

Silliman Alumni Association, Inc. (SAAI)
Silliman University
Dumaguete City

ALUMNI ANNUAL CONVENTION

August 26, 2022
8:00 am
Silliman University

Present: SAAI Board of Directors
SU President Betty C. McCann
Authorized Representatives from SAAI Chapters (*List on File*)

PART I

1. Trustee Jusie Lydia J. Siega Sur welcomed a as Chairperson for the 2nd Virtual Annual Convention 2022.
2. Trustee Al Benjie C. Lozada delivered the Words of Welcome.
3. Vice President for Development Prof. Jane Annette L. Belarmino in behalf of Dr. Betty C. McCann, Silliman University President, gave updates about Silliman University for year 2021. She reported about the increase in enrollment in the graduate and undergraduate courses and in the senior high department. She enumerated the achievements and donations that Silliman University recently obtained:
 - SU enrollment is in Hyflex Mode on a 100% capacity; classes will be online and face-to-face twice a week due to Covid restrictions.
 - PAASCU granted reaccreditation to 5 programs most of which are on Level 2 and Level 4.
 - Silliman University continuously enjoys its autonomous status
 - The College of Law gets a 100% passing rate in the 2020/2021 Bar Examination
 - Inauguration of the Psychology Research Library through the efforts of SAAI Trustee Leo O. Fortugaleza. He gathered his classmates and put together the library for the university.
 - Involvement of Dr. Rene A. Abesamis and Dr. Angel C. Alcala of SUAKCREM in the marine protected areas of Silliman University.
 - Silliman entered into a partnership with the Energy Development Corporation (EDC) to create an arboretum. This project aims to plant 100 species of endangered trees and plants in Palinpinon, Valencia focusing on species endemic to Negros Oriental.
 - SU Volunteerism, Call for Donations drive of Silliman University raised more than a million pesos. Donations came from alumni and friends in the Philippines and abroad. It was used for immediate relief operation

and psychosocial intervention for the victims of Typhoon Odette in the northern part of the province.

- Increased in the number of international students representing over 30 countries. Their presence makes a significant contribution on the learning experiences of the other students.
- Pia Elizabeth Angela Bidaure, 5th year BSCE, and Nicole Amistoso, BSND student, won gold medal in Archery Women's Team Recurve competition in the 31st South East Asian (SEA) Games in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- SUACONA helps in the Silliman Alumni Professional Engagement Program together with the College of Education. The environmental fund of SUACONA is used to fund research and scholarships.
- Senior High School Building. The construction of the Senior High School building is underway. 16.47% completed and hopefully 8 out of 20 classrooms can be turned over to the SHS for use in the coming year. It is located at the former Archery Range
- The Silliman University Library renovation for its modernization is on the way through the 120 million donations of Uytengsu Foundation. SUACONA donated \$38,000 for a scenic elevator at the Main Library.
- SU Bert Brave Technology Based Incubation (TBI) Facility. Atty. Bert Bravo donated 1.5 hectares of land in San Antonio, Sibulan for the TBI Facility. Construction of the 115 million building has been started and completion is expected in 2023.
- Sampaguita Cottage Renovation. Sampaguita Cottage renovation is funded by the \$25,000 donation of SUACONA. The fund drive started in 2015.
- Dr. Mariano C Lao donates 20 million to the Global Studies Center. This donation is aimed to improve the university's international and online distance education and promote globally-oriented, intra-cross-multi-inter-trans disciplinal global education and training in cyberspace blender hybrid and hyflex modalities.
- Ms. Elizabeth Sy Michaels donated \$50,000 for student aid.
- SU received the first pledge of the Sobong Family amounting to P500,000 for the Center of Leadership Excellence in Nursing.
- Atty. Ma. Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon donated P500,000 as scholarship fund for SU Law Students.

The following plans were also presented:

- Alumni Hall. Plans for renovation are being refined and launch will be hopefully be in 2023.
- Silliman University Convention Center. The university plans to establish its own convention center at the SU Village.
- The university plans to establish the Angel C. Alcala Library and Museum which will be located at the Marine Laboratory while the International Guest House will be located near the end house. The

Guest House is intended for visiting professors and international students.

