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PLAI Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, Flagship Program and Motto

Vision

The PLAI envisions a strong association of Filipino librarians committed to the library profession as a means of improving the quality of life and learning, be competitive with other professions and responsive to the ever changing demands of information users.

Mission

The PLAI is committed to nurture and promote all libraries in the country and foster professional growth and performance of its members.

Goal

The main goal of the association is to support and advance the practice of librarianship in the Philippines.

General Objectives

To attain its vision, mission and goal, the association has the following general objectives:

1. To require all practicing librarians to be duly registered as such as mandated by law and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) of the Philippines;
2. To formulate and undertake programs/projects or activities that would ensure growth and development of librarians, librarianship, and libraries in the country;
3. To provide fora for discussing problems, issues and concerns and trends affecting the practice of librarianship, the association, and its members;
4. To generate support for professionalism and cooperation between and among the librarians and other professionals;
5. To strengthen linkages with regional, national and international organizations within and outside the profession;

6. To undertake research and publications about the history, trends, practices and related topics affecting the profession.

Flagship Program

Registration of all professionally qualified librarians.

Motto: CONSTANT AND NEVER ENDING INVOLVEMENT

2007-2008 PLAI Board of Trustees

On November 14, 2007, the House of Delegates representing fifteen Regional Councils elected the following to serve in 2008: Mrs. Myrna F. Acedera, City Librarian, Cagayan de Oro City Library and Information Center; Ms. Nora Fe H. Alajar, City Librarian, Davao City Library and Information Center; Dr. Enrique T. Cayaban, Director of Libraries, Saint Mary's University; Miss Donnabella P. Marilag, Chief Librarian, Naga College Foundation; Mrs. Lourdes V. Soriano, Provincial Librarian, Laguna Provincial Library; and Mrs. Lorna T. Yso, University Librarian, Silliman University.

Joining them were Mrs. Susima L. Gonzales, President, Library Consultant, Capitol College of Nursing; Mrs. Thelma S. Kim, Vice-President, Professor, Saint Louis University; Mrs. Marlo C. Chavez, Secretary, Consultant, San Beda College; Mrs. Zoraida E. Bartolome, Treasurer, University Librarian, Central Luzon State University; Mrs. Fe E. Abelardo, Assistant Treasurer, Reference Division Chief, The National Library; Miss Belen M. Vibar, Auditor, University Librarian, University of Asia and the Pacific; Dr. Marilou P. Tadlip, Public Relations Officer, Director of Libraries, University of San Carlos; Mrs. Hinie S. Gonzales, Trustee, University Librarian, University of St. La Salle; and Mrs. Rebecca B. Napiere, Trustee, University Librarian, Visayas State University.

2007-2008 National Conferences

The National Congress on Developing Competencies: Challenges and Issues was held at the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde Angelo King International Conference Center in Malate, Manila on November 12-14, 2007. Keynote speaker was Dr. Nilo S. Rosas, Commissioner, Professional Regulation Commission. There were 10 sessions and 3 product demos. The House of Delegates meeting was held on the 14th where the body approved the draft of the new by-laws, followed by the General Assembly. Around 150 librarians attended this activity. Chair of this conference was Prof. Thelma S. Kim.

The National Conference with the theme The Multicultural Landscape of Philippine Librarianship was held at the Grand Men Seng Hotel in Davao City, Davao del Sur on November 20-22 2008. It was co-sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the PLAI-Davao Region Librarians Council and the City Government of Davao. The House of Delegates Meeting was held on the 20th. Elected chairman was R. Dante O. Perez, Vice-Chairman, Rene B. Manlangit while Audrey G. Anday was appointed Secretary. The General Assembly was held on the 22nd.

2007-2008 National Book Week

The theme of the 73rd National Book Week celebration on November 24-30, 2007 was Family Literacy: Reading Begins With Us. The Opening Ceremonies were held on the 24th at The National Library Auditorium with the Fun Walk and Book Character Parade. Guest speaker was Atty. Adel A. Tamano, President of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. The Fellowship Luncheon was held at the Kamay Kainan, Trinoma in North Triangle, Quezon City on the 30th. Awardees were Atty. Antonio M. Santos, Hall of Fame; Prudenciana C. Cruz and Milagros S. Ong, Professional Awards; Eva B. Brillo, Cirilo B. Perez Award; Thelma S. Kim, Severino Velasco Award; and Rebecca M. Jocson, Mona Lisa P. Leguiab and Susan O. Pador, Service Awards. Fourteen past PLAI presidents attended the occasion. Chairperson of the NBW Committee was Ms. Belen M. Vibar, University Librarian of the University of Asia and the Pacific.

