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## **Minutes of the General Assembly (GA), 04.10.2024 (Zoom)**

Attendees: Doris Bacalzo, Bea Lorente, Annette Hug, Patrick Wirz, Tobias Schwörer, Lenny Bugayong, Eva Huber, Lily Fencik, Raquel Billones, Stephanie Heid. (Excused: Stephanie Willi)

### **1. Welcome and introductions**

We started with a round of introductions. The attendees introduced themselves. There were 10 participants. Some absent members who assist with our social media platforms were introduced as well: Johannes Manzanilla, Cécile Bünter.

#### **Duties and Minutes**

Lenny Bugayong facilitates the GA. Beatriz Lorente is the secretary for the minutes.

The minutes from the previous GA were unanimously approved.

### **2. Review 2023/2024**

#### **Activities of the association**

- Our activities from 2023 are documented in the Annual Report for 2023 (see our [website](#)). (Some highlights were presented as follows.)
- The bi-annual symposium was held on 9 June 2024 in Zurich. The theme of the symposium was “Nation in Motion: Changing representations of Philippine culture and identities”.
- Salas were organized in Zurich and Luzern. We had four salas, two in 2023 and two in 2024:
  - 28 April 2023, Malaya del Rosario on “The art scene in Manila”
  - 3 November 2023, Stefanie Meier on “The global care work economy: Philippine nurse migration to Europe”
  - 26 April 2024, Bettina Beer on “Three decades later: the persistent challenge of perpetrator-victim narratives”
  - Upcoming: 12 October 2024, Luna Sicat Cleto and Annette Hug, Poetry reading from “Offenes Meer”

- The association was also invited to facilitate workshops and to participate in various panel discussions (e.g. upcoming October 17 panel on decolonizing museum collections, Landesmuseum, Zurich)
- A podcast series on Philippine books was launched. The final episode (on Filipino-American literature) will air at the end of October.
- A report on the activities in 2024 will be included in the upcoming Annual Report that will be sent to members. There were no objections to the Annual Report for 2023.

### 3. Admin

#### Membership

- We have 43 members as of June 2024. There are CHF 380 in outstanding membership fees.
- There are different membership categories: regular, student and sponsor. Membership fees can now be paid via TWINT.
- Lily Fencik asked whether reminders about membership renewal could be sent. Patrick replied that reminders are being sent via the association's newsletter.

#### Finances

- **Income statement/Erfolgrechnung**
  - We had an annual profit (Jahresgewinn) of CHF 1051 for 2023.
  - In terms of income, slightly less fees were collected from members in 2023. 600 CHF was generated to support the podcast (300 CHF from Pamana.ch + 300 CHF honorarium from the Völkerkundemuseum)
  - By the end of 2023: we had 1761 CHF in cash, 380 CHF in accounts receivable and no outstanding invoices.
  - There were no questions regarding the financial report.
  - Patrick Wirz presented a brief forecast for 2024.
- **Audit of the report**

The annual accounts are accurate and transparent. The annual financial statements were unanimously accepted by the members, on the advice of the auditor, Tobias Schwörer.

### 4. (Re-)Election of Board Members

- A change in the board was announced. At the end of the year, Lenny Bugayong will be stepping down as chair. She will stay on as a member of the board. Patrick Wirz will be stepping down as treasurer. Lenny and Patrick thanked the members.
- Annette Hug and Beatriz Lorente were nominated to be co-chairs. Tobias Schwörer was nominated to be the treasurer. Patrick Wirz was nominated to be

the auditor. They were unanimously elected. Annette Hug and Beatriz Lorente will be co-chairs until the end of 2026.

- Lenny Bugayong, Doris Bacalzo and Stephanie Willi were unanimously (re-) elected as board members.

## 5. Outlook for end of 2024/2025

- Lai Delrosario is offering a study tour of the Philippine Pavilion at the Venice Biennale at the end of November.
- The Philippines will be the guest of honor at the Frankfurt Book Fair and at the Zofinger Literaturlage. We anticipate that there will be more interest in the Philippines as these events draw near. We hope to funnel inquiries or questions from the public to members of the community.
- Two salas will be organized during the year.
- We are considering starting a central repository of student papers, articles, columns on the Philippines. The aim would be to make this central repository available to the public.
- Members were invited to initiate activities or contribute through e.g., blog posts and possibly collaborations.

## 6. Strengthening our community

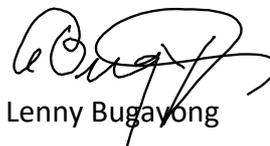
- In this interactive part of the GA, members were asked (with guiding questions) to think about and discuss how they could contribute to the association.
  - Lily Fencik announced the event by Kantahang Pambata event on 22 Nov.
  - Raquel, who works in the chemical industry and who is on the board of the Association for Medical Writers, offered her experience in career mentoring and counseling, e.g. medical writing, getting a foothold in the medical and science landscape of Switzerland
  - Eva Huber said she would be interested in helping to fundraise and organize events. She would also be able to contribute in translations (German, Filipino and English).
  - Patrick said he would keep up his interest in the Philippine food scene in Switzerland and Europe.
  - Doris is teaching a course on the Philippines at the University of Luzern and she plans to direct the students' interests to the Museum project.
  - Annette highlighted the possibilities the association offered for networking and collaborations by presenting an ongoing project.

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Beatriz Lorente

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Lenny Bugayong