



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 47th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5th Floor, First Pacific Hall, Rizal Library,
Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City
January 31, 2020

1 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

2 The President, Dr. Fernan Dizon, called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM.

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4 **II. DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM**

5 The Secretary, Ms. Janice Peñaflor, confirmed that as of 9:22, 109 registered members were present in
6 the assembly. Since the number of attendees did not meet the minimum number of members to constitute
7 a quorum, Ms. Teresita Moran motioned, duly seconded by Ms. Susan Pador, that the members present
8 constitute a quorum. As there was no objection, the motion, duly seconded, was approved.

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10 **III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

11 The minutes of the 46th General Assembly held on 25 January 2019 were approved without corrections,
12 upon motion by Ms. Susan Pador, duly seconded by Ms. Corazon Nera.

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14 **IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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16 **A. Paras-Moraña Case**

- 17 - Dr. Dizon informed the body that there is no update or movement in the case based on the
18 information given by Mr. Sonny Boy Manalo who is the appointed point person to follow-up on the
19 case.
20 - Ms. Lourdes David reported that there is a motion filed to dismiss the case on the revocation of
21 the librarian's license of Moraña which had been referred to the Philippine Regulation Commission
22 (PRC) lawyers for appropriate action. She added that the lack of update on the case may be
23 attributed to the fast turnover of lawyers in PRC.

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25 **B. Proposed Abolition of the Marina G. Dayrit Scholarship Award**

- 26 - Dr. Dizon assigned Mr. Chito Angeles to get in touch with the heirs of Ms. Marina Dayrit to inquire
27 about the details of the endowment.
28 - Mr. Rodolfo Tarlit clarified that there is no endowment to begin with and that what he suggested
29 was that if the Association intends to abolish the said award, the relatives should be informed.

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31 **C. PAARL - National University – College of Education, Arts and Sciences (NU-CEAS) Partnership**

- 32 - PAARL BOD signed and renewed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) partnership with NU-
33 CEAS on April 26, 2019 during the PAARL's National Summer Conference in Iloilo City.

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35 **D. PAARL Research Journal (PRJ)**

- 36 - PRJ 2018 articles were already published and are available for download as an open access
37 publication.

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39 **E. PAARL ID**

- 40 - S. Pador mentioned that she has yet to receive her PAARL ID and inquired about the process of
41 releasing membership IDs.
42 - F. Dizon explained that the card is valid for 5 years and that she will be asked to submit a photo
43 to be used in her PAARL ID.
44 - R. Tarlit added that past presidents of PAARL are qualified for automatic renewal of their
45 membership.

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47 **F. Membership Database**

- 48 - S. Pador asked for complete database of PAARL members as this will be helpful for the Philippine
49 Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) to complete its database.



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- 50 - F. Dizon replied that there is an existing database, however, because of Data Privacy, there is a
51 need to update the Membership Form. Members should give their consent that the information
52 collected by PAARL will be shared with PLAI.
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54 **G. Development of Self-Paced Learning Module on RDA**

- 55 - The project entitled, "Development of Interactive, Self-Paced, Online Training Modules on
56 Resource Description and Access (RDA) for Libraries in the Philippines was submitted for
57 funding to the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. However, in a letter dated 27
58 November 2019, the NCCA declined the request as the project did not fit into the NCLIS current
59 thrust which is "Librarians for Change."
60 - Mr. Rodolfo Tarlit and Ms. Sally Arlante urged the Board to resubmit the proposal. She reminded
61 the Board that the project should be specifically submitted to the National Committee on Libraries
62 and Information Services. (NCLIS).