The theme of the 74th National Book Week celebration on November 24-30, 2008 was Ang Batang Palabasa Dalubhasa sa Kultura. The Opening Ceremonies were held on the 24th at The National Library Auditorium. The Fellowship Luncheon and Librarians' Day were held on the 28th at the Shangri-la Restaurant, West Triangle, Quezon

City. Awardees were Belen M. Vibar, Cirilo B. Perez Award; Flora A. Valmonte and Lilia F. Echiverri, Service Awards; Celedonia R. Cayaban, Special Award; and a Plaque of Appreciation to The National Library. Chairperson of the NBW Committee was Mrs. Fe E. Abelardo, PLAI Trustee and Chief of the Reference/Asia Division of The National Library.

2008 Library and Information Services Month

Pursuant to the provision of Proclamation No. 837, dated November 19, 1991, "Declaring the month of November 1991 and every year thereafter as 'Library and Information Services Month', the theme for 2008's celebration was Philippine Libraries and Librarians in the Midst of Global Competitiveness. It was sponsored by the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services, The National Library and the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.

PLAI Foundation Day

The 85th Founding Anniversary of PLAI was observed on December 8, 2008.

PLAI Activities

July 26-28, 2007 Seminar-Workshop in Emerging Technologies for Librarians held at The National Library Auditorium. Keynote speaker was Hon. Fortunato T. Dela Pena, DOST Undersecretary, while principal speaker was Dr. Robert D. Stewart, Dean and Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Library and Information Service, Simmons College, USA. The other speakers and their topics were: Salvacion M. Arlante on Technological Information in Philippine Libraries; Edgardo B. Quiros on Creation Control and Preservation of Digital Resources; Hon. Elizabeth R. Peralejo on Multi-Media and the Information Professionals; Florenda D. Mallari on Integration of Traditional and Digital References Service; and Susima L. Gonzales on Philippine Librarianship Updates. 150 participants attended the activity.

August 30, 2007 Forum on Managing Disaster for Libraries co-sponsored by the PLAI-National Capital Region Librarians Council, National Book Store and Anvil

Publishing was held at the Manila International Trade Center in Pasay City during the 28th Manila International Book Fair. The speaker was Prof. Heather Mansell, Preservation Consultant and Secretary of State, New South Wales, Australia.

April 22-25, 2008 Study Visit to Libraries, Museums and Archives in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in conjunction with the attendance of the Philippine delegation to the 2nd Meeting of the CONSAL XIV Executive Board. Nineteen participants attended the activity.

July 23-25, 2008 Conference on Information Access: Internet and Libraries co-sponsored by the National Capital Region Librarians Council in cooperation with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions-Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (IFLA-FAIPE) was held at the City Garden Suites in Ermita, Manila.

September 15, 2008. Forum on Websites Evaluation for Research and Awarding Ceremonies Honoring the Great Men and Women of Asia was held at the SMX Convention Center Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, Mall of Asia Complex in Pasay City during the 29th Manila International Book Fair.

PLAI Caraga Region Librarians Council

On **May 23, 2008**, the PLAI-Caraga Region Librarians Council was organized during the 2nd Regional Convention for Caraga Libraries with the theme The Role of Libraries and Library Professionals in E-Learning: a Continuing Awareness sponsored by the Caraga Librarians and Libraries Association, Inc. held at the Surigao Education Center Audiovisual Room in Surigao City, Surigao del Norte on May 22-23, 2008.

Regional Councils' Activities

February 23, 2007 Seminar on Revitalizing the Library Profession: Library Standards in the Philippines sponsored by the Saint Louis University Libraries and the Cordillera Administrative Region Librarians Council was held at the Saint Louis University Libraries in Baguio City.

April 18, 2007 Forum on Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for Librarians sponsored by the Southern Tagalog Region Librarians Council held at the Lyceum of Batangas in Batangas City.

April 19-20, 2007 Seminar-Workshop on Library Marketing Strategies sponsored by the Ilocos Region Librarians Council was held at the Department of Education Regional Educational Learning Center in San Vicente, San Fernando City, La Union.

