

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of the Philippines

Minutes of the Annual Corporation Meeting

August 22, 2009

Faith Baptist Church, #4 Bulletin St., West Ave., Quezon City.

I. CORPORATE WORSHIP

The fellowship began at 9:30 am with the call to worship led by Ms. Ma. Angela ‘Ging’ Marbella. Mrs. Leonora Gonzales gave a devotional message on unity based on Ephesians 4:1-13. She underscored the importance of maintaining our unity in the Spirit, which was already bestowed upon us. We are to keep this unity by focusing on God and on what unites us, by using our God-given gifts and skills to bless each other and glorify God, and by actively practicing humility, gentleness, and patience.

II. BUSINESS MEETING

A. Opening and Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Edwin Erni, BOT Vice-Chair, presided over the business meeting on behalf of Dr. George Capaque, the incumbent BOT chair. He declared a quorum with 109 corporation members present and 38 members absent but with proxies.

B. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Corporation Meeting

The Board Vice-Chair gave the members time to read the minutes of the previous corporation meeting and asked for any corrections; no corrections were made. Mr. Josil Gonzales moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Mr. Esdras Martinez seconded the motion.

C. Student BOT Survey Result

A Student BOT Survey was conducted in several camps last October in response to previous recommendations of having a student representative in the BOT. The survey was commissioned to determine the students’ views, attitudes and response to having a student representative in the board. Ms. Menchie Aragon, BOT secretary, explained how the survey was conducted and then presented the results: 138 (93%) of the 149 respondents were in favor of having a student representative in the Board, whereas 11 respondents (7%) were not in favor. The reasons cited for favoring a student BOT representative were (1) to have their voices heard during Board deliberations, (2) so that the BOT will be made more aware of student issues, (3) to get students’ views from primary source, (4) for better communication between the BOT and the students, (5)

students will be updated about BOT matters, (6) students can represent students better, (7) for increased effectiveness of IVCF, (8) student involvement in decision making, (9) training for students in governance, and (10) the students can give fresh and new perspective.

On the other hand, major reasons for not favoring a student BOT member were the following: (1) might be too heavy or become an added burden to student responsibilities, (2) there is difficulty in logistics (i.e., geographically), (3) being in the BOT is a difficult responsibility, and (4) it is quite different from their student responsibilities. The survey concluded that there is near unanimity that a student representative on the Board would be beneficial to the IVCF movement. But the students also see some possible hindrances to this proposal as previously mentioned. And while 93% were in favor of student representation, very few respondents expressed personal willingness to serve as student BOT due to a perceived inadequacy for such a responsibility .

The Board deliberation in response to the survey was then presented. Through BOT Resolution [BOT-R-09-07](#), the Board decided not to have student representation in the Board, given that this responsibility requires considerable time and commitment. Moreover, it seemed that the students' reasons for wanting to be represented were more in terms of communication and not necessarily their participation in policy making and governance. Other ways of reaching out to the students and getting their voices heard were suggested, such as communicating through the staff and National Director as well as using the IVCF website and bulletins as channels, inviting student representatives to board meetings as needed, and conducting "meet the Board" forums during camps.

Mr. Erni suggested strengthening the ISCF ministry as a way of raising up leaders early for student ministry in college.

Ms. Leah Paquiz from NCF reacted to the report, saying that she was saddened by the BOT decision because the leaders will come from the young people. She said that maybe there is really a need for strengthening relationships among us so that IVCF can continue its good testimony. Mr. Erni acknowledged the comment and reminded the congregation that questions and comments are to be raised during the open forum.

D. Presentation of Nominees

Ms. Edna Marcil 'Michi' Martinez presented only three nominees for the three vacant positions in the BOT—Mr. Noel Querijero, Mr. Ferdinand Juni, and Mr. Dionisio Ang. They were the only ones who confirmed for nomination out of an original number of 15 nominees. A question on nominating corporation members from the floor was raised. Ptr. Herman Moldez commented that it should be the right of the members to nominate from the floor. While the Board acknowledged this right, they decided not to take nominations from the floor in order to honor the process they used in inviting and screening nominees.

