

**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  
Director for Alumni and External Affairs Ruben N. Bokingo  
Authorized Representatives from SAAI Chapters (*List on File*)

**PART I**

1. Trustee Jusie Lydia J. Siega Sur welcomed Trustee Al Benjie C. Lozada as Chairperson for the 2023 Annual Convention 2023.
2. President Yasmin M. Alih delivered the Words of Welcome.
3. Silliman University President, Dr. Betty C. McCann, provided updates about the university, emphasizing the significant role that Silliman Alumni play within the community. It is important to keep alumni informed about the university's developments and achievements. The theme for this year's Founders Day is , "Embracing the Future of God's Gifts," underscores the importance of addressing the challenges and opportunities of 21st-century education. In this period of transition, the Silliman Board of Trustees, along with the administration, have reviewed and revised the university's vision, mission, and goals to ensure they remain relevant and inclusive. The new vision, mission, goals and values are:

**Vision:** A Christian institution leading in total human development for the well-being of society and environment

**Mission:**

- Infuse into the academic learning of our stakeholders' core values anchored on the gospel of Jesus Christ towards developing individuals of faith, character, and competence.
- Instill in all members of the University community social consciousness, care for the environment, and a deep sense of justice for societal well-being.
- Cultivate resilient and globally competitive academic community competent in knowledge production and innovation, positively contributing to sustainable development.

**Goals:**

- Vibrant Christian life among students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and the community.
- Diverse studentry and globally competitive graduates with character through academic excellence
- A community of leading academics, knowledge producers, and highly efficient human resource.
- World-class facilities, innovative systems and processes responsive to the needs of the stakeholders.
- Viable and sustainable financial and other resources
- Mutually supportive relationship with the alumni imbued with a profound sense of the Silliman Spirit
- Heightened social awareness and constructive engagement in peace, justice and national and global development initiatives
- Responsible and accountable stewards of the environment and other resources

**Values**

- Love
- Patriotism
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Excellence
- Creativity and innovation
- Justice with compassion
- Honesty and integrity
- Accountability and transparency
- Respect and humility
- Care for the environment

**University Achievements:**

- The Silliman University Technical Vocational Entrepreneurial Center (SU TEVEC), formerly the School of Agro Industrial and Technical Education is now accredited by by Technical Educational Skills Development Authority (TESDA) as an assessment center for Animal Production -Poultry-Chicken, Swine, and Ruminants NC II. SU TEVEC is the only assessment center for animal production in Negros Oriental.
- Last September 23, 2022, Silliman University unveiled a marker signifying its status as a national historical landmark.
- Accreditation Update:
  - Accredited programs by level

Level Status	Number of Programs
Level 1	2
Level 2	14
Level 3	2
Level 4	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>

- ACSCU-ACI grants Level IV Re-Accreditation to 7 programs
  - Master of Arts in English
  - Master of Arts in History
  - Master of Arts in Psychology
  - Master of Arts in Sociology
  - Master in Public Administration
  - Master of Science in Nursing
  - Master of Science in Social Work
- ACSCU awarded Outstanding Educator Award to
  - Dr. Angel C. Alcala (posthumous)
  - Dr. Leonor M. Briones
- SU Ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among Philippine universities in QS Asia University Rankings 2023
- FAAP grants level IV Re Accreditation to 7 programs
  - Elementary Education
  - Secondary Education
  - Bachelor of Arts
  - Bachelor of Science
  - Bachelor of Science in Nursing
  - Bachelor of Science in Psychology
  - Bachelor of Mass Communication
- Board Exam Performance
  - #3 Top Performing School for Physical Therapy
  - #7 Top Performing School for Mechanical Engineering
  - Jude Paolo Echavex - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Licensure Examination for Agriculture
  - Angela Claire Kitane - 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Nursing Licensure Examination
  - Rine Christelle Anfone - 9<sup>th</sup> Place in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (Secondary Level)
- Development Projects
  - Renovation of the SU Main Library
  - Construction of the SHS Building
- Alumni Support to the University
  - SUACONA Environmental Funds Scholarship and Grants. Through the SUACONA Environmental Funds Scholarships and Grants, researchers can receive funding through scholarships, research grants, and travel grants.
  - Donation from SUAA-New York New Jersey Chapter

- CBSA donated two copies of the McGuffey Readers to Silliman University. This is considered a piece of SU history being the first books used during its founding in 1901.
- Elizabeth Sy Michael, a Texas-based Sillimanian, has recently donated an additional \$20,000 US Dollars to the Robert James Michael and Elizabeth Sy Michael Grant for working students. The donation was received last May 10, 2023 by Silliman University (SU) President, Dr. Betty Cernol McCann, through Edith Sun Abbot. SU Treasurer, Carol R. Bartolata, witnessed the donation turnover.
- The Silliman University Alumni Association New York New Jersey (SUAANYNJ) Chapter donated 4,000 US dollars for the SU Student-Alumni Scholarship Matching Program of the Alumni and External Affairs Office, a scholarship fund for working students supported by SUAANYNJ chapter since 2015. SUAANYNJ President Vivian C. Tabaranza was recently on campus to handover their chapter's donation.