- The university plans to establish the Environmental Learning Resource Center at the Center for Tropical Studies (CenTrop) Facility in Palipinon, Valencia where the arboretum is also located.

PART II Business Meeting

1. Call to Order

Convention Chairperson (CC) Al Benjie C. Lozada called the meeting to order.

2. Determination of Quorum.

Executive Secretary (ES) RD Marie M. Delos Reyes called the roll and reported that a quorum was established with 19 chapters represented and 14 members of the Board of Directors present.

3. Approval of the Agenda

After the presentation of the Agenda for the 2022 SAAI Annual Convention, Trustee Emma Ray A. Panaguiton moved to approve the Agenda for the Convention. The motion was seconded by SUAMMCI Authorized Representative Leo O. Fortugaleza.

VOTED ACTION No. 2022-08-26-01: To approve the agenda for the 2022 SAAI Annual Convention as presented.

4. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the previous convention

The attendees were sent copies of the Minutes of the previous convention and were asked to go over it prior to the convention. Trustee Emma Ray A. Panaguiton moved to approve the Minutes of the previous convention. Trustee Clydin Abigail R. Sapong seconded the motion.

VOTED ACTION No. 2022-08-26-02. To dispense the reading of the Minutes of the SAAI Annual Convention dated August 26, 2021

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Convention:

Chesapeake Bay authorized representative Adlai J. Amor asked who prepared the Financial Statements. ES RD Marie M. Delos Reyes said that the auditing firm, Justo Sechico and Associates (JSA) did the audit and prepared the financial statements.

6. Reports

a. President Jenny Lind Aldecoa-Delorino gave the President's Report. She said that the Silliman Alumni Association chose to adapt the hybrid mode for the Annual Convention to ensure participation from chapters here and abroad. President Delorino says she is humbled and proud to pass on an organization that is more upstanding, resilient and dynamic. She highlighted the following items in the ES Report.

1. Dumaguete City administration proposal of the 174-hectare foreshore land. Silliman University declared its policy opposing said project and established an Environmental Advocacy Fund. Standing in solidarity with Silliman University, SAAI launched its counterpart, SAAI Environmental Advocacy Fund, with the primary purpose of raising funds and cultivating awareness in the community to support Silliman's advocacy and programs to preserve a healthy and sustainable environment. With the wholehearted help of the alumni and friends worldwide, SAAI turned over to Silliman University P514, 478.30.

SAAI also launched a signature campaign opposing the proposed reclamation project. The signature campaign was sent to the different government institutions and assisting likeminded organization to officially register their own petitions of oppositions.

2. Increase in Alumni Lifetime Membership. SAAI office continues to receive application for Alumni Membership and issuance of IDs. A total income derived from payment of membership fees for this year amounted to P188,005.00 with 349 IDs issued. ID cards can be applied for and issued in person or online and mailed to the requesting party.
3. Closure of the Alumni Dormitory. Following the closure of the Alumni Dormitory in 2020 and SAAI disposed of the dormitory assets such as furniture, linens, towels etc. and was able to get a total of P36,763.
4. Typhon Odette Relief Operations. The remaining unsold assets were donated to the victims of Typhon Odette in December 2021 in partnership with Victory Christian Church and other relief workers.

SAAI also donated P15,000 thru Silliman University Medical Center Foundation, Inc. for its Typhoon Odette relief operations.

5. 2022 Outstanding Sillimanian Award. SAAI launched and process nominations for 2022 Outstanding Sillimanian Award. Four (4) out of the eleven (11) nominees who have distinguish works while adhering to the values of Via, Veritas, Vita was chosen and confirmed by the bestowal of the award.

Mr. Adlai J. Amor, authorized representative of Chesapeake Bay Alumni (CBSA) Chapter moved to accept the President's Report with gratitude. Mr. Leo Fortugaleza, authorized representative of SUAMMCI, seconded the motion.

