

UPAACC NEWSLETTER



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2022 CALENDAR*	
Board Meeting	April 21, 2022 - ZOOM
General Meeting	June 11, 2022 Golden Harbor Buffet Fresno, CA 93711
40 th Year UPAACC Anniversary Celebration	September 24, 2022 Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Modesto, CA 95354
*The schedule above is subject to change depending on the availability of venue. Watch for announcements in this Newsletter. □	

University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Central California
UPAACC
Welcomes You to Its
40th Year Anniversary Celebration

September 24, 2022 • Saturday
 Luncheon: 11 AM - 3 PM
 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Modesto
 1150 9th St., Modesto, CA 95354
 (209) 526-6000

After over 3 months of uncertainty whether we will celebrate our UPAACC 40th Year Anniversary this coming September, the Board of Directors, during the recent meeting last April 21st, approved to hold the event. As the threat of COVID 19 is still hanging over our heads, there was even a question on the safety of celebrating the event, and, if we decide to do it, should it be indoor or outdoor?

In early March, our president, Susan Mendiola sent out an e-mail to the membership with the following possible venues, both in the Modesto area:

- 1) **Indoor:** DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton (formerly Red Lion), Grand Ballroom at \$70 per person.
- 2) **Outdoor:** Vintage Garden/Redwood Café at \$90 per person.

Based on over 30 responses from our member-

ship, the consensus was to hold the event indoor. The event will be on September 24, 2022, Saturday, starting at 11:00 AM at Double-Tree by Hilton. It is a very nice venue for our celebration, with a parking garage and easily accessible from Highway 99. Although masks are no longer required in California (with few exceptions), obviously, safety precautions are still recommended and should be observed during the celebration.

Susan and her team are already putting together the event planning committees, and more details about the celebration such as ticket sale and program activities will be made available as soon as possible. The Modesto/Turlock group promises a fun-filled event and delicious food for everyone. As tradition goes, each Area (UPAACC North and UPAACC

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The President's Corner



Susan C. Mendiola
President, UPAACC
2022 - 2023

It's summertime! I think of this season as time for picnics (barbeques), beaches, vacation, and having great fun with family and friends. Summer means warm weather, too, especially in Central California where the temperature goes up to 3 digits.

So fun times are here! UPAACC is celebrating its 40th year anniversary this coming September at DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton in Modesto. Though we had difficulties and challenges for the past two years, we moved forward and stayed focused in pursuing our goals. We held the calendar fundraising activity and exceeded our goal amount; gave monetary donation to the Gospel Mission for the homeless in Modesto and to the victims of typhoon Odette in the Philippines through UPAAA; the Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship Program is ongoing; we donated money to the UP Kaagapay sa Pag-aaral Program; the 5-year Balik Scientist-Dairy Cattle Project by Johnny Abilay is completed; and our newsletter, thanks to Rey Elizondo, is very much alive. We were also able to hold Board meetings and oath-taking of the new set of officers for 2022-2023 via Zoom. I am grateful to our dedicated officers and members because all these would not be possible without them.

Our organization has reached this milestone and it is just right to celebrate everything that we have proudly achieved for the last 40 years. Let us all have fun, enjoy life, and be happy. Life is for living! Cheers!

Susan □

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South) members will try to come up with musical numbers to entertain everyone by providing some surprise presentations.

Let us all live up to our 40th Year Anniversary logo which states **"Celebrating 40 Years: And Still Going Strong!"** by your attendance. Please invite your relatives, friends and prospective members to this event to let them know why our Association has been in existence and thriving for 40 years! □



ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

2022 SUMMER GENERAL MEETING

For the first time in three years, the next general meeting will held "face-to-face" on June 11, 2022, Saturday, starting at 11:00 AM at the Golden Harbor Buffet in Fresno (for details and directions, see page 3). The last on-site general meeting was held in Fresno on October 5, 2019 at Wood-

ward Park and Bird Sanctuary.

In addition to discussing the activities for the forthcoming 40th Year Anniversary celebration in September, this will be an excellent opportunity to meet with old friends and fellow members. As we all know, this is more just a meeting but also a way to catch up on our friendship. Please take along with you unwrapped gifts (valued at \$10 or more) as raffle prizes for our fundraising.

