

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, August 9, 2018 - 3:30pm Guam Visitors Bureau - Main Conference Room

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:** 

Director Milton Morinaga Director Monte Mesa
Director Brad Kloppenburg Director Theresa Arriola
Director Samuel Shinohara Director Tatsuo Takano
Director William Nault Director Bartley Jackson
Director Robert Hofmann Director Satoru Murata

Director Katarina Sgro A quorum was met

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELEPHONICALLY:**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT:** 

Director Eduardo "Champ" Calvo Director Young Hong

**GVB MANAGEMENT & STAFF PRESENT:** 

Jon Nathan DenightMaura YiRose CunliffeAna CidColleen CabedoNakisha GarridoDee HernandezDoris AdaJosh TyquiengcoBrian BorjaJune SugawaraKarida BrennanElaine PangelinanNadine Leon GuerreroRegina Nedlic

Kraig Camacho

#### **GVB MANAGEMENT & STAFF TELEPHONICALLY:**

GUESTS:

Wayne Chargualaf, Marianas Business Journal

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Morinaga called the meeting of the board to order at 3:33 pm.

#### II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Exhibit A

Director Jackson made a motion, seconded by Director Shinohara, to approve the minutes of the previous board of directors meeting dated July 26, 2018.

Motion unanimously approved (Subject to minor revisions)

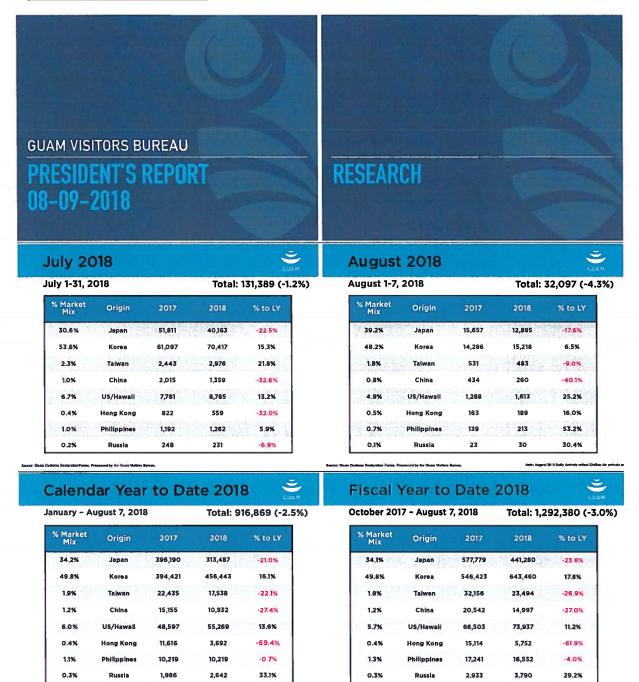
### III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- o Chairman Morinaga reported a successful Taiwan sales mission with Governor Calvo, where they met with Taiwan President Ing-wen. Both leaders are enthusiastic on building stronger relationship moving forward.
- o Upon meeting with China Airlines Chairman Ho, Chairman Morinaga informed the board China Airlines have purchased new aircrafts and anticipate to fly a new plane on a Guam route in the future. He also informed the board the prospect of a Kaohsiung to Guam route.
- o Ken Corporation has decided to charter flights to increase more air seat capacity between Japan and Guam, the charter will be employed by Jeju Airlines for a period of 1 year starting sometime in September. The travel agents will make sales as a package inclusive of air and hotel valid only as a roundtrip from Japan.





## IV. PRESIDENT & CEO'S REPORT





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# **MARKETING**

## Korea Marketing

# News Guam Eco Wave Exhibition

- Opening held at the Lotte Department Store Gallery in Youngdeungpo, Korea 7 artists displayed their Guam Inspired artwork Including Hyun Jin Lee, Guam Family Ambassador and local artist Dr. Judy Flores Exhibition will also be displayed in two other Lotte Department Store locations (Anyang and Busan) through the end of October



# Korea Marketing



NEWS Video recsp of Guam Eco Wave Tour shared on GVB's YouTube Channel & FB



Guern Eco-Wave Tour 2018

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yitiR47v9ZU&feature=youtu.be