## **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 26 chapters represented and 14 members of the Board of Directors present.

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

After the presentation of the agenda for the 2023 SAAI Annual Convention, Trustee Angeline B. Guarin moved to approve the Agenda for the Convention. The motion was seconded by Trustee Leo O. Fortugaleza.

**VOTED ACTION No. 2023-08-26-01:** To approve the agenda for the 2023 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

Adlai J. Amor moved to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the previous convention. Trustee Thressa Mae E. Gayo 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, 2022.

Trustee Leo O Fortugaleza moved to approve the Minutes of the previous convention. Trustee Thressa Mae E. Gayo seconded the motion.

**VOTED ACTION No. 2022-08-26-03.** To approve the Minutes of the SAAI Annual Convention dated August 26, 2022 as presented.

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

None was discussed.

**6. Ratification of the Approved Board Actions**

**a. Ratification of the Approved Board Actions**

Trustee Adlai J. Amor moved to ratify the Board Resolutions passed from August 2022 to August 2023. Trustee Leo O. Fortugaleza seconded the motion.

**VOTED ACTION No. 2023-08-26-04:** To ratify of the Board Resolutions passed from August 2022 to August 2023).

**7. Reports**

a. President's Report. President Yasmin M. Alih gave the President's Report.

1. *Membership.* SAIA has worked to expand the benefits available to Alumni Lifetime Members. Alumni residing in the country can now enjoy these discounts by presenting their updated Lifetime ID Card.
2. *OSA Awards.* SAAI has streamlined and improved selection process for the Outstanding Sillimanian Award. This year, four (4) Outstanding Sillimanians will be honored these awards, namely
  - Amb. Kira Christianne D. Azucena
  - Dr. Asterio P. Saliot

- Dr. Louella L. Dollar - Perrin
- Dr. Maria Salud F. Kho
- Mr. Sandeep G. Chandiramani

3. *Representation in the SU Board of Trustees.* SAAI has ensured that the alumni have representation on the Silliman University Board of Trustees. This year, the seat for Alumni Trustee Representing East Visayas became vacant. Following the election process for the Alumni Trustee, SAAI endorsed the renomination of Atty. May S. Pono for this position.
4. *Fund Management.* This year SAAI has taken a more active role in managing its funds by focusing on both short-term and long-term investments. This strategy will ensure the organization's financial stability in the future.
5. SAAI developed a five-year plan aimed at strengthening university partnerships and support, enhancing brand and communication efforts, improving and activating chapter administration, and institutionalizing SAAI operations.
6. SAAI provided a donation of P500,000 to Silliman University for the NOTO174 initiative, which was allocated to the Marine Biology Department. This funding supports ongoing research for expanding the University's marine protected area and provides a foundation for SAAI and the University's opposition to the proposed reclamation project."
7. The alumni gathering traditionally held on August 28 has been rebranded from 'Tipon' to 'Lulinghayaw.' This new name embodies the spirit of Sillimanians coming together to enjoy, unwind, and celebrate."

Roy Dino Tinaja, Cagayan de Oro Chapter authorized representative, moved to accept the President's Report with gratitude. Michael Documento, ZNDIDA Chapter authorized representative, seconded the motion.

**VOTED ACTION No. 2023-08-26-05.** To accept with gratitude the President's report as presented.

- b. **Treasurer's Report.** Finance Committee Chairperson Angeline B. Guarin presented the Treasurer's Report for the period September 1, 2022 to August 22, 2023.

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 June 2023, P3,000,056.00 was withdrawn from the fund to finance SAAI Operations as well as to invest P2,000,000 in Time Deposit at 5.5% interest/annum. The second income generating source for the organization is the membership fees and id cards. This year the membership fees and id card payment increased by 112% from P410,532.00 to P871,495.00
2. *Expenses.* The total expenses in 2022 were lower than those in 2023. The 2023 expenses included costs for the Annual Convention, OSA Brunch, Lulinghayaw 2023, as well as office expenses such as salaries, cash gifts, and mandatory benefits.
3. *Assets.* Total assets in 2022 was P7,923,896.00, 37% of which is cash and cash equivalents. SAAI funds are deposited in RCBC, Metrobank and Security Bank. There are two accounts in Security Bank, namely: SAAI Deposit Account and SAAI Operations Account.  
The Security Bank deposit 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 while RCBC accounts are time deposit accounts.