Ms. Ging Marbella observed that all the nominees came from Luzon, and asked how it could be ensured that regional groups from Visayas and Mindanao are represented. Mr. Erni replied that regional groups could be represented provided that they have become corporation members for at least a year. He urged the members from the region to attend the corporation meeting and renew their IVCF Corporation Membership. Mr. Erni also noted that there were BOT nominees from the region. However, they declined their BOT nomination.

Ms. Michi Martinez added that in the absence of regional representatives, the board has deliberated to communicate with the students and graduates either through the staff or the Regional Advisory Council (RAC). She added that ND Erickson Velardo, has visited the regions to get feedback directly from the field. She likewise indicated that the BOT is still actively pushing that there will be 3 regional Board Members from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

E. Ministry Reports

1. IVCF Student Ministry (IVCF National Director)

IVCF National Director, Mr. Erickson Velardo began his report by reading the Vision and Mission Statement of the movement. He then revisited the 5 flagship programs before presenting the highlights from the previous year. One of the highlights was the implementation of the RBM (Results Based Management) for our ministry programs with respective results indicators. He also presented new ministry support staff: Ms. Florina Fernandez as ISCF National Coordinator, and Ms. Ma. Angela Marbella as Alumni Relations Staff. He reported that there was an increased support in the graduates ministry, and that the BOT started the initiation of IVCF affiliation among graduate groups. He proceeded reporting the partnership development with Balikatan ng mga Kristiano in North America, OMF Phil. Home Council, Manila Campus Outreach Network, OBS, etc. He also reported the increased communication of IV updates & concerns, and the formation of the RDD staff team composed of Jake Abiva, Dulce “Dot” Velardo, and Ging Marbella. He then relayed the RDD Report: improved communications, started to update ICFV database, started work on alumni relations. He then gave the summary, and then ended his report by reading Psalm 9:1-2.

Table 1. Summary Statistics and Ministry Performance based on the 5 Flagship Programs target Outputs of our RBM Annual Plan for the School Year 2008 – 2009 (IVCF Student Ministry)

	TARGET	RESULT	%
1. EVANGELISM			
Heard the Gospel	6,070	7,699	127%
Became Christian	2,428	1,215	50%
New Members	1,214	1,024	84%
Trained in Evangelism	607	908	150%

2. DISCIPLESHIP			
Discipled Members	1,214	1,143	94%
3. MISSIONS			
Trained in Missions	304	607	148%
4. LEADERSHIP			
Trained Student Leaders	1,214	1,292	106%

Mr. Josil Gonzales moved to accept the report of the National Director. Ptr. Jun Singson seconded the motion.

2. Nurses Ministry (NCF Staff)

Ms. Ma. Rita Rena Paren, NCF staff, gave the NCF Ministry Report on behalf of Ms. Phebe Pendon. The following are the highlights:

NCF has twelve chapters in Metro Manila: PCU Mary Johnston College of Nursing, Trinity University of Asia, Arellano University, Emilio Aguinaldo College, Southville International School, Our Lourdes of Fatima, University of Makati, University of the East, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig, Philippine Women’s University, Far Eastern University, and Olivares College.

Table 2. Summary Statistics and Ministry Performance based on the 5 Flagship Programs Target Outputs of our RBM Annual Plan for the School Year 2008 – 2009 (NCF)

	TARGET	RESULT	%
EVANGELISM			
Heard the Gospel	180	80	44%
Became Christian	180	54	30%
New Members	120	34	28%
DISCIPLESHIP			
Discipled Members	64	34	53%
LEADERSHIP			
Trained Student Leaders	15	3	20%

In addition, there were 9 Evangelistic Bible Study (EBS) groups attended by 35 students; 14 Cell Groups attended by 61 members; and 1 NCF Mission Event attended by 50 students.

Graduates fellowship is held once a month, and she is currently the lone NCF staff. She then presented an Annual Action Plan for NCF.

Despite only meeting less than 50% of the NCF goals, we continue to praise God for the work He has started in the NCF Ministry.

3. Graduates Ministry

Atty. Jordan Reyes, interim Chair of the Graduates Ministry National Executive Committee, delivered his report, with the following highlights:

To date, there are 34 organized graduate groups in the country: fourteen in Mindanao, four in Visayas, and 16 in Luzon.