63 **H. Other Matters: PAARL's Golden Jubilee Year in 2023**

- 64 - R. Tarlit reminded the body that the Association should prepare to celebrate the 50th founding
65 anniversary of PAARL which also coincides with the centennial anniversary of PLAI.
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67 **V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
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69 Dr. Fernan Dizon presented the activities, projects, and accomplishments of the 2019 Board, highlighting the
70 efforts to build on what his predecessors have started and continue their legacy by focusing on 1) promoting
71 research culture among Filipino librarians; 2) giving back to members; and 3) improving fund management
72 and utilization.
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74 Below is a summary of the major activities of the 2019 Board:
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76 **1. National Summer Conference**

77 Date: April 24-26, 2019
78 Venue: Robinsons Hotels and Resorts (Go Hotel), Iloilo City
79 Theme: Repositioning Libraries in Big Data Era : New Methods, Services and Opportunities
80 CPE Units: 11.5
81 Participants: 83
82 Sessions: 11 Sessions/Presentations
83 Gross Income: Pph592,272.17
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85 **2. National Seminar-Workshop on**

86 Date: August 1-2, 2019
87 Venue: Manila Prince Hotel, Ermita, Manila
88 Theme: Quality Assurance and Concept: Gearing Up for Success
89 CPE Units: 13.5 points
90 Participants: 31
91 Sessions: 11 sessions
92 Gross Income: Php110,360.00
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94 **3. PAARLNET Convention (Free for Institutional Members)**

95 Date: June 27-28, 2019
96 Theme: PAARL Consortium of Institutional Repositories
97 Venue: Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City
98 CPE Units: 12 points



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99 Participants: 62
100 Sessions: 6 sessions/lectures
101 Gross Income: Php40,800 (Registration fee from individual participants only)
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4. ABAP Book Fair Forum

104 Date: July 24, 2019
105 Theme: Building 21st Century Collections: Approaches and Practices
106 Venue: Megamall Trade 1, Bldg B, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City
107 Participants: 97
108 Sessions: 2
109 Gross Income: Php31,150
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5. International Benchmarking Tour

112 Date: October 19-26, 2019
113 Theme: "PAARL Goes EU"
114 Venue: Munich, Germany and Prague, Czech Republic
115 Participants: 31
116 Places Visited: Deutsches Museum, Czech National Museum, BMW and Welt Museum, University
117 of Technology, Munich, Die Juristische Bibliothek, Munich City Tour, Bavarian State
118 Library, Klementinum Library, Prague Castle, Charles Bridge Old Town, National
119 Technical Museum and Prague City Library
120 Gross Income: Php29,000.00
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6. Marina G. Dayrit Lecture Series (MGDLS) 2019

124 Theme: "Emerging Technologies in Libraries" (Total CPD Points: 17)
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- **1st MGDLS – "Digital Preservation: Standards and Trends"**

127 Speaker: Mr. Chito N. Angeles
128 Date: June 7, 2019
129 Venue: De La Salle University, Manila
130 CPE Units: 3 points
131 Participants: 52
132 Gross Income: Php20,600.00
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- **2nd MGDLS – "Open Access Library Management System"**

135 Speakers: Mr. Eugene Espinosa and Mr. Martin Guasch
136 Date: July 19, 2019
137 Venue: Adamson University, Manila and University of San Carlos, Cebu
138 CPE Units: 3 points
139 Participants: 71 Manila / 82 Cebu
140 Gross Income: Php50,776.00
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- **3rd MGDLS – "Mobile Technology Applications"**