VOTED ACTION No. 2022-08-26-03. To accept with gratitude the President's report as presented.

- b. **Ratification of the Approved Board Actions (August 2021 – August 2022).** Atty. Eric Samuel Joven, authorized representative of Sillimanians in Metro Manila (SIMM) asked about Resolution Number 2022-1-15-21 since the chapter did not receive any response from SAAI regarding their three (3) OSA nominations. ES RD Marie Delos Reyes explained that a letter was sent to the chapter stating the reasons for the declining the nomination. Yasmin Alih, OSA Committee Chairperson, said that they will look into the records of the response of the letter.

Mr. Adlai J. Amor, CBSA authorized representative, asked about the reactivation of the SAAI BPI account and which banks now hold the SAAI Funds. This was answered by Finance Committee Chairperson, Angeline Guarin saying that this will be covered in the Treasurer's Report.

Trustee Clydin Abigail R. Sapong moved to ratify of the Board Resolutions passed from August 2021 to August 2022). This was seconded by Trustee April Twinkle A. Corral.

VOTED ACTION No. 2022-08-26-04: To ratify of the Board Resolutions passed from August 2021 to August 2022).

- c. **Treasurer's Report.** Finance Committee Chairperson Angeline B. Guarin presented the Treasurer's Report in behalf Ms. Ma. Agnes C. Tenorio, SAAI Treasurer.

1. **Revenue.** The Alumni Trust Fund held in trust by Silliman University is the primary source of income of the Association. The fund comes from all the dues paid by graduating students. In

2020, no withdrawal from the fund was made to give way to the 5-year audit. In 2021 SAAI withdrew P1,600,000 which was recognized as revenue for the same year. The second revenue contributor is the membership fees which considerably dropped by 64% during the pandemic.

2. *Expenses.* Total expenses in 2021 was P983,000.00 which is less than 21% compared to 2020 total expenses. Salaries, cash gifts and mandatory benefits is 66% of total expenses.

3. *Assets.* Total assets in 2021 was P7,100,000.00, 30% of which is cash and cash equivalents. SAAI funds are deposited in Metrobank and Security Bank. There are two accounts in Security Bank, namely: SAAI Account and Dorm Account.

The Security Bank dorm account is used for online payments, bank transfers and deposits while the SAAI account is used for operations. Metrobank Account is used for the dollar deposit.

The BPI Time Deposit Account was transferred to Sun Life as an investment and RCBC as time deposit.

Ms. Laarni Gularek, authorized representative of Silliman University Alumni & Friends at San Diego, asked what kind of investment SAAI has. Trustee Guarin said that the investments are all in a 5-year term.

Mr. Chito Delorino, authorized representative of SUAMMCI, and Mr. Adlai Amor, authorized representative of CBSA, both said that the Financial Statements must be included in the Annual Convention Kit that is sent to all attendees so they can browse through it ahead of time.

SAAI adopted the use of Gcash and Digibanker for salaries and online expenses. An offline accounting manager is used, since 2021, to help monitor the monthly revenues and expenses and reconcile bank accounts. It is also used for vouchers and tracking of online transactions.

Ms. Grace Apura Ty, authorized representative of Eastern Samar, asked if SAAI has budgetary and financial performance. Trustee Guarin explained that the budget is P900,000.00 which is composed of P800,000.00 for operations and P100,000.00 for unbudgeted expenses. The budget plan for 2022 is more inclined to the operations side of SAAI. Other activities are not yet included. Ms. Ty further said that an annual plan must be presented that includes an assessment of the impact of SAAI to the community. Mr. Delorino further suggested to align the plan to fiscal year or to the term of the president of the Association. Atty. Joven further suggested that the term of the Trustees should be more than 3 years. SU BOT May S. Pono agreed to the suggestion of Atty. Joven saying that a one-year term of the president is too short to complete projects and programs.

President Delorino presented also the concerns that were raised after the five-year audit. SAAI continues to receive billing from years back that are yet to be settled.