# Korea Marketing



#### News

- Period: August 30 September 2, 2018 Location: COEX, Seoul, Korea



# **Pacific Marketing News**



PATA Micronesia Chapter 2<sup>nd</sup>
Trl-annual Membership
Meeting

Chuk, FSM
August 9-10, 2018

- MATTA Fair 2018
  - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  - September 7-9, 2018

#### PATA Travel Mart 2018

- Langkawi, Malaysia
  September 12-14, 2018

# Pacific Islander Festival Association (PIFA)

- San Diego, CA
   September 22-23, 2018









# Philippines Marketing News

InstaGuam Fair | June 1 to 3, 2018 | Bonifacio Highstreet



GVB held its first consumer event in the Philippines called Installuam Fair, from June 1-3, 2018 at Bonifacio Global City

- Attended by
   USCS Representative Chad Kinear John Giray
   Taguig City Mayor Representative, Chi Bocobo

- Guam Partners.

  Guam Economic Development Association (GEDA)

  Bank of Guam

  Discover Guam

  Two Lovers Point

  PacTours

  Pinticum USA Travel and Tours

  Vacation Guam US

  Microresis Mall

  Arine Partners

  Arine Partners

- Arline Partners

  Cebu Pacific
  Philippine Airlines
  United Airlines







## **Philippines Marketing News**



# Russia Marketing News



## **KAL Dragon Boat Competition**

Vladivostok, Russia

- Guam Team took the 1<sup>st</sup> place and got the Cup of Korean Air
- Guam Team's victory was covered in local media in Russia
- Guam collaterals were distributed among Russian Union of Travel Industry (RUTI) fam tour participants representing European
- Russia TA's => awareness of Guam in European Russia increased Strengthen relationships with Korean Airlines Russia Office





## Russia Marketing News



#### Online Travel Mart: September 4-17, 2018

- Objectives:
  Promote Guam in the European part of Russia, throughout the rest of the country, as well as in the former CIS countries and territories
- Communication with the travel audience to increase current database of travel industry professionals and establish new partnership connections
- Promote MICE tourism on Guam

- Announce upcoming Shop Guam e-Festival campaign
  Share Guam's upcoming campaigns and events for 2018/2019
  GVB Member participants: Hotel Santa Fe, Axe Murderer Tours, HIS GUAM, Inc. Troika Tours & PIC





# Håfa Adai Pledge





- Over 220 Sodexo employees renewed their commitment to Håfa Adal Pledge on August 7, 2018 at Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort in 2016, Sodexo heid the record for the larguest Håfa Adal signing until it was broken in 2018 by the Tourism Education Council WAVE Club Sodexo expects to serve four million meals to school children this school year The company also handles the United Club lounge at the Guam international airport

- arport More than 800 private businesses, government agencies, non-profits, organizations and local school children have taken the Håfa Adai Pledge, representing over 33,600 individuals that are committed to promoting Guam and sharing the Håfa Adai spirit



## V. TREASURER'S REPORT

o President Denight updated the board on the latest with the FY2019 budget. GVB will be given a budget of \$22.3 million, \$1.5 million less from FY2018. Normally, \$200K is appropriated for the Rainy-Day Fund, separate from GVB's budget, but for FY2019 the board will have the authority to deposit up to \$650K from GVB budget into the Rainy-Day Fund. Pass-Thru appropriation section





has been book marked. Administrative provisions are still being discussed on travel restrictions, elimination of deputies and wireless communications from the budget.

#### VI. REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

#### A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

# GVB TESTIMONY ON SBILL 237-34 & BILL 323-34

Exhibit B

Vice Chairman Mesa made a motion, seconded by Director Shinohara, to ratify GVB testimony on FY2019 Budget Bill 237-34 and Bill 323-34.

Motion unanimously approved

#### B. ADMINISTRATION & GOV'T RELATIONS

#### C. RESEARCH

 Director Shinohara stated feedback for the customs forms were received and the team is working on revamping them for legibility.