143 Speakers: Mr. Kevin Conrad Tansiongco
144 Date: August 16, 2019
145 Venue: Asian Institute of Maritime Studies, Pasay City
146 CPE Units: 3 points
147 Participants: 12
148 Gross Income: P3,800.00
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- 150 - **4th MGDLS – “Online Research Instruction”**
151 Speaker: Ms. Marian Eclevia
152 Date: September 13, 2019
153 Venue: SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, Pasay City
154 CPE Units: 3 points
155 Participants: 124
156 Gross Income: Php41,700.00
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- 158 - **5th MGDLS – “Technology Applications in Libraries : Software and Hardware**
159 **Considerations”**
160 Speakers: Dr. Fernan Dizon
161 Date: November 7, 2019
162 Venue: Jose Rizal University, Mandaluyong City
163 CPE Units: 5 points
164 Participants: 89
165 Gross Income: Php11,800.00
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- 167 **7. Best Research Papers Presentation**
168 Presenters: Ms. Editha A. Alamodin, Ms. Geraldine G. Mallo-Eustaquio and Ms. Ma. Celine M.
169 Larracas
170 Date: November 7, 2019
171 Venue: Jose Rizal University, Mandaluyong City
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- 173 **8. PLAI National Conference Parallel Session**
174 Date: November 21, 2019
175 Theme: Professional Associations’ Role in Capacity Building of Filipino Librarians towards
176 an Inclusive, Innovative, Interconnected Societies
177 Venue: Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City
178 Sessions: 1
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180 **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
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182 Review and revision of guidelines on grants, awards, and scholarships were undertaken to encourage more
183 members to join and avail of scholarships and grants from PAARL. Additional incentives were also given for
184 research papers accepted for publication.
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186 Below is a summary of the other activities and accomplishments of the Board:
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188 **1. Sponsorship Grant to Attend International Conference**

- 189 - Recipient: Agnes Barsaga
190 - Conference: Emerging Global Trends in University Library Development (ICEGTULD 2019), held
191 at Nazarbayev University Library and Eurasian National University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan on
192 June 6-7, 2019
193 - Total Amount Granted: Php15,000.00
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195 **2. Membership**

- 196 - In 2019, there were 505 individual members, 23 associate members and 149 institutional
197 members who registered or renewed their membership with PAARL.
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- 201 **3. Partnership**
- 202 - PAARL BOD renewed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the National University –
- 203 College of Education, Arts and Sciences (NU-CEAS) on April 26, 2019, to continue its partnership
- 204 in establishing programs for academic collaboration and to promote research.
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- 206 - PAARL signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with MegaTexts, Inc. on a consortium
- 207 purchase of ebooks on June 3, 2019 during the PAARLNet Convention at Rizal Library, Ateneo
- 208 de Manila University, Quezon City.
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- 210 **4. PAARL Research Journal (PRJ)**
- 211 - Four (4) Research Papers have been accepted for publication.
- 212 - An Incentive Grant of Php5,000 each will be awarded to the author(s) upon submission and
- 213 acceptance of the final paper and its publication to the PRJ.
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- 215 **5. High Impact Research Project in Partnership with NU-CEAS**
- 216 - PAARL, in partnership with NU-CEAS, has an ongoing research projects divided into two areas: 1)
- 217 Research in library and information science in the Philippines (2010-2018); and 2) Research in
- 218 English language teaching and learning in the Philippines (2010-2018).
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221 **VI. REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

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223 Ms. Rosela Del Mundo, the outgoing Treasurer, presented her report on the financial status of the

224 Association as of December 31, 2019:

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226 **CURRENT STATUS OF BANK ACCOUNT**

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| 228 1. BPI Checking Account – Maxi One | = Php 318,543.14 |
| 229 2. BPI Savings Account - Scholarship Fund | = Php 754,702.05 |
| 230 3. BDO - Membership Fund | = Php 632,302.92 |
| 231 4. BDO - Rehabilitation Fund | = Php 272,372.81 |
| 232 5. BDO - Reserve Fund | = Php 319,163.69 |
| 233 6. BPI Time Deposit | = Php 1,283,103.36 |
| 234 Cash in Bank | = Php 3,587,792.97 |
| 235 Total Cash on Hand | = Php 7,606.00 |
| 236 TOTAL CASH FOR TURNOVER TO 2019 BOD | = Php 3,587,792.97 |

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238 *On Scholarship Fund*

239 R. Tarlit sought clarification why the Scholarship Fund of Php 867,820.19 at the end of 2018 was reduced to

240 Php 754,702.05. He pointed out that nowhere in the Treasure's report can be found expenses charged to

241 Scholarship Fund for 2019. He also asked if the Board allowed said fund to be used for other purposes.

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243 F. Dizon confirmed there was no expense incurred charged to the fund and acknowledged that there is an

244 error somewhere. He added that the financial report has not been audited. Once audited, the report shall be

245 furnished to members, including the Resolutions passed by the Board in 2019.

