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**Alumni Group in America**  
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**Executive Meeting**

*April 9, 2022*  
412 Ariel Dr., San Jose, CA

**Minutes**

Present: Roger and Ichie Diaz, Ruben and Beth Novero, Nory and Mayette Ison, Rose Derro, Odette Ledesma and Ian Ward, Cesar and Lita Bautista

I. Minutes of the November 18, 2021, Executive Meeting were approved as read/distributed.

II. President's Report  
 Roger shared with the group Johnny Abilay's "Project Performance Update" (as of December 31, 2021). See attached. LEO-JMH (Loreto Escobin Oliva-Josie Malang-Hsiao Student Emergency Loan Fund) and LIME-SELF's (Lifetime Members SELF) total balance is PhP 1,165,584.61 or \$22,359.19. The funds had a total of \$37,000 dollars at their inception. Beth asked where the reports are obtained and Roger explained that OSA (Office of Student Affairs) sends biyearly financial statements and that the students who avail of the funds cannot take their finals unless the loan is fully paid.

The Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) is inviting Roger and some members of the association to submit a narrative about their accomplishments, accompanied by a photo, to be featured in the Tatak UPLB Magalogue, a Who's Who Magazine of the UPLB Alumni. Roger recommended some names, and said that some members can expect to be contacted by OAR regarding the magalogue, if they have not been contacted already. Some donations may be requested. Officers asked if the donation is tax-deductible.

Roger passed around pictures of the Triage Booth (see attached) that UHS (United Health Services) built with the funds from UPLBAGA (PhP 60,000 + PhP 15,000 from Dr. Ann Gironella paid directly to UHS). The booth is made of tempered glass for the shield and metal frame. It is the first line of defense for frontliners.

Nory will post updates on the website and Ichie on Facebook.

III. Treasurer's Report  
 To date, UPLBAGA has a total of \$10,384.83 in its account. Financial statement for the Christmas Party/Silver Anniversary is attached. Roger had given Mayette and Joy the copies of the checks paid to Divo (\$1,000) and the \$90 that he remitted to the UPLB account.

IV. Secretary's Report  
 Ichie reported that the updated Lifetime Members information file has been forwarded to the UP President's Office, the UPLB Chancellor's Office and the OAR, as requested by President Danny Concepcion when he was here during the year-end/Silver Anniversary celebration.  
 A copy of Johnny Abilay's PowerPoint presentation was also sent to the aforementioned offices.  
 She emphasized how it is important that we have now developed continuing communication with these offices.

- V. PRO's Report  
 Nory stated that the Membership Form can be accessed/copied/downloaded from the website (uplbaga.org). The completed form and check are then mailed to Mayette. He walked us through the site. The Activities page links to the Facebook page (@uplbaga). Officers and members can be contacted through the email group addresses. Other pages are password protected. Ichie added that the Membership Form cannot be pasted through the iPad.
- VI. Debrief/Evaluation of the Christmas Party/Silver Anniversary Celebration  
 Roger apologized that the debrief/evaluation was not done immediately after the event. The undertaking was overwhelming we needed some time to recover. Roger told the story about the Silver Anniversary strawberry/macha full cake from Clover Bakery that slid off his hands and got ruined. He thanked everybody for stepping up for the success of the event. Ichie pointed to Ruben and Beth for carrying through their hosting tasks incredibly well. Considering that the preparation was time-constrained because of the small window before another covid surge, there were a lot of positive feedbacks from the attendees, Ichie commented. Mayette said that we almost did not go through with it because of the uncertainty with the covid surge. Everybody exclaimed how the actual appearance of President Danny Concepcion was a pleasant surprise. Roger did not know until the night before that President DaniCon would be able to grace the occasion and then he was held up in traffic and arrived very late but gave a very informative speech. Mayette and Julie recommended having a contract with services so that there are no surprises. Mayette was shocked with the 15% surcharge (tip) by Pinoy Handaan that was not disclosed previous to the occasion. Mayette asked Roger to write the check for \$1,000 as payment to Divo, the singer, because Roger received cash/Venmo/check payments which were not yet deposited to the UPLBAGA account at that time. Ichie stated that she missed to provide name tags to the participants and to get their information that could potentially be used for recruitment. Johnny made this observation during the event. Beth suggested a bigger venue in the future when uncertainty due to covid is no longer a consideration when planning events. Some officers expressed preference for karaoke than paying entertainers. Roger replied that he needed to make sure that it would be a successful evening, not fearing that the night would drag on. We were expecting the President of UP and the guests paid for the event. Officers also complained that Divo came late and sang only a few songs. Ichie explained that just like the UP President, he was held up in traffic. In the future, when the uncertainty due to covid is not a consideration anymore, tickets will be issued to guests.
- VII. Picnic/Recruitment  
 Nory stated that the website and Facebook, as well as Johnny Abilay's PowerPoint presentation, are powerful tools that can be used for recruitment because they contain most of the information about the organization. Some of the venues suggested for the picnic are in Foster City, Fremont, etc. Everyone is expected to do research on the venues and e-mail Ichie the details. The venue and date will be finalized in the next Zoom meeting tbd. Beth, Ruben and Roger mentioned potential members that can be recruited. It was emphasized that membership is now open to friends and that the membership fee for Lifetime Members remains to be \$150. There was some discussion about an annual \$20 fee. Rose recalled the charters, the one in Texas for example. Ichie mentioned that the provision for the charters is in the old constitution.
- VIII. UPLBAGA Plaque  
 Budit's (Flor Cruz) nephew has the contact for the plaque maker. The list of Lifetime Members on the plaque needs to be updated. Johnny, who is vacationing in the Philippines, maybe able to contact Budit's nephew and determine where in OAR it can be hung and if we need to have one made for UHS as well.
- IX. Historian and 2 Vacant Board Positions

Ichie explained that Johnny has been voluntarily compiling and summarizing events/projects through the years since the founding of the organization, it is just fitting that he gets the title of Historian.  
Pan and Julie Belo are so physically challenged they cannot actively participate in the organization anymore. The group designated Cesar Bautista and Wenna Jiao to take their place.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.