#### D. JAPAN

# JTB 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Director Nault made a motion, seconded by Director Arriola, to approve travel for the GVB Board Chairman to attend JTB's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reception in Tokyo, Japan from September 11-13, 2018. Estimated total cost is \$2,657.50. From account No. JA-SMD046. Motion unanimously approved

Airfare:	\$1,200 x 1 pax	\$1,200.00					
Per Diem:	Tokyo	Lodging	Nights	M&IE	Days		
	GVB Board Chairman	\$345.00	2	\$283.75	2	\$1,257.50	
Miscellaneous: Excess baggage, communications expense, etc.							
TOTAL:						\$2,657.50	

**Background:** JTB will be hosting a reception in Tokyo, Japan on September 12, 2018 in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. JTB has extended invitations to airline companies, tourism agencies, hoteliers, and other industry partners they work closely with to express their appreciation for their continued partnership. With a highly exclusive guest list, this event will be a prime opportunity to reconnect with executives from Japan's tourism community and to build upon Guam's longstanding relationship with JTB.

Chairman- and CEO-level executives will be attending the reception and GVB hopes to be represented accordingly by having the Board Chairman participate alongside the Japan Marketing Committee Chairman. JTB represents one of the largest travel trade partners for Guam having supplied thousands of seats on charter flights and selling majority of seats on regular flights. Attendance by both representatives from Guam instills GVB's continued commitment of partnership within this year and years to come, which is invaluable to the Japan market.

**Issue:** Board approval required for travel.

o Director Nault reported on the recent trip to Kashiwa Festival, which was affected by the typhoon weather. As a result, the team met with the YG members of Kashiwa to discuss the





possibilities of doing business with Guam (Guam sochu) Also, the team met with the Kashiwa International Relations Association to discuss future school exchange programs between schools in their city and the schools within the Archdiocese of Guam.

- o The team is working on pushing golf promotions in marketing campaigns. There are plans to meet with GIMCA to consider media promotions and also with wedding companies.
- September will be a busy month for Japan market as the team will be attending the Niigata Friendship Association 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, JTB 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the JATA Tourism Expo.
- Treasure Hunt campaign has been popular, Director Nault thanked the team and all its contributors for its success.

### E. NORTH AMERICA & PACIFIC MARKETS

#### Committee minutes dated August 8, 2018

**Exhibit C** 

o Director Hofmann reported a busy quarter for NAP committee with IGLTA, IPW, Instagram Fair and the Guam BBQ Block Party. Up-coming events will be MATTA, PATA, and PIFA.

# 24<sup>th</sup> PIFA (PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION) AND GUAM PRODUCT UPDATE SEMINAR

Director Hofmann made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mesa, to approve travel for the Director of Global Marketing and the GVB Marketing Manager to participate in the 2018 Pacific Islander Festival Association (PIFA) Festival and Guam Product Update Seminar from September 21-23, 2018 in San Diego, California. Estimated total cost is approximately \$7,104.00 from Acct #US-SMD023.

Motion unanimously approved

Airfare:	\$2,000 x 2 pax					\$4,000.00
Per Diem:	San Diego	Hotel	Nights	M&IE	Days	
	DoGM	\$153	6	\$64	6	\$1,302.00
	Marketing Manager	\$153	6	\$64	6	\$1,302.00
Miscellaneous: Excess baggage, communications expense, etc.						\$500.00
TOTAL:						\$7,104.00

**Background:** GVB will participate in PIFA festival to further develop more awareness to the Chamorro living in the US mainland the various reasons to come back to Guam to visit.

PIFA promotes and perpetuates the traditional cultures, ancient historical data, languages, attitudes and values of the Indigenous People of Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia. Over 80,000 people were in attendance in 2017.

In addition to participating in PIFA, GVB will be conducting a Guam Product Update Seminar with key travel agents in the US Mainland. With GVB rolling out campaigns targeting both general and LGBTQ travelers with major wholesalers like IWorldofTravel (IWOT) and Deep Blue Adventures, it is imperative that we meet with active Westcoast travel agents to help sell special Guam packages now developed.

Issue: Board approval required for travel.

## MATTA (MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF TOUR AND TRAVEL AGENTS) 2018

Director Sgro made a motion, seconded by Director Jackson, to approve travel for the North America & Pacific Marketing Chair and two (2) entertainers to attend the 2018 Malaysian





Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) Fair from September 7-9, 2018. Estimated total cost is approximately \$8,797.00 from Acct #PA-SMD023.