April 23, 2007 Lecture-Forum on Index to Philippine Newspapers sponsored by the National Capital Region Librarians Council was held at The National Library Auditorium in Ermita, Manila.

May 28-29, 2007 Seminar-Workshop on the theme Revitalizing the Library Collection: Implications to Library Cooperation sponsored by the Cordillera Administrative Region Librarians Council and the Baguio-Benguet Librarians Association, Inc. was held at the University of the Philippines-Baguio in Baguio City.

July 18, 2007 Re-Organization and Re-Echo of Library Updates sponsored by the Soccsksargen Region Librarians Council was held at the Notre Dame of Marbel University in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

August 30, 2007 Forum on Managing Disasters for Libraries sponsored by the National Capital Region Librarians Council in cooperation with National Book Store and Anvil Publishing, Inc. was held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City.

August 31, 2007 Roundtable Discussion on Strategies for Marketing Library Services sponsored by the Central Luzon Region Librarians Council was held at the Angeles University Foundation in Angeles City, Pampanga.

October 10, 2007 Seminar on Research in Librarianship: Challenges, Competencies and Strategies and General Assembly sponsored by the Southern Tagalog Region Librarians Council was held at the La Vista Pansol Resort in Pansol, Calamba City, Laguna.

October 17-19, 2007 Training Program on Digitization of Documents sponsored by the Central Luzon Region Librarians Council in cooperation with the University of the Philippines School of Library and Information Studies was held at the Angeles University Foundation in Angeles City, Pampanga.

January 31, 2008 Forum on Marketing and Promoting Client-Centered Library Services sponsored by the Central Luzon Region Librarians Council was held at the University of the Assumption in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

April 4-5, 2008 Seminar-Workshop on the theme CAR Consortium: Uniting Libraries North of Manila (Phase IV) sponsored by the Cordillera Administrative Region Librarians Council and the Baguio-Benguet Librarians Association, Inc. in cooperation with the University of the Cordilleras was held at the University of the Cordilleras Theater in Baguio City.

May 28-29, 2008 Seminar on Learning and Re-Learning Technical Services in Libraries sponsored by the Central Luzon Region Librarians Council was held at the University of the Assumption in Del Pilar, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

June 13, 2008 1st Raul S. Roco Library Lecture/Regional Conference of Public Librarians sponsored by the Raul S. Roco Library, City Government of Naga in cooperation with the Raul S. Roco Foundation, The National Library and the Bicol Region Librarians Council was held at the Naga Youth Center in Naga City, Camarines Sur.

June 26-28, 2008 Seminar on Strengthening the Mathematical Equation of Collection Development and Regional Book Fair sponsored by the Baguio-Benguet Librarians Association, Inc. and the Cordillera Administrative Region Librarians Council was held at the Baguio-Benguet Community Credit Cooperative in Baguio City.

August 28, 2008 Forum on Libraries and Librarians: Their Roles in the Research Process sponsored by the Central Luzon Region Librarians Council in cooperation with the Holy Angel University was held at the Holy Angel University Multi-Purpose Hall in Angeles City, Pampanga.

September 24-26, 2008 Regional Conference on the theme Regional Conference on Empowering Librarians in the 21st Century and General Assembly sponsored by the Southern Tagalog Region Librarians Council was held at the Queen Margarett Hotel in Lucena City, Quezon.

November 6-7, 2008 Seminar-Workshop on Basic Archival Principles and Book Preservation sponsored by the Western Visayas Region Librarians Council in cooperation with the Center for Human Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held at the John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University in Molo, Iloilo City, Iloilo.

IFLA/UNESCO Train the Trainers Workshop

Funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), the IFLA/FAIPE Train the Trainers Workshop was held in Manila on July 21-22, 2008. The trainers were Paul Sturges, Chair, FAIPE; Barbara Jones, FAIPE Secretary and University Librarian, Wesleyan University, USA; and Loida Garcia-Febo, FAIPE member and Assistant Coordinator of Special Services, Queens Library, USA.