Faith Manigsaca Duran, Southern California Chapter authorized representative, announced that SUACONA will donate \$500 dollars to Lulinghayaw 2024.

Laarni Gularek, the authorized representative of the Silliman Alumni and Friends of San Diego Chapter, inquired about the amount listed under 'Other Income.' Finance Committee Chairperson Trustee Angeline Guarin explained that the P48,315 reported in the financial statement represents proceeds from the sale of scrap items from the dormitory. Since the dormitory was closed during the pandemic, SAAI decided to sell the items from the dorm starting in 2021 up to 2023.

Roy Dino Tinaja, Cagayan de Oro Chapter authorized representative, moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with appreciation. Faith Manigsaca Duran, Southern California Chapter authorized representative, seconded the motion.

**VOTED ACTION No. 2023-08-26-05:** To accept with appreciation the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Trustee Adlai Amor proposed that Finance Committee Chairperson, Trustee Angeline Guarin be given special recognition for her efforts in streamlining the audit process and ensuring that office and financial reports are prepared and executed properly. Trustee Leo Fortugaleza seconded the motion

**VOTED ACTION No. 2023-08-26-06:** To give special recognition to that Finance Committee Chairperson, Trustee Angeline Guarin for her efforts in streamlining the audit process and ensuring that office and financial reports are prepared and executed properly.

**c. Chapter Updates.**

A video presentation of the activities from Silliman University Alumni and Friends of San Diego was presented.

Trustee Angeline Guarin provided updates for the Cagayan de Oro Chapter, announcing the election of a new set of officers and highlighting events attended by Dr. Betty McCann and Dr. Leonor Briones.

The Zamboanga Dipolog Dapitan (ZNDIDA) Chapter, represented by Mr. Michael Documento, also shared updates. He reported that the chapter successfully held a fellowship event with over 70 attendees and elected a new set of officers.

Atty. Eric Samuel Joven, the authorized representative of Sillimanians in Metro Manila, provided updates on their activities. He announced that an election for a new set of officers would be held in December and encouraged Sillimanians in Metro Manila to visit their Facebook page for membership registration.

Mr. Jose Mari Jonathan Antonio, president of the Silliman Association in New England (SANE), updated the assembly on their chapter's activities. He reported that they have a scholar who recently graduated and expressed the chapter's hope to continue providing the same scholarship this academic year. The scholarship covers board and lodging, tuition, books, and other miscellaneous expenses."

Faith Manigsaca Duran, Southern California's immediate past president, announced that the chapter will be donating another Campus Cruiser, which will be the second one available to the University for campus tours. They also offer scholarships to students who rank in the top 15 of their class.



Laarni Gularek, the authorized representative of the Silliman Alumni and Friends of San Diego Chapter, reported that the chapter has produced an Outstanding Sillimanian who will be awarded this year. The chapter also organizes fundraising activities and regular fellowships.

Bricio Merced, the authorized representative of the Davao Chapter, provided updates about the chapter. The chapter has elected a new set of officers, with Ms. Susan Palad as president. They recently held a fellowship event with Dr. Leonor Briones. The chapter also accepts donations for its adopted communities in Davao, Agusan del Sur, Sulu, and other areas in Mindanao. Contributions of used books, slippers, school supplies, and umbrellas are welcome.

Ms. Armida Amor, the authorized representative of the Ontario Silliman University Alumni Association, provided updates on their chapter's activities and plans. They have welcomed new members, creating a diverse mix of older and younger generations within the membership.

Ms. Gloria Belarmino, president of the Silliman University Association Metro Manila Chapter Inc. (SUAMMCI), informed the assembly about the chapter's projects. SUAMMCI continues to support SAAI and the university in their initiatives, including their most recent involvement in the university's TICAIO project

Dr. Betsy Jackson, president of SUCNAA International, observer during the Annual Convention, informed the assembly that the organization has elected a new set of officers. SUCNAA supports and collaborates with SUCN to aid with their programs and facility needs.

Ms. Ma. Corazon dela Fuente, president of the Cebu Chapter, provided updates on their chapter's activities. Recently, they elected a new set of officers, with SAAI President Yasmin Alih and Trustee Al Benjie Lozada in attendance. The chapter plans to organize more fellowship activities and programs to encourage participation among Sillimanians in Cebu.