Motion unanimously approved

Airfare:	\$1,500 x 3 pax		_			\$4,500.00
Per Diem:	Kuala Lumpur	Hotel	Nights	M&IE	Days	
	NAP Chair	\$186	4	\$83	4	\$1,345.00
	Entertainer #1	\$186	4	\$83	4	\$1,076.00
	Entertainer #2	\$186	4	\$83	4	\$1,076.00
Miscellaneous: Excess baggage, communications expense, etc.						\$800.00
					TOTAL:	\$8,797.00

**Background:** MATTA is Malaysia's premier travel extravaganza providing global exposure and endless business opportunities in this exciting era of groundbreaking travel innovations and technological advent.

MATTA fair provides visitors with a host of exciting and value for money travel options and excellent business and travel opportunities. In essence, all the attractions that have made MATTA fair the number one consumer travel fair in Malaysia plus many more exciting items will be showcased. Over 100,000 or more visitors form Malaysia, ASEAN, and the rest of the world expect to visit the fair.

As Guam is seeking new markets especially in visa waiver countries and convenient connectivity via Philippines or other Asian countries, we would like to explore the Malaysia market with the contacts we have made being actively involved in other travel trade organizations. MATTA website: http://site.mattafair.org.my/

In addition to MATTA, GVB will be conducting Guam Product Updates with Philippine Airlines' and Korean Airlines' key travel agents in Malaysia.

Issue: Board approval required for travel.

### F. CHINA

 Director Shinohara shared that Guam was selected as one of the world's top safety destination, ranked #5, for female travelers by the People's Daily newspaper of China. Guam was also the top US destination for Chinese travelers.

#### G. RUSSIA & NEW MARKETS

## H. KOREA

#### Committee minutes dated July 10, 2018

Exhibit D

 Director Jackson reported the team is preparing for the Mode Tour Show that will take place at the end of the month at COEX in Seoul, South Korea.

#### I. DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

## IFB 2018-001 TUMON LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

Vice Chairman Mesa made a motion, seconded by Director Jackson, to authorize the President and Chief Executive Officer as Chief Procurement Officer of GVB to enter into a contract with





the most responsive and lowest responsible bidder for GVB IFB 2018-001 Tumon Landscape Maintenance.

#### Motion unanimously approved

Background: The Contractor provides all necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools and appurtenances to provide complete maintenance of landscape areas in Tumon, Guam. Maintenance covers San Vitores Road from Bishop Flores Rotunda to Hotel Nikko, including JFK Road (Rt 14A), Australian Cable Road (Santos Hill), Bishop Flores Rotunda grounds, Guam Visitors Bureau office grounds and the first median at Governor Joseph Flores Park entrance.

Contract commences October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 for FY2019, along with two one-year options to renew (FY2020 and FY2021); and is subject to fiscal year end performance reviews, availability and certification of funds from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Issue: Board approval required.

Chairman Morinaga informed the board of a notice, received from GIAA, for construction at the airport in the arrivals and departures corridors for 2-3 months. The airport will also open two more check point lanes.

#### MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY OUTREACH J.

Director Hofmann suggested to involve the gubernatorial (or senatorial) candidates for the next membership meeting which is tentatively to be held at the end of September.

#### K. VISITOR SAFETY & SATISFACTION

- Chairman Morinaga reported seeing a van taking tourist onboard upon receiving cash payment outside the hotel. The van took the guests to Ypao for what seems to be a shore dive. He notified the board and staff to inspect whether these businesses were legitimate and licensed.
- President Denight announced the new Destination Specialist Safety and Satisfaction, Nakisha Garrido.

#### **CULTURAL & HERITAGE** L.

## 24TH PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION (PIFA) FESTIVAL 2018 & SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GUAM CLUB (SDGC) 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Director Arriola made a motion, seconded by Director Hofmann, to approve travel for GVB Vice President, GVB Culture & Heritage Officer and two (2) Musicians to participate in the 2018 PIFA Festival and the SDGC 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in San Diego, California from September 21-30, 2018, (Estimated cost up to \$15,252.00 from Acct No. DM-CPO006).