2007-2008 PRC Outstanding Librarians

Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz, Director of The National Library, was conferred the 2007 Outstanding Professional Librarian during the Professional Regulation Commission's Awards Night at the Philippine Plaza Hotel on June 22, 2007. A graduate of Bachelor of Science in Education, major in Library Science from the University of San Carlos in 1964 and Master of Library Science from the University of the Philippines in 1995, she was cited: For exemplary dedication, competence and integrity in the practice of her profession which earned her prestigious awards such as, the Ten Outstanding Boholanos in the Whole World and the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) Service Award in 2006, the 2005 ADOC Award for the Best e-Practices in Taipei and the Hall of Fame Award by the PLAI in 2004 among others; for her outstanding innovations and modern contributions as Director of the National Library of the Philippines, as Project Manager and Steering Committee member of the Philippine eLib Project and as an effective writer, publisher and resource speaker updating other librarians about their profession; for her important involvement and active leadership in various local and international professional activities which put the Filipino Librarians at the forefront of international librarianship; and for her deep concern on social responsibility which she amply demonstrated through her active participation in the Carlos P. Garcia Foundation, Inc. and Kaliwat Alburanon in Metro Manila, Inc.

Mrs. Lourdes T. David, Library Director of the Ateneo de Manila University Rizal Library, was conferred the 2008 Outstanding Professional Librarian during the Professional Regulation Commission's Awards Night at the Manila Hotel's Fiesta Pavillion on June 20, 2008. A Master of Library Science graduate from the University of the Philippines in 1985, she was cited: For her sterling accomplishments as an internationally renowned professional, demonstrating exemplary dedication, competence and integrity, thus earning for her prestigious awards including the Library Technology Award of the University Microfilms International in New York and the Excellence in Library Automation Award of the Electronic Online Systems International; for her invaluable contributions in preparing the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization training modules on library management, information and communication technology, marketing information services, digital libraries and intellectual property rights; for her active involvement in various local and international professional activities which have put Filipino librarians at the forefront of international librarianship; for her able leadership of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc.; and for selflessly sharing her knowledge and expertise through published works and papers delivered at international and local conferences.

President's Reports

by Susima L. Gonzales

January-December 2007

January 1, 2007 was the start of the first year of this 12-year term. By late February 2007, Ms. Shirley L. Nava, the Secretary resigned due to her new overseas job. Immediately, the Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Marlo C. Chavez as Secretary. The 2007 PLAI Officers and Board of Trustees were: Susima L. Gonzales, President; Thelma S. Kim, Vice-President; Marlo C. Chavez, Secretary; Zoraida E. Bartolome, Treasurer; Fe E. Abelardo, Assistant Treasurer; Belen M. Vibar, Auditor; Dr. Marilou P. Tadlip, PRO; Trustees: Myrna F. Acedera, Rosemarie E. Ante, Salvacion M. Arlante, Jane L. Bebung, Dr. Marianita D. Dablio, Hinie S. Gonzales, Rebecca B. Napiere, Rosario E. Ruiz and Illuminada W. Yap.

There were 7 regular and 2 special meetings of the Board.

The Board approved nine Resolutions:

Resolution No. 1 – Constituting the Committee for the selection of Outstanding Professional of the Year

Resolution No. 2 – Additional signatory to PLAI accounts

Resolution No. 3 – Endorsing the nomination of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), the accredited Professional Organization (APO) for Librarians, for the “Outstanding Professional of the Year” in Library Science

Resolution No. 3a – Opening a PLAI-CONSAL account at the Philippine National Bank, T. M. Kalaw Branch

Resolution No. 4 – Granting a Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) allowance to Board Members for attendance to board meetings and One Hundred Fifty Pesos (150.00) communication allowance of the Secretary

Resolution No. 5 – Reappointing 2006 NOMELEC for the 2007 NBOT election

Resolution No. 6 – Grant \$100 allowance to Ms. Lilia F. Echiverri for her IFLA- FAIFE training

Resolution No. 7 – Making immediate past President as Ex-Officio member of the NBOT

Resolution No. 8 – Opening of a Regional Council Bank Account

Resolution No. 9 – Closing of the Scholarship funds account

The Board issued seven Memoranda to Regional Council chairs:

Memorandum No. 1 – Submission of council reports and documents

Memorandum No. 2 – Submission of council membership/remittance of PLAI share for 2007

Memorandum No. 3 – Advertisement to the 2007 National Book Week

Memorandum No. 4 – Reappointment of 2006 National NOMELEC for the 2007 NBOT Election