We are hoping for a well-attended on-site general meeting as we have experienced in the past. Again, please invite friends, relatives and prospective members of the Association. By the way, the lunch buffet is "free", courtesy of UPAACC. □

Food for Thought



DIETS RICH IN FLAVONOIDS LINKED TO BETTER BRAIN HEALTH

Ageing is not a prescription for cognitive collapse. There are many ways

to help prevent memory loss, cognitive decline, and dreaded diagnosis like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, or dementia. Study after study shows one simple, powerful way to do this is by getting your fill of flavonoids. These powerful antioxidants are found in most fruits and vegetables and tea and red wine.

A study published online on July 28, 2021, by the journal "Neurology", found that people whose diets were high in specific type of plant chemicals called flavonoids, were less likely to report noticing instances of confusion or memory loss.

Which foods are packed with brain-saving flavonoids? Here are some of them: apples; citrus fruits; green leafy vegetables like kale, spinach, arugula and turnip greens; dark chocolate and cocoa; berries; avocados; and peppers.

From:

1. Harvard Women's Health Watch; Volume 29, Number 3; November 2021.
2. Mind, Mood, & Memory; Special Free Issue by Massachusetts General Hospital. □

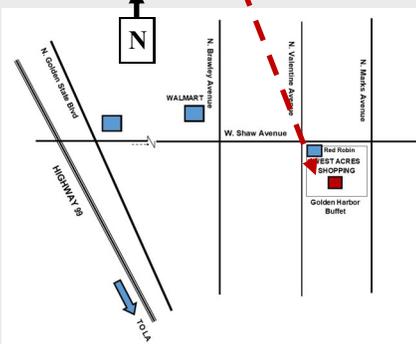
2022 SUMMER GENERAL MEETING

DIRECTIONS:

From Highway 99 South

- Take the W. Shaw Ave Exit (to Cal State University - Fresno),
- Stay on W. Shaw Avenue, pass N. Golden State Blvd.,
- Stay on W. Shaw Avenue, pass N. Brawley Avenue,
- Stay on W. Shaw Avenue, turn RIGHT on N. Valentine Avenue, then enter on your LEFT into the WEST ACRES Shopping Mall.

GOLDEN HARBOR BUFFET
(559) 221-8882



Golden Harbor Buffet

June 11, 2022, Saturday, 11:00 AM

3273 W. Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711
(559-221-8882)



- 40th Year Anniversary Celebration
- Financial Report & Budget Review
- Update of UPAACC Projects
- Fund Raising Projects
- Other Business and more!

“Free” Lunch Buffet

- **RAFFLE FUND-RAISING:** To all members - Please bring along unwrapped gifts) - valued \$10 or more as raffle prizes - help support your Association!

HEADCOUNT: Before May 28th, please let your area directors know that you will be attending. This is a family affair - take your family along with you and invite prospective members to join us.



ALTHOUGH MASKS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED IN CALIFORNIA (WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS), SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED AND WILL BE OBSERVED DURING THE MEETING.



YES! I WANT TO SUPPORT THE UPAACC ANNUAL GIFT PROGRAM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND SEND IT TO:

Annabelle Atienza, Treasurer, UPAACC, 5542 Mirror Place, Stockton, CA 95219

UPAACC Annual Gift Program

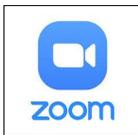


Name _____ Date _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone No: _____ E-mail address _____

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ (Pay to the Order of UPAACC). Please designate my gift to the following: (check one)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> UPAACC-Crisologo Cabacungan Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Seminars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balik-Scientist Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Laboratory Equipment & Supplies Donation | <input type="checkbox"/> UPAACC General Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Textbook/Computer/Kaagapay sa Pag-aaral Donation | | <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____ (specify) |

TAX ID. NO: 47-3340773



**ZOOM MEETING
February 3, 2022**

ATTENDANCE: Johnny Abilay, Gemma Biscocho, Nenita Eballa-Dean, Orly Dyoco, Maribelle Dyoco, Rey Elizondo, Lydia Favor, August Lansigan, Cynthia Lansigan, Elena Mangahas, Boots Mayol, Susan Mendiola, Chola Pascua, Rollie Simeon. (Hosted by Gemma Biscocho).

