

## UPLBAGA Meeting

August 11, 2018

San Ramon Memorial Park, Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon, CA

Attendees: Nory & Mayette Ison, Pan & Julie Belo, Lourdes Ledesma, Ian Ward, Rose Derro, Conrad & Joy Landicho

1. Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM.
2. Minutes from last meeting read and approved.
3. Reports and Activities:
  - Julie reported that UPLBAGA has \$9138 in its funds.
  - Mayette reported two new lifetime members: Yhe Laurel & Ann Gironella, currently at UPLB.
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  - Mayette reported that UPLB College of Agriculture & Food Science sent a report of the status of the CAFEL student loan program for which UPLBAGA donated \$1000. (Nory sent this report to all members earlier).

The report was for the last six consecutive semesters with names, amounts and degree programs . The number of students served ranged from 9 to 17 per semester. Consensus was to increase the UPLBAGA donation since the program appears to be working well. Pan suggested that donations be made only with funds in excess of \$10,000.

Pan suggested to get the thesis abstracts. Nory said he will make the request next time we add to the donation.
  - Mayette reported that the UPLBAGA \$5000 funds with FUPFA had been distributed to Institute of Biological Sciences - IBS (check for \$2800) and with some difficulty to UPLB Health Center – UHS (wire of \$2200 less \$35 fee). UHS invited UPLBAGA reps to its thank-you gathering late August. Yhe and Ann will be attending.
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  - Nory informed UHS that they can make use of the \$1500 previously donated by our organization as per a 2006 letter from then UPLBAA President Pan Belo and had been with UPLB Foundation since then.
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  - Someone asked about the \$5000 donation for an electronic bulletin board for UPLB that was made many years ago. It appears it's now untraceable.
  - There was mention of waiting sheds and the "ikot" system at UPLB. Both are for possible future projects. Odet mentioned Dean Ruben Tangcuenco as possible contact.
4. Election of new officers for 2019-20:

Since there were no official nominees, the following were prevailed upon to be the nominees:

President – Nory Ison

Vice-president – Conrad Landicho  
Secretary – Mayette Ison  
Treasurer – Julie Belo  
Auditor – Joy Landicho  
Pro – Nory & Conrad will take care of the duties of the Pro

These are the only nominees so they will be serving as officers for 2019-20.

5. Annual Gathering in October

Julie reported that there has not been any response to the invitation to UPLBAGA annual gathering in October. Nory will resend the invitation letter/reservation to the general membership.

Julie estimated that 50 confirmed attendees are needed to make the annual gathering as planned to be worthwhile. The consensus was to have an annual gathering lunch at a member's house as an alternative. The deadline is Sept 20 to make the decision based on the number of paid reservations. There will be a meeting on Sept 22 and if it's a no-go, the restaurant will be informed on Sept 26 for a refund of the deposit.

Pan submitted the tickets for the annual gathering.

6. Area Representatives Update

It was decided that Area Representatives will be for out-of-state members. The current Area Representatives will be replaced. Suggested Area Representatives are:

Chicago – Joy's cousin  
UPLB – Yhe Laurel  
Hawaii – Sabina Swift  
Las Vegas – Raquel Bagisi  
New Jersey – Obed  
Alaska – Josie Wooding

Mayette will follow up.

7. Membership

There was discussion of membership. It was decided to have a category of active members for those who have communicated with the executive committee through email, postal mail, phone, donations and other means. Nory will make a google group for active members. Upon assumption of office, the executive committee will take a look at members who have been inactive for two consecutive years.

It was suggested that any public listing of UPLBAGA members indicates the active members for that year.

8. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM