



University of Guam CEDDERS  
Guam System for Assistive Technology  
Advisory Council

General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 4:00-5:30pm  
House 19 Deans Circle, UOG



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| (X) Evelyn Duenas, Chairperson           | ( ) Vedalema Valencio  | (X) Carla Torres (GSAT)      |
| (X) Lou Mesa, Vice-Chairperson           | (X) Barbara Johnson    | (X) Deedee Cruz (GCIL)       |
| (X) Lisa Ogo, Secretary                  | ( ) Tavita Faasuamalie | (X) Frank Pangelinan (DISID) |
| (X) Josephine Cortez, Member At Large    |                        | ( ) Marie Libria (GDDC)      |
| ( ) Linda Leon Guerrero, Member At Large |                        | (X) Rosanne Ada              |
| ( ) Bill Fuppul                          |                        | (X) Michelle Cruz (GLSC)     |
| (X) Noel Lazaga                          |                        | (X) Marie Babauta (GDOE)     |
| (X) Haiki Lazaga                         |                        | (X) Greg Calvo (AHRD/ WIA)   |

### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order / Introductions

Introduction of members was conducted and a sign-in sheet was passed around.

#### II. Review & Approval of Minutes

Members reviewed minutes from July 19, 2011 meeting.

Lou clarified under open discussions and announcements regarding purchasing food, it was not meant for the potluck on the ADA celebration, but for the quarterly SRC meetings. Lou Mesa motioned to approve the minutes with correction. Michelle Cruz seconded the motion.

#### III. New Business

##### A. Turnover of Chair to Lou

Vice chairperson automatically assumes role of chairperson. Lou Mesa assumed role of chair for year 2011-2012.

##### B. Officer Elections

Nominations for Vice Chairperson were as follows,

Noel Lazaga nominates himself - Accepted

Josephine Cruz nominated by Lou Mesa – Accepted

Evelyn closes the nomination.



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Elections were opened for the Vice Chairperson. Vote tallies are below:

Josephine Cortez – 11  
Noel – 3

Nominations for Secretary were as follows:

Evelyn Duenas , nominated by Lou Mesa – Declines  
Barbara Johnson, nominated by Rosanne Ada- Accepted  
Josephine nominates Hokie Lazaga- Accepted  
Evelyn closes the nomination

Elections were opened for the Secretary. Vote tallies are below:

Barbara Johnson – 9  
Hokie – 5

Nominations for Member at Large were as follows:

Hokie Lazaga nominated by Lisa Ogo – Accepted  
Noel Lazaga nominated himself – Accepted

Lisa suggested that if there are no other consumers, we should close the nomination. The Council approved by acclamation.

The final results of the election were as follows

- a. Vice-Chairperson: Josephine Cortez
- b. Secretary: Barbara Johnson
- c. Members-at-Large: Noel Lazaga and Hokie Lazaga

**C. 2012 Conference/ Fair \*Save the Dates/ Committee Additions\***

Carla shared that the annual Assistive Technology Conference and Fair is typically celebrated in March to coincide with the activities of the Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. However this coming 2012 is the University of



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Guam's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and they're looking at a year's worth of events. CEDDERS is in charge of February's events. CEDDERS Director Dr. Heidi San Nicolas has requested that rather than host the fair in March, we host it in February, so Carla proposed the AT Fair be held on February 25. The fair is confirmed with the Mall. Carla asked the members if any events clash with the February 25<sup>th</sup> Fair. Lisa Ogo noted to make sure it doesn't clash with Special Olympics Track and Field event.

Originally the conference committee had selected March 3 for the Fair. Carla further added that we can use the Fair to advertise the upcoming conference and to get people to register. The Conference/Fair committee had set the conference for March 9, giving a two week gap in between. Carla is proposing to move it to March 16. She states that the two events are very large and considering that GSAT is a small staff, it would help to have for more time in between to get ready for the conference. Carla asked the Council if they are ok with March 16, no oppositions made.

Lisa Ogo proposed to have the conference at the Westin Resort because of its increased accessibility over the other hotels. Carla shared that the Westin was unavailable last year because it was under renovation, but they are now open and so if the Conference committee decides so, it can be held there. The conference/ fair committee sign-in sheet was passed around so new members who are interested in joining the committee could sign up.

A "save the date" letter will be sent to public/private agencies/ organizations and interested parties.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Recruiting New Members**

Carla provides listing of new members in reference to the July Minutes. She states the following representations:

1. Barbara Johnson from the deaf and hard of hearing community



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2. Confirmation from Vedelma Valencio representing individuals who have a learning disability.

Carla said it would benefit the council to recruit members to represent interests from the following areas: speech and communication, emotional disability, and Down syndrome. The GSAT Advisory Council should be representative of our island community and representative of all disabilities that are present in our community regardless of age and gender. We should strive to be as diverse as possible to ensure all AT needs are met.

**B. Chamber of Commerce Outreach**

Michelle Cruz shared: the President of the Chamber has been off island for a long time since she and Carla had met with him and discussed the opportunity to present at their meetings. There is a newsletter in the works called "The Blast" which will be sent out to the members of the Chamber. Michelle met with Carla Thursday morning to work on a write-up on Assistive Technology. She suggested sharing the video Carla presented at the NDEAM Conference on employing people with disabilities and the use of AT as workplace accommodations. Michelle shares that it might generate interest and increase their receptiveness in getting us on their agenda.

Carla explained that one of GSAT's bigger activities is public awareness, getting the word out about AT. This year we had a conference focused on employment in March. We didn't get the turnout of employers as anticipated so reaching out to the Chamber and Rotary is a way to reach that target audience. A presentation was conducted at one of the rotary clubs and Michelle and Carla are still trying to get to the other three rotary clubs and chamber of commerce.

**V. Reports**

- A. Coordinator's Report: Update on GSAT core activities (see attachment)**
- B. New Devices (see attachment)**

Carla mentioned that GSAT is looking at upgrading its desktops, brand new systems that are completely accessible, outfitted with the various keyboards, mouse, software programs that provides screen reading and voice recognition. She added that we are moving to house 20 in a few months or longer. This will allow us to set up a "model home" and to have the equipment set up so people can experience it



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and not have it all locked up in cases like we do now. In trying to meet the needs of the island community, we take recommendations from the council as far as what can be purchased for the device loan library.

**VI. Open Discussion/ Announcements**

Greg announced the NDEAM Appreciation Picnic: October 29 at Ypao beach from 12nn to 4PM. Lou mentions the Drive for Charity, a golf tournament Fundraiser by the South Pacific Petroleum Company (SPPC), this coming Saturday. Autism Community Together, the Down Syndrome Association of Guam and Bookmobile are the beneficiaries. They are still accepting applications for those interested. Venue will be at the Leo Palace Resort. Lou can email the registration forms. Volunteers for hole watchers are needed. Lou further noted that the Autism Awareness Fair on April 14 is now confirmed with Agana Shopping Center.

Changes made to the GSAT Advisory Council meeting time, voting held on the following:

Choice 1- 3:00-4:30PM Choice 2-3:30-500

Lisa suggests 3:30 .Mrs. Ada suggested 3:00 due to driving and vision limitations. Lou is willing to work with either time. According to Josephine , after lunch the buses resume at 2:30PM. Frank recommends we accommodate those consumers using the Para transit, before anything else. Carla concludes that if pickup were at 2:30PM buses, may not get in by 3:00PM. So as decided, all were in favor of 3:30-5:00PM.

Conference and Fair Committee will meet on Wednesday October 26 from 10:00-12:00. Mrs. Ada will be attending.

**VII. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2012; 3:30-5:00pm