Trustee Adlai Amor of the Chesapeake Bay Silliman Alumni (CBSA) Chapter presented their programs and projects. CBSA has acquired an Octopus email subscription for SAAI to streamline the process of sending emails and updates to chapters and individual alumni. They also purchased a new domain, Sillimanalumni.online, to replace the current website

and address existing issues. Additionally, CBSA supports SAAI in updating its database and has donated two copies of the original McGuffey Readers to support the university's Heritage Builders project. Trustee Amor invited those who will be in Chesapeake Bay in December to attend the chapter's Christmas, Founders Day and Fiesta Fellowship.

8. **Election of the Board. COMELEC Chairperson Leo Fortugaleza** explained the guidelines of the election process. The Zoom Poll would be the platform to be used.

#### **SAAI Election Guidelines:**

##### **❖ Nomination**

- a. The nomination period is from July 12, 2024 and ends at 5:00 PM, Philippine Standard Time, Thursday, August 24, 2023.
- b. After the August 24, 2023 deadline, the Election Committee shall come up with a roster of eligible nominees.
- c. The Election Committee shall not accept nominations on the floor during the August 26, 2023 Annual Convention (AnCon).
- d. In accordance with Article 8, Section 4 of the SAAI By-Laws, the Board of Trustees shall elect a qualified alumnus/alumna to serve the ensuing term of a regional cluster (Luzon, East Visayas, West Visayas, Mindanao, and At-Large) that fails to submit a nominee.
- e. Overseas chapters shall nominate candidates for the At-Large alumni trustee vacancy.

##### **❖ Who Can Nominate & Qualifications of the Nominee**

- a. A recognized alumni chapter may nominate one (1) candidate within its regional cluster. For example, there can be as many as five nominees in a regional cluster which has five recognized chapters.
- b. The qualifications of the nominee are as follows:
  - i. Lifetime member of the SAAI
  - ii. Endorsed by the nominating chapter
  - iii. Must be physically or virtually present during the election

❖ **Who Are Qualified To Vote**

- a. The chapter president and secretary or their authorized representatives who are physically or virtually present during the election.
- b. All current SAAI Trustees who are physically or virtually present during the election.
- c. All of the individuals mentioned above must be active regular members of the Association as stated in Article IV Section 3.
- d. All individuals described in Items 3a and 3b shall be referred to as voting delegates as described in Section 4, Article VI of the By-Laws.

❖ **Voting & Voting Procedure**

- a. The nominees must be physically or virtually present during the election.
- b. SAAI trustees and authorized chapter representatives, who are physically and virtually present, are eligible to vote.
- c. Voting shall be done via a Zoom poll.
- d. Each eligible voter shall vote for all the vacancies to be filled, namely: b

<b>Regional Cluster</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
Luzon	One (1)
East Visayas	One (1)
West Visayas	One (1)
Mindanao	One (1)
At-Large	One (1)

- d. Each eligible voter shall fill out the ballot completely before clicking the Zoom Poll SUBMIT button.

❖ **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

- Atty. Eric Samuel Joven

East Visayas

- Jusie Lydia Siega Sur

West Visayas

- Nanette Abuan

Mindanao

- April Twinkle Corral
- Briccio Merced
- Karen Bonotan Reyes

At-Large

- Elizabeth Engle
- Rev. Callum Tabada
- Roy Dino Tinaja

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:**

**YASMIN M. ALIH**  
President

**Silliman Alumni Association, Inc.**

Silliman University

Dumaguete City

**ALUMNI ANNUAL CONVENTION**

August 26, 2023

8:00 am

Guy Hall, Silliman University

**List of Chapters**

**Philippines**

1. Borongan, Eastern Samar
2. Bukidnon Alumni Chapter
3. Cagayan De Oro Chapter
4. Cebu Chapter
5. Davao Alumni Chapter
6. Dumaguete Chapter
7. Greater Bacolod Chapter
8. Iligan City Alumni Chapter
9. Iloilo Chapter
10. Ormoc Chapter
11. San Carlos City Chapter
12. Silliman University Alumni in Metro Manila Chapter, Inc. (SUAMMCI)
13. Sillimanians in Metro Manila (SIMM)
14. Surigao Del Sur Chapter
15. Tacloban Chapter
16. Zamboanga del Sur, Dipolog/Dapitan (ZNDIDA) Chapter
17. Zamboanga, Basilan, Sultan Kudarat, Tawi-Tawi (ZAMBASULTA Chapter

**Overseas**

1. Alaska Chapter
2. Chesapeake Bay Silliman Alumni
3. New York New Jersey Chapter

4. Ontario Silliman University Alumni Association (ONSUAA)
5. Silliman Alumni International Chicago Chapter
6. Silliman University Alumni & Friends at San Diego
7. Silliman University Alumni Assoc of Northern California
8. Sillimanians in New England (SANE)
9. SUAA of Southern California