I. Call to Order: Susan Mendiola called the meeting at 7:08 PM on behalf of President Rollie Simeon.

II. Prayer: Susan Mendiola led the opening prayer.

III. Secretary's Report: The members reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting prior to the virtual meeting. Nenita Dean moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by Lydia Favor. The Secretary's report was approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Gemma Biscocho presented the financial report. Year End-12/31/2021, as summarized below:

A. Balance Forward as of Nov. 2020:

1. Checking Account	\$ 16,929.67
2. Savings Account	20,659.12
Total . . .	\$ 37,588.79

B. Checking Account Activities:

1. Total Income:	
a. Annual Gift Program	\$ 3,450.00
b. Fundraising (scarves, hats) . . .	150.00
c. Fundraising (Calendar)	8,010.21
Total Income . . .	\$ 11,610.21

2. Expenses:	
a. Project Expenses	\$ 500.00
b. Operating Expenses	591.34
c. Annual Gift Program	1,000.00
Total Expenses . . .	(\$ 2,091.34)

C. Savings Account Activities:

Interest Earnings	\$ 2.38
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D. Current Balance as of 12/31/2021:

1. Checking Account	\$ 26,448.54
2. Savings Account	20,661.50
Total Checking & Savings . . .	\$ 47,110.04

- Regarding the non-profit status reporting to the State, Rey clarified that earnings only are counted towards reporting during the tax year.
- No receipt yet has been received from the UP Kaagapay sa Pag-aaral Program.
- Need to update the Cabacungan scholarship contributions of \$ 1,000 for 2021 and another \$ 1,000 for 2022.

- Lydia Favor moved to approve the Treasurer's report as read, seconded by August Lansigan. The Treasurer's report was approved.

V. President's Report: Nothing to report.

VI. Meeting Agenda:

A. Induction of Officers (2022-2023) officiated by Dr. Orly Dyoco.

President	Susan Mendiola
Vice-President	Rey Elizondo
Secretary	Nenita Dean
Treasurer	Annabelle Atienza
Auditor	Gemma Biscocho
PRO	Maribelle Dyoco

North Area Directors:

Johnny Abilay, Tessie Miguelino, Perry Reyes, Rollie Simeon, Cheryl Villena

South Area Directors:

Susan Cayco, Elnora Bugay, Juliet Espejo, Lydia Favor, Chola Pascua

B. 2022 Budget Review and Amendments
- the 2022 proposed budget was reviewed and revised/amended as shown below:

Proposed Budget for 2022: (Amended)

1. Project Expenses: . . . \$ 3,500 (\$ 6,100)

a. Scholarship Reserves . . .	\$ 1,000 (\$ 2,100)*
b. Computer Donation	1,000 (2,000)**
c. Balik-Scientist Project*. . . .	-0- (1,500)***
d. Community Service	500 (500)
e. Laptop for New Scholar	1,000 (-0-)****

2. Operating Expenses. . . . \$ 1,100

a. Newsletters	\$ 200
b. Meeting Venues	200
c. Donation to other UPAA . . .	300
d. Sunshine Fund	300
e. Contingency Fund	100

Total 2022 Expense Budget (As Amended) \$ 7,200

*(donation from the Cabacungan Family)
** (to UP Campuses—donation from Lydia Favor)
*** (for UPLB graduate student support)
**** (laptop for new scholar in 2nd semester, 2023)

C. Induction of Officers and 40th Year Anniversary Celebration: It was approved to have the 40th year anniversary celebration in September, 2022. Susan will check Vintage Garden in Modesto as venue. Maribelle will check on ordering mask with UP insignia to sell for fundraising.

D. UPAACC Newsletter - Winter 2022: The group thanked Rey Elizondo for his on-going effort to produce the newslet-

ters. Rey pointed out a correction on page 6 - Juliet Espejo's name. Rey announced that the next issue is for this coming Summer. He requested contributions from the members.

