

UPAA-MB Meeting | June 11/11 | UFCW Training Centre, 880 Portage Ave.

Attendees: Arwin Chua, Ramon Sales, Jennifer Esquivel, Sheila Ilagan, Jeff David, Tin David, Joanna Flores, Dennis Flores, Ces Gutierrez, Jerome Javier, Arianne Solis, Darren Gonzales, Norman Garcia, Pong Maniquiz, Julie Quijano, Christy Domingo and Bless Ramos

Discussion Items:

1. Welcome new members - Jennifer Esquivel, Sheila Ilagan.

2. Info Session Expense –

\$110 – cost of UPAA banner

\$44 - Toner

Members are requested to contribute \$10 to reimburse Joanna and Arianne

3. Scholarship - Finance committee [Jomai] to coordinate with Arianne and contact UM sigaw to hand over the money for the scholarship program.

4. Information Session Evaluation - Suggestions received for the next Info Session [Julie]

a. Change Format– instead of all the attendees listening to one speaker at a time, there was a recommendation to provide different sessions so that the participants could listen to the speaker for their individual professions.

b. Early announcement and registration – 4-6 months preparation

c. Involve other ethnic groups, to expand the audience, which could also help in the approval of request for funding from the government.

d. The main organizer of the event invited the UPAA-MB to participate in their next Foreign Trained Professionals & Skilled Workers Accreditation Info Session. It was decided that UPAA-MB will extend its help on a project/ invitation basis. Membership committee [Julie] will attend the info session as an observer. The committee will report to the General Assembly (GA) and the GA will decide whether or not to participate.

5. Yahoo group and Facebook Clean-up by the Membership Committee

a. The Membership Committee will maintain the security and integrity of the database.

b. It has been agreed upon that members who filled out the info sheet will be retained in the group and those who didn't will be removed until they have done so.

c. To date, there are 78 members in the group. After the clean-up, 48 members will be retained.

6. Summer Outing - The committee will send out invites week of June 13, with deadline to RSVP to each event a week after the invites are sent out. Members of the Social Event Committee proposed the following activities:

- a. July 21 – 24. Morris Stampede, Morris, MB. 1 hr drive
- b. July 29 – Aug 1. Icelandic Festival, Gimli, MB. 45 min drive
- c. Aug wk 2. Palarong Pangalumnay @ Kildonan or Assiniboine Park
- d. Aug 26-28. Morden Corn and Apple Festival, Morden MB. 2 hr drive

7. Constitution and by-laws

- a. Establishment of the group's objectives will directly affect the group membership
- b. Discussion of constitution [Joanna]
- c. Establish Group name –University of the Philippines Alumni & Associates, Manitoba. Tentative deadline is next meeting. [Joanna]
- d. The committee will work on the accreditation of the group as a non-profit organization.

8. Members with no committee will have to choose their committees before the next meeting.

Next activity: Winnipeg Harvest – June 18, 12:45-2:30 PM

Next meeting: July 9 - to be organized by the Finance Committee [Jomai and Arlyn]