

Guam Indigenous Heritage Alliance (GIHA)

Date: Friday, February 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Laura M. T. Souder

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<p>Absent: Michael Blas Makio (MBM) Patrick Lujan (PL) and Hope Alvarez Cristobal (HAC)</p>	<p>Members Present: Laura M. T. Souder (LMTS), Michael Lujan Bevacqua (MLB), Anna Marie B. Arceo (AMA), Elyssa J. Santos (EJS), Melvin Won-Pat Borja (MWPB)</p> <p>Visitors: Calen Meno on behalf of Senator Telena Cruz Nelson and Senator Amanda Shelton</p>
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Order	Notes	Action
.Roll Call and Introductions	<p>All members present were asked to briefly introduce themselves.</p> <p>While waiting for alliance members to log on, LMTS asked Senator Shelton about her thoughts on how the Kumisión should go about proposing a change in their legal status to public, non-profit corporation similar to the legal status of both DCA and Preservation Trust. Senator Shelton recommended that we submit our request to the Legislature as soon as possible. She commented that it might be best to pursue this change through a stand-alone bill.</p> <p>MWPB recently highlighted another issue which may require legislative remedy. The law that established the current Kumisión codified the spelling of the term CHamoru for the way forward. A lingering question is whether government agencies should be mandated to use the correct spelling of “CHamoru” in documents, signage, in their names and all things printed or produced in electronic formats.</p>	LMTS begins meeting at 2:09p.m.
	LMTS moved to dispense the review of the minutes due to a lack of members present at the time.	

<p>II. Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting January 14, 2021</p>		
<p>III. Updates on Ongoing Issues</p>	<p>A. Reorganization of Historic Preservation, status of new proposed legislation – PL LMTS reported that PL is continuing to work with the governor’s office on the draft.</p> <p>B. Status of National Historic Preservation Guidelines for Islands- MBM LMTS reported that MWPB has been pursuing this item and reported that there was no update during the last GIHA meeting.</p> <p>C. Naftan Update/Other Burials -PL/MWB LMTS provided a summary of GIHA’s efforts on this matter: We have been discussing appropriate ways to re-inter and the implications of the Naftan structure as a memorial. HAC has mentioned that there are new burials uncovered in the Marbo area, which LMTS hopes PL could expand on at our next meeting. We still have questions on the moratorium that exists now relative to materials that have been surveyed. Both the Guam Museum and SHPO offices are actively engaged in conversations on how to lift the moratorium. We do not know how many materials have been curated so far but we are trying to retrieve this information. Once the moratorium is lifted, the question to address would be <i>who is going to receive the remains and how will they be curated and preserved?</i></p> <p>D. Cultural Repository – MWB Progress is being made. An agreement between DCA and the UOG on ownership and administrative authority of the property upon which the Cultural Repository is being built, is being developed.</p> <p>E. Kumisión’s Relocation Status – AMA</p>	<p>PL to report on status and on new burial sites found, upon his return from deployment.</p> <p>MWPB will share updates with us when he receives them.</p>

	<p>LMTS reported that the Kumisión is in good spirits due to the fact that the bid announcement has been published in the newspaper. They are hoping companies will respond and that they will be able to move into a new location which can accommodate their growing personnel numbers.</p>	
<p>IV. Upcoming Member Event February 18, 2022 at 9:30am to 11:30am</p>	<p>A. Mes CHamoru and Mother Tongue Day Proclamation and Resolution Signing to kick of first GIHA Networking Event LMTS shared the draft program for the event. A correction was made to the time listed (from 10:00am to 9:30am). LMTS provided an overview of the event and noted that, this year, we are adding two additional elements - the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 and the GIHA networking event. The latter is an attempt to bring together CHamoru-centered and CHamoru-serving agencies and nonprofit organizations both here and in the diaspora.</p> <p>B. Invitations being coordinated by Kumisión (Elyssa and Flo) Network members have been invited to this estimated 2-hour event: The first hour will involve the proclamation and resolution signing for the events highlighted while the second hour is designated for the GIHA virtual networking event.</p> <p>C. Mel and Miget to coordinate zoom and recording – need link to send to confirmed participants MWB stated that he will coordinate with the governor’s office to ensure smooth livestreaming for the event. He will need administrative access. He asked that all parties send him any necessary files and that he will work with EJS on creating a single drive folder. LMTS added that MWB connect with the governor and speaker’s offices to ensure livestreaming on both platforms. EJS asked AS who the point of contact for tech support was for the legislature. AS recommended that we reach out through the Senator’s offices and that they will coordinate logistics.</p>	<p>EJS to send invitations to the judges, reach out to I Hagan Famalao’an Guahan to join the GIHA network, send reminders to alliance members to produce their 5-minute presentations and to send to MLB, confirm who will present on behalf of SHPO, and remind new GIHA network members about roll call, brief introductions, and additional announcements portion.</p> <p>MLB to provide EJS and Florence Landry the zoom link from the governor’s staff.</p> <p>EJS and Florence Landry to send the event reminder with the zoom link on Feb. 14th.</p> <p>AMA to identify who will do the opening chant and send pre-recorded files to MLB; AMA to reach out to GDOE and Sinipok students to do the Inifresi.</p> <p>LMTS to speak with Kumisión members as to who will do the proclamation and resolution readings and to provide updates on Mes Chamoru and Inacha’igen events; LMTS to offer to speakers office readers for the resolution.</p>

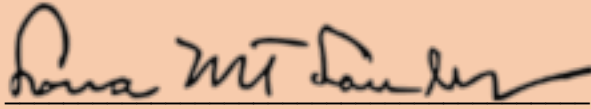
	<p>EJS brought up concerns about network members having to introduce themselves twice on the current agenda. Network member “roll call” was added as a part of the general introductions.</p> <p>LMTS added an “additional announcements” line at the end of the agenda, allowing network members to share their upcoming events.</p> <p>D. Laura to Emcee</p> <p>LMTS reminded each GIHA member to work on their presentations for networking event and added estimated time slots per agenda item.</p> <p>AS noted that, as far as the order of the items under the resolution and proclamation, the maga’hâga and speaker usually read their remakes before the reading takes place. Items were adjusted accordingly.</p> <p>E. Kumisión drafting both the Proclamation and Resolution in both CHamoru and English (Elyssa and Ann Marie)</p> <p>LMTS and EJS are drafting the proclamation and the resolution. It will be translated and presented to the governor. We are also working on the resolution for the speaker’s office.</p> <p>LMTS recommended that the proclamation and resolution be read in both CHamoru and English by members of the Kumisión. AS requested that GIHA first ask the speaker if she is comfortable with someone else reading the documents considering this has always been their obligation. LMTS clarified that the Kumisión’s reading of the resolution is an offer that the legislature can choose to decline.</p>	
<p>V. New Business</p>	<p>A. HP asked Kumisión to assist with writing up descriptions of registry of historic places - The Kumisión has yet to receive this list from Malia Ramirez and will follow up.</p> <p>B. HAC is requesting a letter from GIHA - tabled until the next meeting when HAC can provide details.</p>	<p>EJS to follow up on registry of historic place names with Maila Ramirez.</p>

VI. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held Friday, March 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

LMTS adjourned the meeting at 3:07pm.

Prepared by Elyssa Santos (Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru) and approved by:



Laura M. T. Souder, GIHA Chairperson

Date: 2/25/22



Michael Lujan Bevacqua, GIHA Vice Chairperson

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