E. Tax Exempt Filing Status - 2021 Tax Year: Decision - Gemma Biscocho will complete the IRS filing and Lydia Favor will complete the State filing.

F. UPAACC Scholarship: the two talented scholars namely Jhermien Paul Alejandria and Jewelle Anne Limen were featured in the 2021 Winter issue of the newsletter. The current scholar, Jhermien, will be graduating this 2nd semester, 2022, and a new scholar will be selected in September, 2022 by the UP Office of Student Affairs and Services (UP OSS).

G. Balik Scientist - Dairy Cattle Project: Johnny Abilay reported the following updates:

- The plan for restoration of the UPLB DTRI building is in progress.
- Johnny offered to provide technical assistance as Adjunct Director of the Dairy Training and Research Institute (DTRI) at UPLB.

H. UPAACC Annual Gift Program Status - Rey Elizondo reminded everyone to send their gifts to the new UPAACC Treasurer, Annabelle Atienza.

I. Computer Donation - In 2020, the computer donation for UP campuses was diverted to the UP Kaagapay sa Pag-aaral Program - a total of \$ 6,000 was donated to this program (\$ 4,000 from Lydia Favor and \$ 2,000 from UPAACC). Until now, no acknowledgment letter has been received. Any further computer donation will be on hold at this time.

J. Fund Raising Drive for 2023 - Suggestions: Sale of T-shirts, masks or jackets. Chola Pascua will do the research on this. Target date to complete: September, 2022.

K. 40th Year Anniversary Calendar Financial Review

Total Amount Solicited	\$ 9,700.00*
Expenses (Printing)	(1,576.89)
(Mailing)	(112.90)
Net Solicitation	\$ 8,010.21

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2022 WINTER GENERAL MEETING

**(includes \$ 2,100 donation from the Cabacungan Family for the Scholarship program).*

L. Membership Drive: Update of the List of members

Rey Elizondo talked about the e-mail dated February 2, 2022 that he sent to the members with suggestions on how to increase membership. He suggested the following:

- Update the list of current members.
- Recruitment by "word of mouth".
- Social Media and LinkedIn - consolidate all UPAACC Facebook to one official one.
- Advertise in local Parish bulletins.
- Contact local Fil-Am Associations in each area and advertise in their newsletters.
- Contact professional associations in Central Valley such as Nursing and Engineering Associations.
- Contact all UP Alumni Associations in California.

The members agreed to the above suggestions. Rey credited Nena Nisperos for the suggestions above. He will do the following

for the membership drive:

- Call all Board Members for updates regarding recruitment.
- Print professional brochures and mail to potential members.
- In Social Media to consolidate the Association's Facebook to one. Assign Maribelle Dyoco, PRO, to look at possibilities.
- Advertise at local parish bulletins for 6 months at Churches in Modesto (2), Fresno (2) and Stockton (2); local UP Associations and other Filipino-American Associations; Professional Associations (Engineering, Nursing, Medical, etc.); UP Alumni Associations in Central California.

Some suggestions by the members:

- Lydia Favor suggested to forgo the membership fees to attract new members. This suggestion was approved. There will be no membership fee for new members in 2022 in commemoration of UPAACC's 40th anniversary. Rey will remove the application fee on the application form.
- Maribelle Dyoco suggested to give a copy of the newsletter to prospective

members. Rey volunteered to e-mail copies of the newsletter to prospective members. Everyone can also forward the newsletter to prospective members.

- Rollie Simeon suggested to invite prospective members to UPAACC meetings to meet members and have a feel of the organization.

M. Facebook - (Protocol or guidelines) - The UPAACC Facebook will be consolidated to one and establish use protocol or guidelines.

VII. Other Matters:

UPAA in America Typhoon Odette Relief Fund - discussion on UPAA in America's request for donation to Typhoon Odette Relief Fund. No decision was reached regarding this matter.

VIII. Next Meeting: The next meeting via ZOOM is scheduled for April 21, 2022, 7:00 PM Thursday, to be hosted by Gemma Biscocho.