In Mindanao, there are two graduates groups each in General Santos City and Davao City--one group for the senior graduates and another for the juniors. There is one graduates group in each of the following areas: Koronadal, Tagum, Cagayan De Oro, Butuan, Midsaya, and Kabakan. The Kabakan alumni group has recently erected its own IV home worth Php 200,000. These groups are identified as IVPMs, but the Iligan group preferred to call themselves the Busai Christian Fellowship. The group in Kapalong, Davao Del Norte maintained its traditional name "Graduates Christian Fellowship". All these Mindanao groups are under the supervision of IVPM in Mindanao, which has been formally organized five years ago. An annual Mindanao-wide conference for all graduates in Mindanao will be held on October 31 – November 2, 2009.

In Visayas, there is one group each in Tacloban and Cebu, and two groups in Iloilo. All four are identified as IVPM groups.

In Luzon, there are ten IVPMs. There is one graduates group in each of the following areas: Dagupan, Naga, Baguio, Makati, and Ortigas. There are four IVPM groups in Bicol and another Bicol IVPM that is based in Makati, identified as Bicol IVPM-Makati. There are also other recognized graduates groups in Luzon such as the SVCF Los Baños Alumni Association, the Common Ground group of Batangas, the IVCF Reaching Hands of Cavite, the UE Warriors, the Adamson Alumni, and the Ka-IVgan graduates of Singapore.

Many of the IVCF graduate groups have started working on their application to be officially affiliated with IVCF since the affiliation program was implemented six months ago. SVCF-LB Alumni Association and IVPM-CDO were the first to affiliate. Next groups were the Busai Christian Fellowship of Iligan City and IVCF Reaching Hands of Cavite. The following groups have also signified their intention to affiliate: IVPM Makati, IVPM Ortigas, 4 IVPM Bicol chapters and 1 Bicol chapter based in Makati, IVPM Cebu, IVPM Mindandao chapters, Common Ground of Batangas, Ka-IVgan Singapore, UE Warriors and Adamson Alumni.

Atty. Reyes acknowledged Ms. Ging Marbella, Alumni Relations Staff, for her task in assisting the graduate groups to formally organize and affiliate with Inter Varsity. He

also reported that Ms. Elsie Calalang has been assigned as Graduates Ministry Resource Staff to render spiritual services to the graduates.

Atty. Reyes added that the original intention of IVPM graduate groups, besides servicing the spiritual needs of the graduates, is really to assist IVCF student ministry in various ways, including finances. Organizing and strengthening IVPM and sourcing more funds from IV grads within the country would cushion the impact of economic crises on IVCF Philippines.

He also stressed that there was never an intention to separate the Graduates Ministry and be independent from IVCF Philippines. In 2006, IVPM heeded the advice of Lindsay Brown of IFES International not to continue with its separate SEC registration. This was to erase, once and for all, the issues regarding the separation of the Graduates Ministry from the IVCF. Now, graduate groups can register with SEC provided that they affiliate under the umbrella of IVCF Philippines which Atty. Reyes believed to be the right direction from the Lord.

He concluded by expressing hope that his clarifications helped ease the confusion about IVPM, and shared joyful anticipation of the grand destiny of IVCF Philippines.

F. Financial Report of IVCF Philippines (IVCF ND)

Mr. Erickson Velardo, IVCF National Director, gave the Financial Report, the highlights of which are as follows:

The Lord has blessed us with a total amount of Php12M to support our ministries. Praise the Lord for the 13.6% increase in donations for SY 2007-2008, and the 5.92% decrease in expenses. There was a decrease in salaries and wages due to the resignation of four senior staff in SY 2007-2008. Comparing the income and expenses, there was a surplus of Php 874,547 prior to payment of accrued expenses and payables. The total deficit for the year 2008-2009 is Php 0.59M, which was an 88.9% decrease of deficit from 2007-2008.

On approved budget vs. actual expenses: We only spent what we received compared to the budgeted amount. We failed to raise 5.1M to cover the other budgeted items. We did not receive support for the stabilization fund and discretionary fund but we have lowered our total accrued payables.

A comparison of actual expenses vis-à-vis proposed budget by flagship program and administrative support expenses was also presented.

Additional data on sources of donations for the National Fund were shown. Php 9.5M was raised, 70% of which came from North America (Balikatan and MEANS), 22% from local donors, and 8% from Singapore and other countries. There was an average of 40 local donors every month with average total monthly donations of Php 167,000,

and an average of 30 donors from abroad every month with average total monthly donations of Php 550,000.

