

## Minutes of the Meeting

Date: September 8, 2012

Venue: Quijano Residence

### 1. Attendees

Ramon Buenaventura  
Lourdes Casañares  
Arwin Chua  
Jeffrey David  
Kristine David  
Joanna Flores  
Dennis Flores  
Darren Gonzales  
Sarah Gonzales  
Pong Maniquiz  
Anna Maniquiz  
Jullie Quijano  
Ramon Sales  
Divine Teodoro  
Edwin Yazon

### 2. Board Nominations

The following are the candidates for positions on the 2012-2013 Board of Directors for UPAA-MB.

#### *Chairperson*

- Arwin Chua
- Jeffrey David
- Peter Tan

#### *Secretary*

- Kristine Acab-David
- Lourdes Casañares

#### *Treasurer*

- Danjae Medina

#### *Membership Committee Head*

- Arwin Chua
- Norman Garcia
- Jullie Quijano
- Bless Ramos

#### *Information and Communication Committee Head*

- Arianne Solis
- Dominique Mailom
- Lei Manguerra

*Social Responsibility Committee Head*

- Arwin Chua
- Anna Maniquiz
- Divine Teodoro

*Fundraising Committee Head*

- Joanna Flores
- Salvador Maniquiz
- Anna Maniquiz
- Peter Tan

### 3. Letter of Decline

Any candidate who would like to decline their nomination can send a **Letter of Decline** to **elections@upmb.net** before September 22, 2012. The elections committee will carefully review and evaluate the reasons of the candidate for declining their nomination and would decide if they should approve the candidate's request or not.

### 4. Elections Committee

The Elections Committee shall be the sole judge of all contests relating to the elections, returns and qualifications of members of the Board of Directors. It shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the discharge of its functions. The Elections committee for the 2012 UPAA-MB elections will be composed of the following members:

- Ramon Buenaventura
- Dennis Flores
- Darren Gonzales

### 5. 2012 Annual General Meeting

Here are the details for the upcoming Annual General Meeting:

- **Date and Time:** October 20, 2012, 4pm
- **Venue:** Aleph-Bet , 1007 Sinclair Street

### 6. Bursary Updates

UMSigaw has informed us that they initially had 2 applicants for the bursary. UMSigaw gives 2 bursaries to successful applicants every year, but because one of the applicants backed out this year, UMSigaw has decided to use the bursary provided by UPAA-MB to award to the successful applicant. The awarding will be held late September and they will be providing us with documentation about the awarding.

### 7. Updates

#### a. Financials

Organizers of the PalarOlympics 2011 and 2012 are requesting for reimbursement for the expenses incurred during the events.

## **b. Volunteering**

### **i. Winnipeg Harvest**

Our last volunteer activity for Winnipeg Harvest for the year will be on November 10, 2012. An event page has already been setup for this activity.

### **ii. Karaoke night for a cause**

Divine's friend is inviting the group to volunteer in their event that will be held on October 12, 2012, 6pm at PCCM. All proceeds for this event will go to Winnipeg Harvest. The organizers need volunteers to do different tasks such as to entertain (sing, dance, etc.), take pictures, assist with the guests, etc. It has been decided that the UPAA-MB will not volunteer as a group but will post the event on its facebook page so that interested members can volunteer and take part in the event.

## **c. Other Activities**

Other activities planned by different committees might not push through due to time and budget constraints.

## **8. Ammendment of the UPAA-MB Constitution and ByLaws**

### **a. Suggested Changes**

- Lower membership Fee
- Limit the number of required activities a year
- Implementing consequences for absences or missed attendance for members
- Adding the word **Inc.** to the name of the association
- Make the duties and responsibilities of each member type more apparent in the constitution
- Additional information regarding the application process e.g. anyone can apply during the year, membership renewals are done during the AGM
- Adding a transition period from October (when the new Board of Directors are elected) till December. The newly elected Board of Directors will start their term in January
- Event Planning should be done during the transition period
- Creating an Ad Hoc Committee for Constitutional Ammendments

### **b. Other Suggestions**

Members can send any other suggestions for Constitutional changes before September 15, 2012 to [feedback@upmb.net](mailto:feedback@upmb.net).

### **c. Constitution & ByLaws Ad Hoc Committee**

The Constitution & ByLaws Ad Hoc Committee shall review the suggested changes to the constitution. They will then send the group a copy of the proposed amendments to the constitution before the AGM to give the members enough time to review them. The entire group will then vote if they agree to amend the constitution or not during the AGM. The following are the members of the Constitution & ByLaws Ad Hoc Committee:

- Jeffrey David
- Anna Maniquiz
- Pong Maniquiz
- Jullie Quijano
- Ramon Sales

## **9. Christmas Party**

### **a. Venue**

The group will no longer hold its Christmas party at The Players Course because of their reservations policy. The group is looking into the possibility of holding it at Jeusa's apartment but will have to check if the management would allow it. The group will also check community centers if there are no other venues available.

**b. Date**

The date for the Christmas party will depend on the availability of the venue but will try to set it for the first or second weekend of December.