IX. New Business: No new business.

X. Adjournment: The virtual meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Submitted by:

Nenita Eballa-Dean, Secretary

Approved by:

Susan Mendiola, President □

UP in the News



UP expanding the PGH to serve more Filipinos

The University of the Philippines (UP) is one step closer to providing ordinary Filipinos greater access to its brand of world-class and affordable tertiary hospital care and comprehensive cancer care through two upcoming projects: the UP Philippine General Hospital (UP PGH) Cancer Center and the UP PGH Diliman.

On March 10, 2022, the proposals for the two major infrastructure projects were elevated by the Investment Coordination Committee-Technical Working Group (ICC-TWG) to the ICC Technical Board (ICC-TB) for re-endorsement to the ICC Cabinet Committee (ICC-CC). The ICC-CC is the highest decision-making body in the Executive Branch that approves major capital projects.

Hopes are high for the ICC-CC's elevation of these priority health projects to the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board. Once the NEDA Board approves the projects, the bidding for private sector partners will begin.

The UP-PGH Cancer Center is the University's response to cancer care's growing challenge and complexity. It will be a 200 to 300-bed dedicated cancer center within the University's Manila campus in Ermita. With at least half of all beds exclusively serving underprivileged Filipinos, the new facility will offer advanced, integrated, and affordable oncology care services to those who cannot otherwise access the kind of treatments available in private hospitals.

The UP PGH is the largest government tertiary hospital in the country and the only national referral center for tertiary care. From its 10-hectare site in the UP Manila campus, and with its 1,100 beds and 400 private beds, the UP PGH provides direct and high-quality medical and healthcare to

more than 600,000 patients every year, including thousands indigent Filipinos from all over the country. □



UP LAW excels in Bar Exams 2020-2021

The University of the Philippines College of Law (LAW) excelled in the recently concluded bar examinations (BAR) 2020-2021. The bar was administered on Feb. 4 and 6 in 31 testing centers in 22 local government units, where 8,241 of the 11,402 takers passed with a remarkable overall passing rate of 72.28 percent.

Four of the 14 excellent passers, or those with a passing grade of above 90 percent, are from the LAW. The LAW had 372 passers out of its 379 takers, or a passing rate of 98.15 percent, landing them the second spot among law schools with more than 100 takers. The LAW has the largest contingent in this year's bar exams. □

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UPAACC Constitution & Bylaws

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve and promote the mission of the University of the Philippines and its alumni in a manner that enriches the quality of the institution, the lives of its members and the community.

UPAACC CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the:

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL
CALIFORNIA (UPAACC)

Section 2: Geographical Area (Central California) – The geographical area shall consist of the following:

UPAACC North - San Joaquin,

Stanislaus and Merced Counties

UPAACC South - Madera, Fresno and
Tulare Counties

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Central California are:

1. To provide assistance to the University of the Philippines as determined by the Association;
2. To promote a communication link between UPAACC members and the University of the Philippines;
3. To bring together graduates and individuals affiliated with the University of the Philippines in Central California for better mutual understanding and interchange of ideas among them;
4. To develop and strengthen the spirit of camaraderie among all members of this Association;
5. To promote social, cultural, and intellectual activities among members of this Association;
6. To welcome and assist new alumni and individuals affiliated with the University of the Philippines;
7. To provide community service in the geographical areas of the Association.

ARTICLE III: OFFICE

The principal address of the Association shall be in a location where the President resides, or an address the President may designate.

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ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Classification of Members

- 1.1 **Charter Members:** Those who were in attendance at the initial organizational meetings shall be Charter Members of the Association.
- 1.2 **Regular Members:** Holders of diplomas or certificates from the University of the Philippines.
- 1.3 **Associate Members:** Former regular students who earned at least 60 units and have not been dismissed from UP for disciplinary reasons.
- 1.4 **Affiliate Members:** Spouses of members of UPAACC and friends of UP who helped promote the objectives of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 1.5 **Honorary Members:** Individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession and career, and helped promote the objectives of the Association as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Responsibilities and Requirements of Members

- 2.1 All members, except Honorary Members, are to pay membership dues. All members are to actively support the activities of the Association.