Memorandum No. 5 – Council Nomelec to conduct council elections

Memorandum No. 6 – Submission of 2007 membership for election purposes

Memorandum No. 7 – General Assembly notice of meeting/agenda for General Assembly/ Reminders from PLAI NBOT

The Board also approved the following committee appointments: Committee for the Search and Selection of Nominees for 2007 Outstanding Professional, Mrs. Thelma S. Kim, National Vice President, Chair, with Ms. Elsa V. Guarino and Ms. Belen M. Vibar, Vice Presidents of Region IV and NCR, respectively, as members. There were two nominees, Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz, Director, TNL, and Mrs. Mila M. Ramos, IRRRI Los Baños. Mrs. Cruz was selected 2007 Outstanding Professional Librarian. The Conference Committee headed by Mrs. Thelma S. Kim, gave sub-committee assignments. The National Book Week Committee was composed of Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz and Mrs. Susima L. Gonzales as Honorary Chairs and Mrs. Thelma S. Kim and Ms. Belen M. Vibar as Overall Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. The Awards Committee composed of Mrs. Thelma S. Kim as Chair with Ms. Belen M. Vibar and Ms. Elsa V. Guarino as members selected the Hall of Fame, Professional and Service Awardees together with the Cirilo B. Perez Award, 2006 NBW Chair, and the Severino Velasco Award, 2006 Conference Chair. The members of the Committee on Publications were Mr. R. Dante O. Perez and Mrs. Susima L. Gonzales while for Research was Mrs. Salvacion M. Arlante. The Task Force to Study and Propose Council By-laws were given to Atty. Antonio M. Santos as Chair with Mrs. Milagros S. Ong and Mrs. Susima L. Gonzales as members.

The Board spearheaded the following activities: Seminar Workshop on Emerging Trends in Libraries on July 24-26 at the TNL Auditorium co-sponsored with the

National Capital Region Librarians Council; Forum on Managing Disaster in Libraries on August 30 at the World Trade Center co-sponsored with National Capital Region Librarians Council, Anvil Publishing and National Book Store; National Congress on Developing Competencies: Challenges and Issues on November 12-14 at the De La Salle-College of St. Benilde, Angelo King International Conference Center in Malate, Manila; National Book Week on November 24-30; and the Fellowship Luncheon at Trinoma, North Triangle, Quezon City on November 29.

There were three Executive Meetings of member countries of CONSAL. Each member country has three members. The 1st Executive Meeting of Consal XIV held in Hue City, Vietnam on April 19-22 was attended by Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz, representing TNL, Atty. Antonio M. Santos representing the academe and Mrs. Susima L. Gonzales representing the Association.

The Association also updated its IFLA membership.

The Association also had linkages with the Philippine Sports for All Association International headed by Mrs. Josefina Bauzon. As agreed upon, PLAI joined them in their regional seminars. PLAI will have a day forum/lecture with the Regional Councils. PLAI representatives will be given free transportations and accommodations.

There were four regional visits conducted: Region VII – Cebu City. ALBASA Seminar May 2007; Region V – Legazpi City, Albay – Aquinas University. September 28-29, 2007; Region IV – Pansol, Laguna, October 9-10, 2007; and Region II-Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

Despite repeated follow-ups, results of membership remittances were very discouraging. Because of this, the Board worked for a measure to ensure payment of membership nationwide be imposed vigorously.

As President, I attended regular meetings of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee on Libraries and Information Services as Ex-Officio member; appointed Assistant Secretary – Business & Social Council of the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations; appointed liaison officer to the Professional Regulation Commission to follow up accreditation matters; and member of the Executive Board of CONSAL XIV.

The 2006 PLAI Newsletter has been released and the pre-final draft of the Roster of Librarians has been prepared as of September 30, 2007 together with the PLAI Handbook of Information.

The Association received the following donations: 1 unit 8 cu. ft. refrigerator from the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians; 1 unit digital camera from Kim Belleza; 1 unit water dispenser from the Philippine Group of Law Librarians; 1 steel cabinet with safe from Forefront; P100,000.00 from IGroup; and \$200.00 from Edna J. Recaña and Shirley L. Nava.

