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**The GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION, Board of Governors Regular Meeting was held on Tuesday April 18, 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. Board members present included Cynthia V. Ecube, Vice President; Phillip Tydingco, Treasurer; Hank Parker, member at large; Marie Cenzon, member at large; and Rodney J. Jacob; Past President; Bruce Bradley; Executive Director and John Terlaje; Secretary; were not present.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** Upon motion made and seconded, without objection, the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board on March 4, 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 several members who still have not submitted their annual registration forms nor have paid their dues as of the date of this meeting, 2008. First and second notices have been sent out to those members who have not paid their 2008 Annual Dues and submitted their registration forms, shortly. Those GBA members who still have not submitted their annual dues and membership registration forms are reminded to pay their dues and submit their registration forms to the GBA Office as soon as possible or they will be referred for removal from the roll of attorneys.

**2. CLE Events:** A brown bag CLE was presented by Jay Foonberg on "Nine Steps to a Successful Law Practice from Cradle to Grave" on March 11, 2008, from 12:30P. M. to 2 P. M. in the jury overflow room located in the Second Floor, Judicial Center Building. A significant number of GBA members attended this CLE and those who did attend will receive a total of 1 ½ credits. The Board of Governors and Members wish to thank Mr. Foonberg for his presentation and contribution towards this CLE event. As a reminder, Judge Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson will be conducting a 90 minute CLE Presentation on the preparation and application of Protective Order forms for Friday June 6, 2008, Friday. More information and details of this Presentation will be provided to members at a later date. The bar is also coordinating a 2 (half day) CLE Seminar to be presented by off-island presenters. More details and information will be provided to the bar at a later date and will be on list serve.

**3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Law Week:** The Board and GBA Law Day Committee, together with the Judiciary, is sponsoring a series of activities to be held between April 27 (Sunday) through May 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Law Week. The Governor has proclaimed April 27 to May 4 as Law Week in Guam.

On May 3-4, 2008 the Judiciary of Guam and the Guam Bar Association will be hosting a series of weekend community events at the Agana Shopping Center and the Judiciary Parking Lot designed to demystify the legal process, emphasize accessibility to the courts on the island, and raise awareness about the local resources available on Guam for those who become involved in the legal system.

In addition to sports, cultural entertainment, and displays by the local legal agencies and the law enforcement community, those attending will be able to observe a court session, tour the courthouse and attend mock trials staged by kindergarten and middle school students. Guam lawyers will also conduct 18 mini-classes open to the public that will provide basic information on subjects including child support, jury duty, small claims court, guardianship, probate, and bail.

A 5k Race will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008 starting and ending at Skinner Plaza (see GBA website to download registration form). In addition, a raffle will be held supported by prizes from Law Week sponsors, including \$2000 in gas coupons from SPPC, a laptop from Core Business Solutions, hotels and dinners from the Sheraton, Nikko and other Guam businesses, and many other prizes. Please contact GBA office or website for further information. A list of activities will be posted on the GBA website for further information. Upon motion, made and seconded, further discussion was made regarding approval of the budget and revenue sources for Law Week. For more information on the list of the events and activities, application to participate in the GBA 5K Race, please log on to the GBA website [www.guambar.org](http://www.guambar.org)

**4. GBA'S 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the bar's legal assistance corporation ("LASH, INC.") will be held this Saturday, April 19, 2008, at the Windward Hills Country Club in Yona. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to assist LASH, Inc. and Pro Se Litigants who do not qualify for court-appointed or free legal services or who cannot afford private counsel by making available to them forms, and other resources in order to allow them to have access to the legal process. The Charity tournament is open to all GBA members and their spouses. Tournament fee is \$100 and \$40 for the banquet. More details of the Charity tournament may be found at the GBA website.

**5. GBA Law Day Party.** The annual GBA Law Day party will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at Carmen's Cha Cha Cha Restaurant from 5:30 p. m. to 8:30 p. m. Complimentary food and beverage will be available to bar members and their guest who attend. Live entertainment will be provided by the group, Monica & Lingo. All bar members are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact the GBA Bar Office at 475-3396.

**6. Memorial Mass for Late Bar Members.** The memorial mass for the passing of our former bar members, the former Presiding Judge, Paul J. Abbate, Attorney Don Paillette, Attorney Ross Putnam, Attorney David Sullivan, and Attorney Fred E. Bordallo was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:00 P. M. at the Agana Cathedral Basilica Church. The memorial mass honoring our late bar members was well attended by members, family, and friends. The Board of Governors and he Bar wish to extend their condolences to the families and friends of our late bar members.

**7. Approval of the Proposed Amendment to increasing the members in the Ethics Committee.** The Executive Director previously presented a proposal to increase the number of the current ethics committee members from 7 to 14 members. The Ethics Committee is currently evaluating and preparing its proposal for consideration to the Board. The Board has tabled this matter until the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. The State of the Judiciary Address.** The State of the Judiciary Address will be presented on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the Judicial Center, and by Chief Justice Robert J. Torres. All Members are invited and encouraged to attend the State of the Judiciary Address.

**2. The 2008 Mock Trial Champions.** Attorney Maria Fitzpatrick, coach for the 2008 Champions of this year's Mock Trial Competition. The Academy of Our Lady of Guam, requested to appear before the Board on behalf of the 2008 Mock Trial Champions. Attorney Fitzpatrick reported that the winners for the Mock Trial competition have been invited to compete in this year's National Competition on May 6, 2008, in Delaware. In the past, the funding for the Mock Trial Competition was sponsored by the Guam Public School System. However, due to budget constraints, GPSS is longer assisting in providing any funding for the Mock Trial National Competition. All funding costs and expenses are assumed by the school and its students. According to Attorney Fitzpatrick, last

year's winners, nor the runner up team, were able to compete as a result of funding issues. It was further reported that as a result of timing issues, that if supplemental funding was not obtained, the winners of this year's 2008 Mock Trial Competition would not be able to compete in the National Competition next month in Delaware. The President and Past President indicated their commitment to work very closely with the Judiciary and the bar members and develop a long term program commencing for the next school year's cycle to assist the Mock Trial program. Upon motion, made and seconded, and upon further discussions, the Board unanimously approved a \$5,000.00 contribution towards the travel expenses for the 2008 Mock Trial team.

**3. Request of Former GBA Member.** The Executive Director reported that a former GBA member has requested re-admittance to the GBA inactive roll of attorneys upon payment of all outstanding GBA past due registration fees. The President requested further information, and the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

**4. Supplemental Insurance and Services to GBA Members.** The President reported that inquiries have been made by GBA members requesting that the bar provide for supplemental health insurance and other services to bar members. More information on these inquiries will be provided at the next board meeting.

Without further business, the President adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**



**CYNTHIA V. ECUBE**  
**ACTING SECRETARY OF THE MEETING**

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