



Alumni Foundation News

UERM MMC Alumni
Foundation USA, Inc.

Convention Special

July 31, 2003

Castro steps down, Elma is new chairman

The 15th alumni convention and reunion got off to an auspicious start as the alumni foundation held its annual meeting and elections at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Elizabeth, New Jersey yesterday afternoon. It was preceded by a short leadership workshop in the morning that focused on charitable giving and fundraising options.

Presided over by Dr. Conrad Miranda IV, president, the business session effectively tackled issues in the approval menu left over from last year's meeting in Honolulu. The board of trustees heard and approved with appropriate corrections the different committee reports particularly those of the treasurer's, constitution and by-laws, library, and the chairman's.

Making full use of the *uer-malumni.org*'s website edited

by former foundation vice-president Dr. David Roble '65, the board for the first time considered the very detailed reports of the chairman and treasurer which were earlier uploaded for all officers and interested parties to see.

Dr. Elmer Gilo, treasurer, reported net assets of \$380,133 as of end of reporting cycle. Dr. Bayani Elma proposed needed changes to the constitution for better governance. Full reports



Dr. El Castro '63

will be detailed in the next issue of the foundation newsletter.

In the elections, six members of the board of trustees were voted in, five (Drs. Bayani Elma, Jose Prudencio, Renato Raymundo, Manuel Blas and Isabelita Barnachea-Casibang) will serve for 3 years till 2006 while one, Dr. Roy Baldomero, will serve out the remaining 2 years of Dr. El Castro's term. Dr. Castro resigned his seat in the board upon completing his current 3-year term as chairman to concentrate on fundraising and support activities.

The trustees then elected the following officers: Bayani Elma, chairman; Renato Querubin, vice-chairman; Conrad Miranda, IV, president; Dekiam Ong, vice-president; Roly Mendoza, secretary; Isabelita B. Casibang, assistant secretary and parliamentarian; Elmer Gilo, treasurer;



Dr. Bayani Elma '68

Roy Baldomero, assistant treasurer; and new committee members Evasio Cagande and Dr. Koto Shoda '87.

In his "Final Thoughts," Castro expressed confidence that with good leadership, the foundation's survival is assured and called for future changes that are "positive and enduring" to make it so. To all members and leaders he counseled: "Humility to superiors is a duty. Humility to success is a triumph. Humility to failure is nobility!" Elma accepted his election saying "the task of chairman is daunting but I am humbled by your trust and confidence!" He earlier echoed the cornerstone of Castro's leadership as he said "charity is the mother of all virtues!"

Formal turnover ceremonies and orientation of new trustees and officers will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 2 at the Regent.

Big turnout expected

As the Northeast Chapter settles down to welcome alumni from across the country and the Philippines, latest figures made available yesterday by Dr. Belen Frias-Gilo who is in charge of registration, show that as many as 290 alumni and their families are expected to arrive today in New York City, 158 of whom are enrolled for the CME, 383 are coming to the welcome party at the Ritz tonight, and 449 to the gala. As of presstime, more are faxing their registrations in.

Leading the delegates are 62 pearl jubilarians from twin class '73, followed by 38 class '63 ruby celebrants, 34 class '78 silver, this year's primary honorees, and 23 class '77, last year's Hawaiian honorees.

Classes represented range from the trailblazer class of '61 with 9 attendees to the freshly minted class of 2003 (1). Most will be coming from New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Illinois, Pennsylvania, California, Virginia and Florida.

Golf warm-up was already held yesterday at the Bethpage course by 40 golfers led by Dr. Andy Antonio. About the same are expected to tee off today for the official game. Winners will be known at tonight's reception.

Convention Prayer

Lord, we give you thanks today for gathering us from the four winds to reminisce, to learn, to share, to rest. Help us to accept one another as you have taught us. Imbue us

with your spirit during our deliberations and celebrations. Enable us to affirm the idealism of our students, edify the dedication of our teachers, and honor the innovation

of our administrators so that out of our Alma Mater's halls come physicians who will take compassion on the sick, the poor, needy and oppressed.

To your Holy One who calms the troubled sea, cures both lame and insane, restores the lifeless, we offer all. Amen.



Officers old and new



Dr. Querubin



Dr. Miranda IV



Dr. Ong



Dr. Mendoza



Dr. Gilo



Dr. Baldomero



Dr. Casibang



Dr. Prudencio



Dr. Blas



Dr. Raymundo



Dr. Shoda '87 urges trustees to look at fundraising alternatives.



Lou Tumolo and Evasio Cagande of American Express, the foundation pre-confab meeting's sponsors offer donor advised funds as vehicle for charitable giving.



Pre-convention meeting participants listen to speakers yesterday at the Courtyard by Newark's Airport.

Foundation mulls funding requests

Three months after Dr. El Castro conducted a seminar on the mechanics of funding programs at UERMMMC, the different units of the center forwarded their requests totaling approximately \$171,742.

Review of the requests by the staff shows that the biggest items are for medical equipment and instruments for the clinics, most particularly in ENT, OB-GYN, ophthalmology, and anesthesiology. In the basic sciences, the biggest request is for anatomical models.

The bulk of requests from administration is for the dean's information technology project while the most for faculty support is for a one-year study travel grant for an internist-pulmonologist training in sleep medicine in Australia.

The rest are items that are already funded in the foundation's project programs for the current five-year cycle. About \$15,000 a year is being sent to UERMMMC under this program. Disbursements have been withheld for several months because of inadequate documentation of requests that has now

been rectified.

In a related development, the alumni foundation in its discussions yesterday is gearing for an aggressive campaign to raise \$1 million for its fledgling endowment fund which the trustees hope to put the foundation in sound financial footing in perpetuity. An endowment is a charitable funding that utilizes only the earnings of the fund and keeps the principal intact. The foundation calls on all alumni, individually or in groups or classes, to contribute to this fund.

Meanwhile, two weeks before the convention, the foundation received the wish list from the dean's office. This will be presented to alumni at the general assembly on Saturday, August 2nd.

1. Administrative Support

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| a. Dean's IT | \$22,151 |
| b. Secretariat | 1,177 |
| c. P-D | 3,300 |
| d. Alumni liaison | 833 |

2. Departments

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|-------------------|--------|
| a. Anatomy | 12,714 |
| b. Anesthesiology | 2,960 |
| c. Com. Med. | 1,360 |

d. ENT 63,808

e. Ophthalmology 3,000

f. Micro./Para. 180

g. OB-GYN 17,100

h. Medicine 2,828

i. Pharmacology 508

3. Faculty Support

a. Study grant 10,700

b. 1st As-Pac Med. conference 1,863

c. Best Teacher 1,000

4. Student Awards

a. Scholarships 12,150

b. Com. Med. 153

5. Lectures

a. Cuyegkeng 787

b. Baccay 556

c. Guevara, Sr. 425

d. Yambao 720

e. OB-GYN post-graduate course 9,606

6. Library 9,500

Total of Requests \$171,742

The above requests will be processed by the respective foundation committees in the next several weeks for final decision. Your generous support is always welcome and appreciated.