January-December 2008

The 2008 PLAI Officer and Board were as follows: Susima L. Gonzales, President; Thelma S. Kim, Vice-President; Marlo C. Chavez, Secretary; Zoraida E. Bartolome, Treasurer; Fe E. Abelardo, Assistant Treasurer; Belen M. Vibar, Auditor; and Dr. Marilou P. Tadlip, PRO; Trustees: Myrna F. Acedera, Nora Fe H. Alajar, Dr. Enrique T. Cayaban, Dr. Marianita D. Dablo, Hinie S. Gonzales, Donabella P. Marilag-Obias, Rebecca B. Napiere, Lourdes V. Soriano and Lorna T. Yso.

There were 10 regular and 2 special meetings of the Board including 2 meetings with library associations' presidents.

The Board approved twenty-one Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 1 - Selection of PRC Outstanding Professional 2008
- Resolution No. 2 - Dropping the Bad Debts in the 2007 Financial Statement
- Resolution No. 3 - Intensifying the Collection of Membership Fees and Condoning Uncollected Fees for 2005-2007
- Resolution No. 4 - Increase transportation allowance for attending Board Meetings
- Resolution No. 5 - Approval of the 2007 Financial Statement
- Resolution No. 6 - Transportation and representation allowance of PLAI President
- Resolution No. 7 - Endorsing the Nomination of PLAI for the Outstanding Professional of the Year in Library Science
- Resolution No. 8 - Declaration for a Librarians' Day
- Resolution No. 8A - Attachment of PLAI O.R. for PRC Renewal
- Resolution No. 9 - Direct Payment of Membership Dues to Councils
- Resolution No. 10 - 2008 Interim Election Guidelines
- Resolution No. 10A - Closing of donation Savings Account
- Resolution No. 11 - Reprimand to STLRC
- Resolution No. 12 - Nomination of Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz for Philippine Federation of Professional Association (PFPA) Search for Award of Excellence
- Resolution No. 13 - Increase in Membership Dues Effective January 2009
- Resolution No. 14 - Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (SEC) on the existence of the Corporation

- Resolution No. 15 - HOD Internal Rules
- Resolution No. 16 - National election guidelines
- Resolution No. 17 – Resolution to SEC Re-registration of the PLAI using the same corporate name
- Resolution No. 18 – Resolution for the Composition of the Eleven (11) Incorporators for the Re-Incorporation Registration of the PLAI with the SEC
- Resolution No. 19 – Constituting a Committee for the Nomination to the Regulatory Board for Librarians

The Board issued seven Memoranda to Regional Council chairs:

- Memorandum No. 1 - Selection of the Outstanding Professional of the Year and Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization of the Year
- Memorandum No. 2 - Payment of Membership Dues on/before June 30 as provided in the New Bylaws (Art. 4, Sect. 3)
- Memorandum No. 3 - List of Paid Members (2008) Received Directly by PLAI National
- Memorandum No. 4 - Calling Council NOMELEC to Conduct Council Election
- Memorandum No. 5 - Submission of Annual Report & Election Results
- Memorandum No. 6 - Notice of General Assembly Meeting/Agenda for the General Assembly
- Memorandum No. 7 - Submission of Report on Accomplishment and Financial/ 3 HOD Members/ List of council members & remittance of PLAI share

The Board also approved the following committee appointments: Conference/National Book Week Chair, Thelma S. Kim; NBW Co-Chair, Fe E. Abelardo; Search/Selection of Nominees for 2008 Outstanding Professional, Thelma S. Kim, Chair, with Zoraida E. Bartolome and Fe E. Abelardo as members; Awards, Thelma S. Kim, Chair, with Marlo C. Chavez and Belen M. Vibar as members; Publication, R. Dante O. Perez (Newsletter/Journal); Anniversary (85th), Belen M. Vibar; Advisers, Atty. Antonio M. Santos with Prudenciana C. Cruz and Teresita C. Moran as members; Coordinator, Vietnam Consal XIV Attendance, Teresita C. Moran; and APO CPE Council, Mrs. Susima L. Gonzales, Chair, with Marlo C. Chavez and Fe E. Abelardo as members.

The Board spearheaded the following activities: Forum on Women Wellness and Medical Mission co-

sponsored by The National Library and the Philippine Association for Sports and AII on March 11; Train of the Trainers Seminar Workshop on Internet Access at TNL Data Center in cooperation with IFLA-FAIFE on July 20-21; National Conference on Multicultural Landscape of Philippine Librarianship at Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City, co-sponsored with NCCA-NCLIS and PLAI-Davao Region Librarians Council in cooperation with the Davao City Government on Nov. 20-22; National Book Week celebration with the theme Ang Batang Palabasa Dalubhasa sa Kultura on November 24-30; Forum on Ethical Accountability and Professional Development on November 25; and Library and Information Services Month (Proclamation No. 843). The General Assembly and the election of the 2009-2010 National Board of Trustees and House of Delegates officers were held during the National Conference.

