeting. More details regarding the CLE presentation and the 2009 Annual Meeting will be provided at a later date. All members are encouraged to sign up and attend the CLE presentation and 2009 Annual Meeting. For more details and information, please contact the GBA Office at 475-3396.

3. **New CLE Materials at the Law Library:** The ED reported that he has had some success in obtaining additional and current CLE materials for use by our members. The materials will be kept at the Guam Law Library where members may check them out. More information concerning the list and use of these materials will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

4. **2009 Law Week Activities:** GBA and its Law Week Committee for the 2009 Law Week are currently working with the Judiciary of Guam on the upcoming 2009 Law Week Activities. GBA is planning the following activities to include hosting the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on April 18, 2009, the 5K Run/Walk on April 25, 2009, and the 2009 Law Fair at the Micronesian Mall on May 2, 2009. This year's activities will be held the last week of April and into the beginning of May, 2009. The Supreme Court of Guam will also be presenting its State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Chief Justice Robert J.

Torres on May 1, 2009, at the Judicial Center. Additional details regarding Law Week 2009 and the State of Judiciary Address will be provided at a later date.

5. **Administrative Services Contract between Judiciary and GBA:** The ED reported that GBA has made payment to the Judiciary of Guam for the administrative services to be provided to the GBA for a one year period commencing February 2009 to February 2010.

6. **Contract for Website between GBA and iCON:** The ED reported that discussions have been progressing with iCON for possible renewal of its webhosting contract with GBA. The ED is waiting for an updated draft proposal from iCON which he will forward to Board members to be discussed at a later meeting. The matter was tabled until the next Board meeting pending the information from iCON.

7. **2008 Financial Statements:** The ED reported that letters will be sent to various accounting firms requesting proposals for GBA's financial services for 2009. More information will be provided at the next Board meeting concerning responses to the RFPs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **GBA Recipient of the ABA 2008 Law Week Award:** The President reported that the Guam Bar Association together with the Judiciary of Guam were selected as the winners for the American Bar Association's 50th Year Anniversary Law Week Awards. It was reported that GBA participated with other larger jurisdictions, such as New York, California, and Illinois, for this competition. On behalf of the bar and its Board, GBA wishes to thank and extend our congratulations for the hard work, commitment, and efforts of the Judiciary, and the 2008 Law Week Committee members, Rodney Jacob (Chairman), Ana Maria Gayle, Danielle Rosete, Maria Cenzone, Minakshi Hemlani, Rebecca Santo-Tomas, and Dana Guterrez for making the 50th Anniversary Law Week Activities a success. The ABA has also extended its invitation to the GBA and its Law Week Committee to attend the Awards Ceremony and Banquet to be held at the ABA Mid-Year Conference in Boston in mid-February, 2009. It was further discussed by the Board regarding financial assistance to the Committee members who plan on attending the ABA Awards Ceremony and Banquet in Boston. Upon motion, duly made and seconded, to discuss allowing GBA to provide lodging assistance to the Committee members of the Law Week Committee attending the Award's Ceremony. The Vice President reported that all the Committee Members are planning to attend the Award's Ceremony and are willing to pay for their airfare and transportation costs to Boston. After further discussion, The Board, without objection, approved a contribution of up to \$2,000 towards lodging expenses for the Committee members attending the ABA Award's Ceremony in Boston.

2. **Yearly GBA Calendar:** The ED reported that his office is working closely with the Judiciary to create a joint annual calendar of events that includes both GBA as well as Judiciary events in order to work more efficiently in coordinating joint and separate projects being undertaken by the Bar and the Court. More details of the upcoming events will be provided at a later date.

Without further business, the President adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



JOHN TERLAJE
SECRETARY OF THE MEETING