Motion unanimously approved

Airfare:	\$2000 x 3 pax					\$6,000.00
	San Diego, CA	Hotel	Nights	M&IE	Days	
	Vice President	\$191.25	4	\$80.00	4	\$1,085.00
Per Diem:	Culture & Heritage Officer	\$153.00	5	\$148.00	6	\$1,149.00
	Musicians (2pax)	\$153.00	10	\$64.00	11	\$4,468.00
Prof. Fee	Musicians	\$100 x 9 days x 2 pax				\$1,800.00
Car Rental	Car Rental \$150 x 5 days		\$750.00			
					TOTAL:	\$15,252.00





**Background:** The Guam Visitors Bureau Board of Directors had previously approved the PIFA travel motion at the beginning of the fiscal year. In the motion, GVB approved travel for the CHC Chairwoman and the Cultural Heritage Officer. The Sons and Daughters of Guam Club requested to include Ruby Santos and Jesse Bias as performers at the PIFA stage.

With an influx of Chamorros attending PIFA, the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club has scheduled workshops with various disciplines to include Jesse & Ruby to conduct demonstrations and presentations encompassing the holistic aspect of the Chamorro language and culture.

The Sons and Daughters of Guam Club, Inc. was founded in 1953 and has served as a "Sagan Dinanna" for the Chamorros visiting and living in San Diego. This year, they are celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary scheduled for Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. The Vice-President of the Bureau has been invited to be the keynote speaker. Also, at this event the SDGC will be renewing their Hafa Adai Pledge.

Issue: Board approval required for all travel.

#### M. SPORTS & EVENTS

Taiwan Pacific Links Golf Assosiation (PLI) will have a golf tour on September 4-8, 2018.
 GVB will host a small reception for the visiting members.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

o Operation Valiant Shield will take place September 10-16, 2018.

#### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Director Nault made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mesa, to go into Executive Session. Motion unanimously approved

Board resumed Regular Meeting.

Director Nault made a motion on the floor, seconded by Vice Chairman Mesa, to approve President & CEO to proceed with the restructuring of GVB Japan office.

Motion unanimously approved

Chairman Morinaga requested for more details on the restructuring plan of the Japan office.

Director Nault made a motion on the floor, seconded by Director Arriola, to approve travel for the GVB President & CEO and GVB Marketing Manager – Japan, or their designees, to attend strategy and administrative meetings in Tokyo, Japan from August 27-31, 2018. Estimated total cost is \$8,258.75; Account # JA-SMD046.

Motion unanimously approved

Airfare:	\$1,200 x 2 pax					\$2,400.00
Per Diem:	Tokyo	Lodging	Nights	M&!E	Days	
	President & CEO	\$345.00	5	\$283.75	5	\$3,143.75
	Marketing Manager	\$276.00	5	\$227.00	5	\$2,515.00
Miscellaneous:	Business meetings and communications expense					\$200.00





TOTAL: \$8,258.75

**Background:** To close the fiscal year, GVB headquarters would like to engage in the following meetings:

- Individual staff meetings
- Agency meetings
- Conduct performance evaluations
- Finalize strategic plan for FY2019
- Review and approve program for FY2019 (applications and mechanics)
- Conduct a financial audit citing areas of improvement for the following year
- Conduct a seminar for invoice processing and budget tracking

A full workweek is required to accomplish the above-targeted meetings. GVB headquarters would like the opportunity to engage with the entire Japan team to include the sales, special promotions, accounting and advertising & public relations team members.

In addition, the team will set up meeting with trade partners to continue discussions for next year's joint and/or cooperative promotions. These would include Google, Expedia, Rakuten, JAL, and United.

Issue: Board approval required for travel.

#### X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Upcoming Board Meetings:**

- o Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 3:30pm, GVB Main Conference Room
- o Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 3:30pm, GVB Main Conference Room

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Director Shinohara made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Mesa, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.

Motion unanimously approved

Mrs. Theresa C. Afriola, Secretary of the Board of Directors

Board Minutes respectively submitted by Maura Yi, Executive Secretary