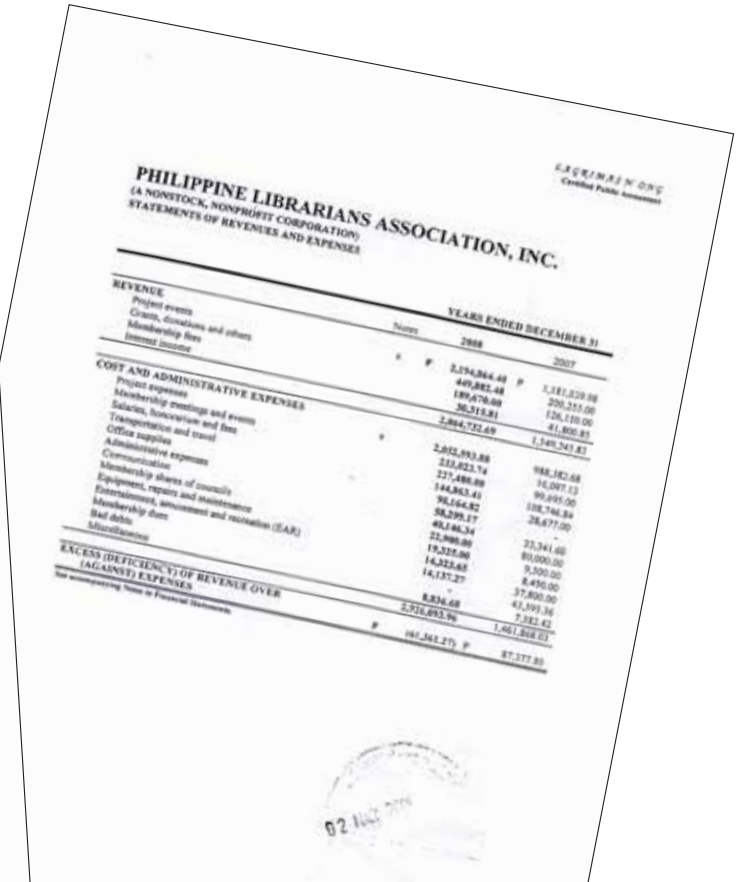
The Board also established linkages with the IFLA-Committee on Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expressions (FAIFE) and accomplished the following: nomination of Mrs. Lourdes T. David to the 2008 PRC Outstanding Professional Librarian; Roster of Librarians up to December 2008; approval of the new By-Laws by the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 2008; new accreditation as APO (PRC Resolution No. 2008-438, series 2008); updated IFLA membership payment; accreditation of CARAGA Region Librarians Council on May 23, 2008; and the accreditation of PLAI as a CPE Provider.

As President, I attended regular meetings of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts-National Committee on Libraries and Information Services as Ex-Officio member and represented the Association to the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations; CPE Council for Librarians; APO CPE Council; CHED; and Executive Board of CONSAL XIV.

Initial preparations were made for the 2007-2008 PLAI Newsletter, PLAI Handbook of Information and the PLAI Journal.

The Board received the following donations: computer/printer from 3M; 21-inch TV set from Fully-Booked; 3 in 1 photocopying machine swap with a printer from Mrs. Prudenciana C. Cruz; computer table and P1,500.00 from ASLP; P 10,000.00 for Anniversary souvenirs items from ABAP; P1,000.00 from City Garden Hotel; and the Directory of 2008 PLAI Board & National Trustees and Mission/Vision Marker (Brass) funded by the Filipino librarians of U. S. Virgin Islands which was installed in October 2008.

A total of 1,196 members paid their 2008 membership fees.



2008 Librarian Licensure Examination

The 17th Librarian Licensure Examination was held on November 11-12, 2008 in Manila, Baguio City, Legazpi City, Zamboanga City and Davao City.

CONSAL XIV

The 14th General Conference of the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians (CONSAL) with the theme Towards Dynamics Libraries and Information Services in Southeast Asian Countries will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam on April 20-23, 2009. For particulars, please check www.consall4.vn

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