Trustee Angeline Guarin, seconded by Trustee Emma Ray Panaguiton moved for the acceptance of the Treasurers Report

VOTED ACTION No. 2022-08-26-05: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

- d. Chapter Reports. A video presentation from Pagadian Chapter, Cagayan De Oro, Chesapeake Bay, Silliman University Alumni and Friends in San Diego was presented. Live updates were presented by Faith Duran of SUACONA and Atty. Eric Joven of SIMM.

7. Trivia Game

The following were the winners of the Trivia Game:

1. Chito Delorino - SUAMMCI
2. Rosewell Cataylo - SAAI Dgte Chapter
3. Vivian Tabaranza - New York New Jersey Chapter
4. Eric Samuel Joven - SIMM
5. Eddie Callejas - SINTA
6. Nilda Oliva - Eastern Samar

Each of the winners received tokens from SAAI.

8. **Election of the Board.** COMELEC Chairperson April Twinkle A. Corral explained the guidelines of the election process. The Zoom Poll would be the platform to be used.

SAAI Election Guidelines:

❖ **NOMINATIONS**

- a. The Nomination period ended on Aug 15 (Philippine Standard Time); hence, nominations from the floor will not be entertained.
- b. The nominee must be virtually present during the election.
- c. In the event that there will be only two nominees per regional cluster, voting will proceed to determine the respective terms (three years or two years) of the nominees.
- d. In the event that there will be no nominees for the regional cluster, the Board shall elect a qualified alumnus to serve for the ensuing term in accordance with the by-laws. (Article 8, Sec.4)

❖ **WHO ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE**

- a. Authorized representatives of chapters (maximum of two) who are registered and virtually present during the election.
- b. All current Directors virtually present during the election.

❖ **ELECTION PROCEDURE**

- a. Only one vote per region
- b. All regions must be voted upon before clicking on the SUBMIT button.
- c. Vacant positions to be filled:
 - Luzon – 1
 - East Visayas – 1
 - West Visayas – 1
 - Mindanao – 1
 - At-Large – 1
- d. All ballots must be filled before submitting.

❖ **TABULATION**

The Election Committee appointed by the Board, along with SAAI staff, will tabulate and audit the ballots to verify the voter is duly authorized to vote. This will be done after the Zoom meeting is adjourned since the printed report of the Zoom poll can only be generated once the meeting is terminated.

❖ **DECLARATION OF WINNERS.**

- a. The results of the election shall be audited immediate after the adjournment of the Annual Convention, and the final results shall be sent electronically to all the attendees and nominees within 24 hours from adjournment.

The following were the nominees:

Luzon

- Christine Godinez Ortega
- Ed Dames
- Leo Fortugaleza

East Visayas

- Clydin Abigail Sapong
- Rosewell Cataylo

West Visayas

- Placido Cesar Mapa

Mindanao

- Yasmin M. Alih
- Karen Bonotan – Reyes
- Andrelli Farales

At-Large

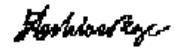
- Adlai Amor
- Laarni Gularek

Results of the election will be sent electronically via email within 24 hours.

9. **Other Matters:** NONE

10. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 noon.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


RD MARIE M. DELOS REYES
Executive Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

HON. JENNY LIND R. ALDECOA-DELORINO
President

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Dumaguete City

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List of Chapters

Philippines

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- Greater Bacolod
- Bohol
- Butuan
- Cagayan de Oro
- Cebu
- Davao
- Dipolog
- Iligan City
- Iloilo
- Dumaguete City
- KAAMULAN Bukidnon Chapter
- Pagadian -Zamboanga del Sur
- Sillimanians in Metro Manila
- SUAMMCI
- San Carlos
- San Carlos
- Surigao del Norte
- Sillimanians in Southern Tagalog
- ZAMBASULTA
- Eastern Samar
- ZNDIDA
- New York-New Jersey
- ONSUAA
- San Diego (SUAFSD)
- SUACONA
- SUAFE-GABS
- Sydney Australia

Overseas

- Alaska
- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Chesapeake Bay
- Chicago
- Georgia
- Melbourne, Australia
- MOK Chapter
- New England