Section 3: Admission of Members

- 3.1 Any prospective member shall submit an application to the Membership Committee and to be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, TERMS & DUTIES

Section 1: Officers of the Organization

The officers of the organization are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Public Relation Officers (PRO) and Area Directors.

- 1.1 The President and Vice-President shall come from different geographical areas of the Association.
- 1.2 The Secretary and Treasurer shall come from the same geographical area as the President.

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- 1.3 The Auditor shall be the immediate past Treasurer.
- 1.4 Five (5) Area Directors shall be elected from each geographical area.

Section 2: Term of Officers

The term of the officers shall be two (2) years. The leadership of the Association shall alternate between the two geographical areas every 2 years.

Section 3: Duties of the Officers

3.1 The President shall:

- a. Be the Executive Officer of the Association.
- b. Sign all checks with the Treasurer.
- c. Preside at all meetings.
- d. Appoint all chairs of Standing and Special Committees.
- e. Present reports at the meetings.
- f. Represent this Association at all official functions.

3.2 The Vice-President shall:

- a. Act as President in the absence of the President.
- b. In the event of a permanent vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall succeed the President.
- c. Be the chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- d. Be the President-elect for the next term.

3.3 The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep a permanent record of all meetings, Bylaws, standing rules, and committee appointments.
- b. Conduct the official correspondence of the Association.
- c. Keep a file of correspondence.
- d. Maintain and update a current list of names, addresses and telephone numbers & e-mail addresses of the entire membership.

3.4 The Treasurer shall:

- a. Collect all dues (regular and special) and all donations to the Association.
- b. Be the custodian of all the funds and other assets of the Association.
- c. Disburse all funds as authorized by the President.
- d. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the members.

3.5 The Auditor shall:

- a. Review all financial statements of the Association and submit annually an audited financial report of the Association.

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- b. Be responsible for filing of tax reports and receiving of corresponding documents.
- 3.6 **The Press Relations Officer (PRO)** shall be responsible for all news releases and in promoting all activities of the Association.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Policy Making Body

The policy making body of the Association shall be the Board of Directors which shall include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, PRO and Area Directors.

Section 2: Immediate Past President

The immediate past President shall automatically be a member of the Board of Directors, serving a term of two (2) years.

Section 3: Geographical Area Representation

The Area Directors shall be composed of five (5) representatives each from the two geographical areas of the Association.

Section 4: All Past Presidents

All past presidents as ex-officio members are invited to all board meetings on an advisory capacity.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES, DUTIES

The Association shall have the following Standing and Special committees:

1. *Membership*
2. *Ways and Means*
3. *Nominating*
4. *Ad Hoc*

Section 1: Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for providing membership application blanks to prospective members and presenting the names of such members to the Board of Directors. Area Directors shall serve as members of the Membership Committee.

Section 2: Ways and Means Committee

The Ways and Means Committee shall prepare a program of activities to raise funds for the Association to be used for purposes that the general membership deems necessary.

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Section 3: Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall prepare and submit to the Board of Directors at least one month prior to the election, a slate of nominees for the elective positions provided for in the Bylaws.

Section 4: Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee may be formed to address specific or immediate problems or needs of the Association. The President shall appoint the Ad Hoc Committee, as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Section 2: Annual Fees

The annual fee shall be determined by the members of the Association every two (2) years.

Section 3: Lifetime Membership Fee

The lifetime membership fee shall be determined by the members of this Association every two (2) years. The lifetime membership fee can be paid in three (3) installment payments within one (1) year of application.

ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

Section 1: General Meetings

There shall be at least two (2) general meetings during the fiscal year, one for each geographical area of the Association. All actions needed shall require the approval of 2/3 of the members present during the general meetings.

Section 2 - Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet at least one (1) week before each general meeting.

Section 3 - Geographical Area Meetings

Each geographical area shall hold at least one (1) meeting during the fiscal year.

Section 4: Special Meetings

The President as deemed necessary can call special meetings.

ARTICLE X: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1: Eligibility

To be eligible to be an elected officer of the Association, a member must be in

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good standing with the Association.

Section 2: Voting

Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3: Limitations

Candidates for President and Vice-President shall be limited to regular members.

