



**GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION**

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GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION Board of Governors Monthly Meeting held on June 14, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. in Tumon, Guam.

**PERSONS ATTENDING:** President Rawlen Mantanona called the meeting to order. Board members present included Cynthia V. Ecube, Vice President; Rodney Jacob, Past President; and John Terlaje, Secretary. Philip Tydingco, Treasurer; and Maria Cenzon-Duenas and Hank Parker, Members-at-Large, were absent. Also present was GBA's Executive Director, Bruce Bradley.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Pro Bono Cases:** The President submitted his proposal to formulate a GBA non-profit charity to create a "legal aid fund" to support the prosecution and defense of pro bono matters. The Legal Aid Committee agreed to create an organization to assist citizens in representing themselves pro bono. This shall be accomplished by the non-profit providing materials and guidance (non-legal advice) to citizens, along with a location for the organization.

2. **GBA Basketball League:** The GBA will sponsor a 3 on 3 basketball league in the upcoming months. Member-at-Large Hank Parker announced that he thought he had secured a gym and was working out the details, schedules and logistics for the league. However, due to certain conflicts, the gym is now no longer available. Mr. Parker will seek an alternative venue for the league. More information will be provided at a later date.

3. **Appointment to the Board of Directors for the Guam Legal Services Corporation:** The GBA was advised that two of its appointees to Guam Legal Services Board, Samuel Teker and Richard Dirx, have agreed to remain on that Board to assist in the transition of Attorney Sommerfleck's departure from Guam Legal Services, and to assist with the incoming new Executive Director. Therefore at this time there is no need for further appointments to serve on the Guam Legal Services Board. However, any Bar members interested in serving on the Guam Legal Services Board should contact the Bar President and inform him of their interest in serving should any vacancies arise.

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**4. CLE and Other Professional Events:**

A. **Reminder on CLE Materials:** A variety of CLE materials are available to all members free of charge at the Guam Law Library. Members are encouraged to utilize this material.

B. **Upcoming CLE:** The GBA hereby announces that the District Court will be holding a Two day CLE at the District Court later this year at a date to be announced.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **ABA Annual Meeting:** The Executive Director advised the Board of his interest in attending the NABE conference of the American Bar Association in San Francisco in August, 2007. The GBA approved Mr. Bradley's request to attend the conference and approved reasonable travel expenses. The President also indicated that he would like to attend the National Association of Bar President's component of the ABA Conference on behalf of the Bar. The board heard and considered the matter and voted to approve the President's attendance at the conference with the Bar to pay reasonable costs of travel, lodging the meeting fees.

2. **Appointment of Special Prosecutor:** The Board was presented with a request from the Ethics Chairwoman for the appointment of a Special Prosecutor for a specific matter due to a conflict of interest the GBA Ethics Prosecutor has on a certain matter. The Board considered and approved the appointment to retain David Highsmith as the Special Ethics Prosecutor for the specific matter.

Without further business, the President adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**



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**RAWLEN MANTANONA  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF GOVERNORS**