G. Presentation and Approval of Annual Plan and Proposed Budget (IVCF ND)

Mr. Erickson Velardo mentioned that this school year would be a continuation of the three-year Results-Based Management plan that was implemented last year. He reviewed the Vision and maintained the plan for the Five Flagship Programs, with their desired impacts as follows:

- Evangelism: A vibrant Christian student witness in key educational institutions in the country
- Discipleship: Campuses and communities to be influenced by the ideals of the Kingdom.
- Missions: An expanding work among unreached people groups
- Leadership: Progressive campuses, churches, and communities led by excellent and faithful servant-leaders (with focus on strengthening the leaders' councils in the different regions).
- Nurturing the Movement: A sustained movement relevant to the times and a blessing to the nations.

The Resource Development Department plans were to continue as well, such as strengthening the RDD staff team, improving communications to constituents and promotions of IVCF to others, leveling up the donor and alumni system and ministry, and renewing the Philippian Connection campaign.

Ministry priorities for the school year are:

- implementing ISCF Pilot Chapter strategy in each regional unit
- developing mission-oriented student leaders
- implementing intentional mentoring program for student leaders
- starting an intensified IVCF membership campaign
- increasing ministry support to IVCF graduates
- further staff training
- rallying prayer support
- developing partnerships with local churches and other organizations
- managing Camp Humayan
- transforming the IVCF library into a resource center
- supporting the IFES 2020 Living Stones Vision; and
- The National Conference 2009.

He extended a welcome to Ms. Yvette Romero who is back from study leave and will serve as National Missions Coordinator.

The proposed annual budget for SY 2009-2010 was PhP 17,286,645.33, almost the same as last year.

Interaction on the Budget:

Mrs. Nor Gonzales asked if there was a plan for raising funds to cover the deficit considering the very narrow donor base that we have. Mr. Velardo replied that they would use the RDD to challenge the constituents, challenge the staff to be more involved in raising their salary through the Philippian Connection, and encourage graduate groups to give collectively. Mrs. Gonzales then suggested adopting a target for increasing the number of local individual donors.

Mr. Josil Gonzales moved to accept the financial report for SY 2008-2009, and Ms. Vylma Ovalles seconded the motion. Mr. Carl Dela Peña moved to accept the annual plan and budget for SY 2009-2010; Mr. Ramon Rocha III seconded the motion.

H. Final Submission of Ballots for the Election of New IVCF BOT Members

I. Challenge for More Active Involvement and Support to IVCF (BOT Member)

Mr. Josil Gonzales, BOT member, gave the challenge to support and be more actively involved in IVCF. He reaffirmed our being “dugong IV” as men and women of the Word, with active participation in the local church and love for the country. He stressed that being united as a movement becomes more valuable when it leads to financial giving. He then urged the members to continually pray, volunteer, and contribute to Inter Varsity.

J. Open Forum

Ms. Reylyne dela Paz expressed disappointment over the Board’s decision on student representation, saying we cannot discount the fact that there is an overwhelming desire for students to be represented and heard. She also said it would be a sweeping generalization to reduce the issue to just a matter of communication. She suggested that the Board look into addressing this perceived sense of inadequacy among the students.

Ms. dela Paz also raised her concern about how IVCF should be more actively involved in national issues, especially at this time when elections are drawing near. She urged that we contemplate more seriously on how we can motivate the students and the rest of the movement in being involved, such as in the elections.

Mr. Erni acknowledged the need for student representation, but said that some structural reform is to take place first. He also acknowledged efforts gearing toward regional representation, although it still has not yet been realized.

Mr. Carl Dela Peña supported the idea of students getting into the BOT. He said that since one requirement to become a board member is corporation membership, then there should be no prohibition for the students to be part of the BOT.

Mr. Erni agreed that the qualifications for nominees do prohibit a student from becoming a BOT member.

Mrs. Gonzales seconded Ms. dela Paz's opinion on the BOT resolution and suggested that the BOT revisit their decision. Based on the survey, she saw the need for the students to be empowered. She challenged the students to come up with a plan on how they could take part in governance in IVCF. She also suggested that the BOT meet with the students more regularly.

Regarding involvement in national issues, Mrs. Gonzales appealed to the corporation to rally the student leaders as well as all IVCF members to be more practically involved; to mobilize our people to register as voters and to vote wisely.

