

# JUDICIAL HISTORY & ARTS SOCIETY OF GUAM, INC.

## Minutes of June 12, 2013

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Cruz at 10:25 a.m. on June 12, 2013, held in the conference room of the U.S. Marshals Service, third floor, 520 West Soledad Avenue, at Hagatna, Guam. Jessica stated that Mikel Schwab will be arriving late for the meeting.

Present at the Society meeting were: Jessica Cruz, Co-Chairperson, Directors Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon (Rox); Elaine J. Gogue, and Lolita Toves.

Also present was Mary Rasmussen, replacement for the late Carmen O'Mallan, former director, and Mikel Schwab, Chair, who came late.

Director members absent were Charles White (Chuck); and John T. Gorman, Lita Duenas, Christopher Duenas, Rosita P. San Nicolas (Rose), and Galo Perez (informed by e-mail that he is not attending).

### II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### A. Corrections on Minutes of May 15.

Rossanna pointed out that her name was misspelled on page 2, which Lolita stated she will correct.

Elaine Gogue was shocked to see in **Action Points** that she was tasked to contact Mr. Baza regarding conducting oral interview on him, but without hesitation, she offered to do the task as she approves of the need to preserve his knowledge and past experiences while growing up during his father's term as the U.S. Marshal for Guam. Lolita corrected her Minutes by stating that she believed Elaine would be the best person to handle the project once again. She did bring Mr. Antonio Baza into court a few years ago to talk about his experiences, but it was not recorded. She asked for a letter of invitation to Mr. Baza coming from the Society on it's letterhead.

**B. Society Website & Color Wheel** – For the website's color wheel, it was stated that the colors are green and brown. Chuck was not present to report further on the subject.

**C. Display Case** – Jessica stated that she checked with the company Louis Vuitton regarding availability of any display cases and she was informed that none was available. She further stated that another company, J.P. Superstore, is doing their inventory and if there is one, she will be advised.

**D. Oral Interviews:** The following oral interview schedules were discussed:

**1. Antonio Baza:** Lolita asked whether Elaine would be able to arrange for Mr. Baza's interview. Elaine responded that the first time that Mr. Baza came by was about three years ago; it was very candid, and it was not recorded. Rossanna stated that she saw Mr. Baza and also that she was in contact with him about a month ago and then saw him couple of times in church; that he is still on island and that she has his contact number. Elaine was asked how long she thought the interview of Mr. Baza would take, and she replied that maybe two hours. She asked: Who would conduct the interview?

Jessica replied that it would depend on Mr. Baza's willingness to give an interview, and suggested that the Marshal's Office set up for the interview. Jessica also asked whether Chuck would be willing to use court video equipment. Elaine said she will check with Chuck as to the possibility. Jessica suggested a letter should be written and sent to Mr. Baza ahead of time regarding the proposed oral interview.

**2 Galo Lujan Perez:** Rossanna informed that the interview did not happen on June 7 as Galo was in Saipan, and that the interview has been reset for June 14<sup>th</sup>. The first session was held on May 31st.

**3. Christopher Duenas:** Rox stated that Chris has great inside knowledge of the District Court as he lived close to the legislative building where the court was located during his boyhood days. Having grown up, gone to college, and after college, his early jobs were as a juvenile probation officer, and then as a probation officer for Superior Court, and finally as a U.S. Probation Officer with the District Court of Guam. Elaine stated he may be able to talk about the case of the I.D. benefit that Judge Duenas had relinquished because of some dispute in a court case.

**4. Soledad Santos:** Lolita stated that she has visited with and has talked with Ms. Santos about conducting an oral interview of her. Ms. Santos would be glad to make time for an interview. Lolita mentioned that from her observation during her visit with Ms. Santos, the interview should be conducted in Ms. Santos' home as she appeared in slow mobility.

The Chair, Mikel who is now present, suggested that in interviewing the candidates that you first ask questions about something that the person is comfortable talking about and then move on to what they know about the Court's history and past events of the Court.

Jessica suggested that by next meeting, the Society should have a list of interviewees scheduled in the order of priority. The Chair suggested to start with the four major attorneys who are still on Guam, i.e., Mr. Joaquin C. Arriola, Mr. Edward S. Terlaje, Roger Crouthamel, David Lujan, and perhaps others. Elaine suggested that John S. Unpingco, the former judge of the District Court, should be interviewed as he is part of the Court's history. Other names mentioned were John Dierking, Ladd Baumann, J. Bradley Klemm, and Mr. John Bohn who is probably not around or on island.

**E. Incorporation Status:** The Chair stated that he needs to check on yearly obligations

such as annual publication, updates, changes in membership, new members, and if there were any financial reports, etc. M. Schwab stated if the Society were actively collecting monies or if there are new directors, those have to be reported.

#### **F. Membership in Ninth Circuit Judicial Historical Society**

Jessica asked the status of the subject brought up by Charles White at a previous meeting that the District of Guam is not represented at the Society meetings; and that there are two or three individuals interested in the position to represent Guam with the Ninth Circuit Judicial Historical Society. Those individuals include: Ms. B. Ann Keith, Mr. Colin Jones, and another person by the name of **Helky**. According to Chuck, they have submitted their resumes and letters of application to the Society.

Jessica suggested to invite them to come to our Society meetings, or anyone else interested attend our meetings. The Chair stated that if there is anyone in the public interested in attending the Society meetings, that it would be open for them, six or seven. If any larger in number, there would be a change of venue to meet.

Elaine then suggested putting a notice in Observation Post of the Pacific Daily News, inviting those interested in coming to our Society meetings and for them to call a number giving their names in advance for security purpose and their contact numbers.

### **III New Business**

#### **A. Inventory List of Collections**

Lolita asked that an inventory of collections of physical items and projects done be developed so that the Society knows what it has, the status of items, where they are located, etc. Some items on hand include the Judge Duenas' robe, the judges gavel, the judge's desk and chair, just to name a few. There are photographs of the judges, photos of the first jury, and many old photographs. There is also the jury wheel, the jury box holding capsules,

It was mentioned that the Society could solicit through the List Serve of the Guam Bar Association; that the Association's President, Cynthia Ecube, would have to approve any proposal. How does it work? Chuck can explain that proposal at the next meeting and how it can be done.

Lastly, a question was raised what if there are items that the Society does not want, the Chair responded that it would depend on how big an item is being donated because of storage space issues.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

**Next Meeting: July 17, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Recorded by: Lolita Toves, JA/Secretary, JH&ASG

Approval Pending by: Mikel Schwab, Chair JH&AS, Inc.