

Guam Indigenous Heritage Alliance (GIHA)

Date: Friday May 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Chairperson: Laura M. T. Souder

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Absent: N/A

Members Present: Laura M. T. Souder (LMTS), Michael Lujan Bevacqua (MLB), Hope A. Cristobal (HAC), Anna Marie B. Arceo (AMA), Ha'ani L. San Nicolas (HSN), Patrick Lujan (PL), Melvin Won-Pat Borja (MWPB), and Michael Blas Makio (MBM)

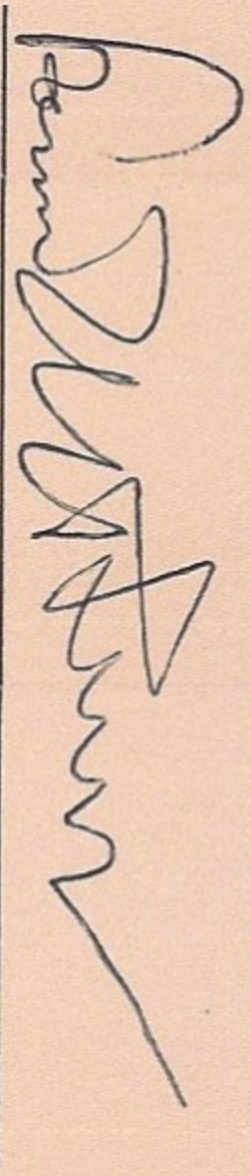
Visitors: The Honorable Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Michelle Manibusan (Senator Telena Cruz Nelson)

Order	Discussion Notes	Action
I.	<p>Roll Call and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members present asked to briefly introduce themselves. 	<p>LMTS begins meeting at 2:10 p.m.</p>
II.	<p>Review of Executive Order and Purpose of GIHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members received copy of Executive Order for reference. LMTS talked about the role of the members that comprise GIHA, which should act as “a coordinator board that will enhance each other’s purposes on the issue of self-determination, nation-building, and decolonization.” 	<p>Consensus that primary purpose is for information-sharing, collaboration, coordination of shared functions, and identifying priorities and making policy recommendations and leading initiatives related to nation-building, cultural sovereignty, self-determination and decolonization for CHamoru people.</p>
III.	<p>Leadership Core Member Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMTS recommends that the four core agencies of GIHA will provide two representatives each. This will be either one administrative person and one chairperson or another alternate designee. 	<p>Consensus that four core agencies each have two representatives in leadership team.</p>
IV.	<p>Administrative Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LMTS recommends that each agency will provide two years administrative support for “this coordinating body.” in cycles. 	<p>Kumisión I Fino’ CHamoru volunteered for the first rotation of administrative support.</p>
V.	<p>Leadership Core Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed monthly meeting of Leadership Team. 	<p>Members present agreed that each meeting shall occur monthly on the first Friday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker and Senator Nelson will receive notification of each meeting as per their expressed interest.</p>

<p>VI. Rules of Engagement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per request from LMTS, each core agency shall provide HSN with copies of their organization's rules of conduct or engagement to be integrated into an official one for GIHA. LMTS will draft for consideration by team. 	<p>Rules of conduct to be reviewed at next meeting.</p>
<p>VII. GIHA Goals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every individual present was asked by LMTS to briefly provide their insight as to what GIHA's overarching organization goals should be. MLB quoted Chief Hurão in his response. The Honorable Speaker Therese M. Terlaje that GIHA provides the opportunity to give input and "re-train ourselves" to give input and communicate with one another. It serves as a great place to have general discussion about issues that intersect with numerous entities or involved agencies. HAC said that GIHA hones into nation-building. PL knows his position as SHPO needs support from this body and vice versa. MBM states that GIHA gives a holistic approach to how we deal with a lot of topics that come about. It helps to navigate different disciplines that require the Chamoru perspective and fosters inafa'maolek. MWPB said that GIHA provides open lines of communication with different arms toward the same goal. AMA said that the agencies involved get to practice inafa'maolek, inadahi, and inagetfao. LMTS said GIHA has the promise to give alternate models to bureaucracy and can offer a large structural contribution. 	<p>Proposed Goals to be reviewed at next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lead Chamoru nation-building efforts Promote Chamoru perspectives in public discourse and public projects Foster Chamoru values of inafa'maolek, inadahi and inagetfao Facilitate transparent communications among core agencies and with Chamoru-serving and Chamoru-centered organizations both public and private Provide safe space for candid discussions about intersecting issues, exploring ways of enhancing each other's missions and resolving conflict Build capacity through targeted training on priority issues, sharing of resources and optimizing performance Create institutional structure and framework for collaboration
<p>VIII. Alliance Network with other Chamoru-Serving and Chamoru-centered GovGuam Agencies or Programs, Non-governmental Agencies, and Community-based Organizations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This alliance can establish a network that would meet frequently enough to share happenings, express concerns, and provide their hopes and aspirations. HSN is to create a list of non-governmental or Chamoru-centered and Chamoru-serving NGOs and 	<p>Review community outreach strategy for engaging network at next meeting.</p>

<p>IX. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naftan plaque and ancient CHamoru burial sites discussion to be done next Friday May 21, 2021 at 2 p.m. in a meeting with PL and interested members. • In the Zoom chat, the Honorable Speaker Therese M. Terlaje commented, “Also, please when announcing burials, report what was previously known about the area and why this construction was allowed to occur in this spot. (prior determination that potential of burials or significant history of the place was not likely? I am hoping this info will contrast with DoD info that minimizes the importance of the area in CHamoru history or to our knowledge of such.)” 	<p>Report on status of Naftan and meeting outcome by PL at next meeting</p>
<p>X. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held Friday June 04, 2021 at 2 p.m. 	<p>LMTS adjourned meeting at: 3:30 p.m.</p>

Prepared by Ha'ani L. San Nicolas (Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru) and approved by:



Laura M. T. Souder, GIHA Chairperson

Date: May 30, 2021