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247 S. Pador also suggested for the incoming Board to create a committee to review the policies on scholarship

248 for the purpose of making LIS students avail of the funding as easy as possible.

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252 *On Partnership with NUCEAS*

253 S. Pador made a recommendation to tap librarians who have the expertise in research so as not to spend
254 too much to fund PAARL's research projects.

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256 F. Dizon explained that the agreement between PAARL and NUCEAS was signed by the 2018 Board and
257 the 2019 Board simply carried out what is stipulated in the agreement (i.e, to conduct a joint research project).

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259 S. Arlante opined that members should also have a clear understanding on the objectives of the project and
260 why there is a need to do tranches in payment.

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262 F. Dizon stated that the Board opted for tranches instead of one-time fund release to ensure that required
263 deliverables are met first prior to the release of funds of succeeding tranches.

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265 R. Tarlit also sought explanation on why there is a need for PAARL to spend too much on the research
266 project. F. Dizon reiterated that the main goal is to get data on the LIS research trends in the Philippines.
267 Another objective is to publish the research in a Scopus or ISI indexed journals. He also added that the bulk
268 of the funding was paid as honoraria for the researcher. The breakdown of expenses will be provided to the
269 members.

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271 *On Relief and Rehabilitation Fund*

272 S. Pador pointed out that since PAARL has funding for relief and rehabilitation, it should have been able to
273 help libraries affected by calamities like the libraries that were affected by the flooding in Cagayan.

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275 F. Dizon informed the members that he proposed to amend the existing Relief and Rehabilitation guidelines
276 approved by the 2014 Board to make it easier for the Association to help libraries affected by calamities.
277 However, this was not carried out. In the current policy, the institution needs to apply for the grant and there
278 is documentation required. He recommended that the incoming Board to look into this.

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280 *On Financial Statement*

281 T. Moran asked about discrepancy in the figures in the financial statement. R. Del Mundo and F. Dizon said
282 that the amount for the time deposit was not yet updated and the CE Logic grant was yet to be received. The
283 audited financial statement will be published as soon as its available.

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285 A question was raised by S. Pador in relation to the interest incurred for PAARL's time deposit, which is not
286 reflected in the report. F. Dizon stated that they have inadvertently forgot to update the signatories for the
287 account. Moreover, the 2019 BOD failed to seek an update for the said account from S. Esposito-Betan. For
288 this lapse, the Board, through F.Dizon, apologized to the body.

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291 **RATIFICATION OF ALL BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

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293 Ms. Penaflor, the outgoing Secretary, presented nine (9) Board Resolutions approved by the 2018 BOD that
294 needed to be ratified by the body:

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296 1. Approving the Change of Bank Signatories for Maxi-Saver Account

297 2. Approving the Change of Bank Signatories for the Scholarship Fund

298 3. Approving the Change of Signatories for the Rehabilitation of Fund

299 4. Approving the Change of Bank Signatories for the Membership Fund

300 5. Approving the PAARL-NU-CEAS Research Project Funding Contract

301 6. Approving the Selection of the Winning Bidder for the International Library Benchmarking Tour

