



## GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION

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**The GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION, Board of Governors Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 12:00 p.m., at the Guam Bar Office located at the second floor, Judiciary Building, Hagatna, Guam.**

**PERSONS ATTENDING.** President, Rawlen Mantanona called the meeting to order. Other Board members present included Cynthia Ecube, Vice-President; Philip Tydingco, Treasurer; John Terlaje, Secretary; Rodney Jacob, Past President; Hank Parker, member-at-large and Marie Cenzone, member-at-large; Bruce Bradley, Executive Director, was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** Upon motion made and seconded, without objection, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board on August 28, 2008 were approved subject to corrections.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. 2008 Registration Renewal Form and Annual Notice of Dues:** The Executive Director reported that there are some members who still have not submitted their annual registration forms and/or have not paid their dues for 2008 after all notices were sent out pursuant to the GBA Bylaws. These members include Jerry Tang and Joseph Tock. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board recommended that these members be forwarded to the Supreme Court for removal from the roll of attorneys. The ED further reported all notices for the upcoming renewal and registration of the bar dues were sent out to all members. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> is a holiday and because of past instances of GBA experiencing difficulties of bar members sending out their renewal forms and payment of dues, it was recommended that the board adopt the post mark rule for the upcoming 2009 Renewal of Registration for members who submit their completed forms and make payment. Upon motion duly made and seconded, discussion was held among the Board. With no further objections, the motion to adopt the post mark rule for the 2009 Renewal and Registration of bar dues was adopted. All Notices for the upcoming 2009 Renewal and Registration will be sent out by November 15, 2008 to all bar members.

**2. Confirmation of Judicial Nominee, Vernon Perez.** On September 10, 2008 the 29<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature confirmed Judicial nominee Vernon Perez as Judge for the Superior Court of Guam. Congratulations to Judge Perez on his confirmation as the newest judge for the Superior Court of Guam.

**3. Upcoming CLE.** The Pacific Judicial Conference will be sponsoring a three (3) day conference from November 18<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Resort & Spa. The entire Conference will be open to Public Defender and AG Prosecution Division attorneys and certain portions of the Conference will be open to other members of the Bar. CLE credits will be available. For more details on this conference, please contact the GBA office at 475-3396. More details on additional upcoming CLE events will be announced when available.

**4. CMNI Reciprocity.** The CNMI Bar is interested in establishing reciprocity with the Guam Bar. The bar will be circulating responses from the bar members on this matter shortly.

**5. Fleet Gasoline Cards for GBA Members.** GBA is currently working on obtaining information and discounted rates for fleet cards for GBA members. More details on this project will be discussed at the next regular Board meeting.

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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**6. GBA Elections.** As a reminder, Nominating statements for the upcoming elections for the Board of Governors are due on October 15, 2008. All members are encouraged to submit their nominating statements on or before this date.

**7. Approval of Transmittal of Proposed Interim Rule re: Ethics Committee to Supreme Court and New Members of Adjudicative Panel.** The Ethics Committee previously presented to the Board a proposed interim rule which would add 8 new members to the Ethics Committee to serve only as the adjudicative panel. GBA submitted the proposed interim rule to the members for comment. No comments or changes were received from bar members. The President will be transmitting the proposed Interim Rule to the Supreme Court for its review and consideration. Additionally, the President has transmitted the names of 7 GBA Members to sit as the Adjudicative Panel of the Ethics Committee and 1 alternate. These members include Leslie Travis, David Rivera, Leilani Lujan, Curtis Van deVeld, Stephanie Flores, Bill Gavras, Mike Phillips and Serge Quenga.

**8. GBA's Christmas Party.** The GBA and Board of Governors has set the GBA's 2009 Annual Christmas Party at the Sheraton Resort and Spa on December 5, 2008, at the Atrio Lounge. Complimentary foods and beverages will be provided to each member and their guest. Please mark your calendars to attend this event!

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Magistrate Selection Committee.** Bill 288 was recently signed into law by the Governor regarding the appointment of Magistrates by the Chief Justice and the establishment of a Satellite Court facility. The law requires the Guam Bar Association to solicit interest in the magistrate position(s) if requested by the Chief Justice and to provide the Chief Justice with a list of three(s) candidates from the list which the Chief Justice must appoint the magistrate, subject to approval by the Legislature. Upon the Board's receipt of a request from the Chief Justice, the Board will proceed with a solicitation of interest from the bar members who are interested and qualified for the Magistrate position(s). The President has appointed 6 members to this selection committee who include, Cynthia Ecube, Chairman, Arthur Clark, Dave Hopkins, Richard Arens, Annie Gayle and Jonathan Quan.

Without further business, the Vice President adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**



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**JOHN TERLAJE**  
**SECRETARY OF THE MEETING**

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