Section 4: Vacancies

Any vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the President.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws

1.1 Whenever there is a need to revise the Constitution and Bylaws, the President shall appoint an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of at least three (3) active members of the Association to draft the necessary revisions.

1.2 The President and the Committee shall present the proposed revisions of the Constitution and Bylaws to the membership at a general meeting for approval by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership present. The voting can be by proxy.

ARTICLE XII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. The Robert Rules of Order:

The conduct of all meetings shall be governed by the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order.

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(UPAACC Constitution and Bylaws,
Revised August, 2019) □

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UPAACC NEWSLETTER

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OFFICERS 2022-2023

President **Susan Mendiola**
Vice President **Rey Elizondo**
Secretary **Nenita Dean**
Treasurer **Annabelle Atienza**
PRO **Maribelle Dyoco**
Auditor **Gemma Biscocho**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NORTH AREA

Johnny Abilay Tessie Miguelino
Perry Reyes Rolando Simeon
Cheryll Villena

SOUTH AREA

Elnora Bugay Susan Cayco
Juliet Espejo Lydia Favor
Chola Pascua

PAST PRESIDENTS

Norma Espiritu Cris Cabacungan+
Max Parayno, Jr.+ Cora Galvez
Johnny Quijano Rey Elizondo
August Lansigan Pete Mayol
Orly Dyoco Helen Reyes
Nenita Dean Arturo Nisperos
Gemma Biscocho Johnny Abilay
Lydia Favor Rolando Simeon

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PLEASE MAIL TO:



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UP on cusp of title, rallies to stun Ateneo in OT (81-74)

UP willed to a come-from-behind victory over defending champion Ateneo (81-74) in overtime and move on the cusp of the UAAP Season 84 men's basketball championship last Sunday, May 8.

Down 68-60 in the final two minutes of the payoff period, UP scored seven straight points to cut down the lead to 70-67 before UP's James Spencer delivered the game-tying triple. The Filipino-American forward also drilled a corner triple in overtime that tied the game at 74 with 3:46 remaining.

Rivero of UP also stepped up when it mattered most in the extra session, giving the Fighting Maroons a 77-74 edge off a three-point play and making a crucial steal that led to Tamayo's lay-up for a 79-74 breather. The graduating guard then sealed UP's first Finals win since 1986 with two free throws.

Ateneo failed to score a basket in the final four minutes of overtime, falling on the brink of getting dethroned after ruling the last three UAAP seasons. The Fighting Maroons will try to knock the Blue Eagles off their perch on Wednesday, May 11. □



UPLB alumni convene to strategize future-proofing of Philippine agriculture

After the great launch of UPLB's unified research and extension (R&E) agenda called "Accelerated Growth through One Research and Extension in Action (AGORA)", the UPLB Office of the Vice-Chancellor for R&E spearheaded a consultative workshop with UPLB alumni on March 22.

The event entitled "Mapping Out the Research for Development and Extension Agenda and Programs (R4DEAP) for Philippine Agriculture" was held at the Rural Economic Development and Renewable Energy Center (REDREC) Auditorium via video conferencing.

A panel composed of four UPLB alumni who have decades of experience in agriculture research and extension shared their insights during the consultation. The participants discussed the role of agricultural research and extension (R&E) and the alumni in realizing the vision of a sustainable, profitable, and future-proof agri-fishery sector.

The bulk of the group discussion that

followed was on advancements in smart and digital agriculture and making support accessible for smallholder farmers in a rapid evolving digital landscape.

The four-hour consultation was part of UPLB's ongoing technical assistance project with the Department of Agriculture (DA) called "Revitalizing the Technical Capabilities of DA in Support Towards the Transformative Programs and Policies for the Agricultural and Fisheries sector." □



UPD certified to start on-site classes

Three hundred thirty-eight graduating students (as of second semester and midyear, AY 2020-2021) who will signify readiness to participate may be allowed to attend limited face-to-face classes in UP Diliman starting January of this year.

UP Diliman (UPD) officially received certificates of authority from the Commission of Higher Education (CHED) to "reopen the campus for the conduct of limited face-to-face classes, internship, and clerkship." □

Source: UP System Website