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The GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION, Board of Governors Regular Meeting was held on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 12:00 p.m., at the Guam Bar Office located at the second floor, Judiciary Building, Hagatna, Guam.

PERSONS ATTENDING. Vice-President Cynthia V. Ecube called the meeting to order. Other Board members present included Philip Tydingco, Treasurer; Hank Parker, member-at-large and Maria Cenzone, member-at-large. Bruce Bradley, Executive Director ("ED"), was also present. John Terlaje, Secretary; Rawlen Mantanona, President and Rodney Jacob, Past President, were not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Upon motion made and seconded, without objection, the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board on May 13, 2008, and July 16, 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 several members who still have not submitted their annual registration forms and/or have not paid their dues. First and second notices will be sent to those members shortly consistent with GBA Rules and By-Laws. 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 to the Supreme Court for possible removal from the roll of attorneys.
- 2. Survey Results for Judicial Nominee, Vern Perez.** The results of the GBA's survey of its members regarding Judicial Nominee, Vern Perez revealed that of the 53 survey respondents who indicated they had legal experience involving Mr. Perez 44 (83%) believe Mr. Perez is well qualified or qualified for the position of Judge for the Superior Court of Guam. To review the survey in further detail, please go to the GBA website at www.guambar.org.
- 3. District Court Conference and Approval of Proceeds for District Court Conference.** The District Court of Guam, together with the GBA, will be sponsoring its upcoming Annual District Conference to be held on October 9th and 10th, 2008 at the Guam Hilton Resort and Spa. Details regarding the conference are available on the GBA website at www.guambar.org under the item identified as "Annual District Court Conference SAVE THE DATES." The Vice President reported that a request for contribution was made to the GBA for the upcoming conference. Upon further discussion with the Board members, the Board approved a \$3,000 contribution to the Annual District Court Conference.
- 4. Upcoming CLE.** The Judiciary will be sponsoring a two (2) day Juvenile-Judicial Conference to be held on September 25 & 26, 2008. There will be 30 slots reserved for GBA members. The cost for the conference has yet to be determined. Approximately 9 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.
- 5. 2009 Annual Registration.** ED reports that planning is underway for dissemination of the 2009 registration forms together with bills for 2009 dues and reports that several issues should be discussed by the Board in anticipation of 2009 registration. The matter was tabled and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- 6. Fleet 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.

7. **Renewal of GBA Telephone Book Ad and GBA Website.** ED reports that the GBA's ad with Yellow Pages Ink is up for renewal. Upon further discussion, and upon motion, the Board approved the renewal of GBA's ad with Yellow Pages Ink. Further discussion was had regarding continuing the GBA's relationship with its current website provider. The Board instructed ED to proceed with working out details of a new proposal from the provider for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

8. **Approval of Transmittal of Proposed Interim Rule re Ethics Committee to Supreme Court.** The Ethics Committee previously presented to the Board a proposed interim rule which would add 7 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CMNI Reciprocity.** The Vice President reported that CMNI may soon be extending reciprocity to Guam attorneys so long as a similar rule is in place on Guam. More information and details will be provided at the next regular meeting regarding the status of this issue in each jurisdiction.

2. **Upcoming GBA Election.** Notice of the upcoming election must be mailed to active members on or before September 1, 2008. ED will prepare and mail the Formal Notice on Friday, August 29, 2008. The Notice will also be listed on the GBA website and disseminated through the Court attorney boxes as a courtesy. Further information regarding the election will be provided when available.

3. **Retention of Superior Court Judges.** ED to research whether any Justices or Judges will appear on the November general election ballot for retention. If so, surveys will be conducted.

4. **New Magistrate and Satellite Court Legislation.** 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 candidates from which 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 Bar members who are interested and qualified for the Magistrate position(s).

5. **GBA's Christmas Party.** The GBA and Board of Governors will be holding the GBA's 2009 Annual Christmas Party at the Sheraton Resort and Spa on December 5, 2008 at the Atrio Lounge. More details will be announced at a later date. Mark your calendars to attend this event!

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



PHILIP TYDINGCO
ACTING SECRETARY OF THE MEETING