302 7. Approving of the PAARL-Megatext eBook Consortium Agreement



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- 303 8. Formally adopting the PAARLNet Terms and Condition as amended
304 9. Formally endorsing the proposed Amendments of Article 4 of PAARL's Constitution and By-Laws
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306 R. Tarlit made a motion to approve all the BRs except for the "Proposed Amendments of Article 4 of PAARL's
307 Constitution and By-Laws. He expressed that there is no need to revise the terms of office of PAARL officers
308 if there are no problems encountered with the present set-up. He also emphasized that any amendment to
309 the By-Laws must be thoroughly examined or discussed in the GA.
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311 F. Dizon noted that extending the term of the officers is advantageous to ensure continuity of the projects
312 and programs.
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314 According to Lorie Garcia, the removal of the Ex-Officio as a member of the Board will defeat the purpose of
315 passing on the essential details discussed or agreed upon by the previous board. She also recommended
316 that the existing Board only need to plan out projects that may be accomplished within the year.
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318 On the other hand, R. Manlangit pushed for the approval of BR number 9 revising the term of office of the
319 Members of the Board and holding of election noting that most library associations have the same set-up as
320 the current proposal.
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322 The body agreed to vote on the approval of the BR. However, because the initial results do not tally with the
323 number of attendees, R. Tarlit contested the approval of the BR. He emphasized that a decision like this must
324 be done correctly and without any question or doubt from anyone.
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326 Dr. Vernon Totanes reasoned that since many of the members present clearly favor the approval of the BR
327 in question, there is no need to postpone the vote for the approval of the BR.
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329 The body agreed to push through with the vote. Those who were in favor of approving the BR were requested
330 to line up on the left part of the hall, while those who do not agree were asked to line up on the other side of
331 the hall. The officers worked together to count and tally the votes.
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333 Result:
334 Approved: 106
335 Disapproved: 30
336 Abstained: 1
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338 The motion approving the resolution "Amending Article Four (4) of PAARL's Constitution and By-Laws",
339 thereby increasing the term limit of elected BOD officials from one year to two years, providing for a transitory
340 period, and removing the position Ex-Officio member, attained the requisite majority vote and was approved.
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342 **ELECTION RESULTS**
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344 NOMELEC Chair Sharon Maria S. Esposito-Betan presented the election process and guidelines to the Body.
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346 She reported that the BOD approved the candidacy of 14 members for the 2019 PAARL Board. The voting
347 period was from October 29, 2019 to November 29, 2019. Of the total of 1,704 emails were sent to members,
348 158 bounced because of invalid addresses while 465 members have no email addresses. Overall, 508 votes
349 were received; 451 (88.88%) of which is valid while 57 (11.22%) was invalid due to inaccurate email
350 addresses resulting to bounced emails or failure to deliver the emails containing the invite to vote.
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352 The results of the election are as follows:
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| 354 | 1. Guasch, Juan Martin R. | – | 285 (63.19%) |
| 355 | 2. Mojica, Michael Anthony A. | – | 277 (61.42%) |
| 356 | 3. Bundoc, Judeelyn S. | – | 255 (56.54%) |
| 357 | 4. Santos, Engracia S. | – | 250 (55.43%) |
| 358 | 5. Tabiendo Grace B. | – | 246 (54.55%) |
| 359 | 6. Natividad, Karen V. | – | 238 (52.77%) |
| 360 | 7. Del Mundo, Rosela D | – | 217 (48.12%) |
| 361 | 8. Soria, Kimberly Ann O. | – | 194 (43.02%) |
| 362 | 9. Oruga, Venus B. | – | 189 (41.91%) |
| 363 | 10. San Gabriel, Michelle M. | – | 188 (41.69%) |
| 364 | 11. Santos, Cielito D.R. | – | 175 (38.80%) |
| 365 | 12. Selencio, Marivic G. | – | 174 (38.58%) |
| 366 | 13. Laluna, Jennifer J. | – | 144 (31.93%) |
| 367 | 14. Ciubal, Annabel S. | – | 133 (29.49%) |

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369 The winning candidates had their election for the different positions in the Executive Board on December 6,
370 2019.

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372 **ADJOURNMENT**

373 There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Recorded by:

Janice D.C. Peñaflor
Secretary

Noted by:

Dr. Fernan R. Dizon
President