Ms. dela Paz added a suggestion to have a discussion with our students tackling the biblical framework for choosing candidates in the elections.

Ms. Leah Paquiz introduced ANG NARS, an association of nursing professionals who are rights advocates aiming to be registered as a party list. She requested for prayer for their upcoming hearing, and that they would keep their integrity in the process.

Mr. Melvin Jan Guarin said he believed that the students are already well represented in the Board. He noted that although the BOT members are no longer students, they used to be students and are now well-experienced in handling and mentoring students.

Mr. Eric Joyce Grande said that the expressed need for student representation is something that cannot be simply addressed by providing a student slot in the BOT. He commented that this may be a call for us to assess how the student leaders' councils are faring in their representation of their IVCF chapters. He also raised a need to re-examine how well we are mentoring the younger generation.

Ms. Vylma Ovalles affirmed and thanked the BOT for their thorough process in getting the students' feedback on representation. She also affirmed the students' idealism and desire to contribute and make a difference. She then proposed having student representatives on a more local scale first, such as in the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), and then see maybe two years hence if a student can be part of the national Board.

Ms. Ovalles also shared that IVCF has begun working with Christian Convergence for Good Governance (CCGG). One campus has already done a workshop on voters' registration using a CCGG module. More trainings and workshops were also lined up for churches, LGUs, and student leaders all over the country.

Ms. Eunice Kathline Perez stated that the staff workers are doing their best in mentoring the students. She also clarified that IVCF is not a movement for students, but rather a *student movement*. She added that students are already represented in the BOT through the ND--the staffworkers make sure that the ND is informed of student issues that need attention, as well as the students' feedback on certain issues in the movement. She noted that there is a difference between having a student representative to be involved in all policy-making and just being there to express the sentiment of the students. She agreed with giving them a position in the IVCF Ministry that may not be as overwhelming to the students.

Dr. George Capaque gave questions to ponder in the light of the IFES motto, "Students Reaching Students": What is the best way for our students to be involved in the Kingdom work in terms of student ministry? How best can the student use his talents and time given that he has only four years in the university? Should it be by being a representative to the Board, or should he get involved and get training in the local context of his chapter or university? Are there no other ways by which students can get involved to reflect that we are a student movement? Dr. Capaque advised that we revisit the issue, discuss and see what could be the best policy for it.

Ms. Karis del Castillo shared her experience as student BOT member of SVCF LB Alumni Association. To her, as president of SVCF LB, it ensured a strategic connection between student work and alumni work. It became easier for the fellowship to connect and work with their alumni regarding student ministry. She also narrated that she was not given the full work of a board member. She would attend meetings for only half a day and with the main purpose of reporting the actual situation of her campus and chapter.

Mr. Rafael Magdaong stressed that communication with the students is maintained primarily through the staff who listen to their experiences and stories and then channel these to the ND. He also shared that as one of the respondents in the survey, he perceived student representation in the BOT as an added burden. He said that even within the regions, the students can be trained and heard.

Ms. Michi Martinez thanked those who appreciated the board and stressed that the board made sure that they heard the students' varied opinions. She assured the students that the BOT will revisit the matter, consider the suggestions made and keep options open for as long as it is essential to the history and existence of Inter Varsity. She reminded the students that their priority is to be the best Christian Filipino students in school. At the same time she challenged them to exercise their leadership in the venues that are already in place such as the executive committees and student leaders' councils. She stated that our priority is to serve and train our students so that they become effective student leaders and missionaries in the campus, because that is one of our primary mandates.

Mr. Esdras Martinez shared that as BOT member for many years, they always had the students' welfare in mind. He also expressed concern that it did not seem right for a

disciple (in this case, the student) to tell his discipler (the board or staff) how to instruct him.

Atty. Reyes posed the issue of NCF not being equitably represented in the BOT. He advocated providing a BOT slot for NCF, since it is a specialized ministry. He also said NCF could network better with international Christian organizations in rallying financial support from abroad.

Mr. Grande added some recommendations in revisiting the student representation issue: first, that the Board consider specifying levels of participation for the students; second, that we review, and if necessary, revise our curriculum in training student leaders; and third, that more mentoring sessions, whether formal or informal, take place.

Mr. Erni closed the interaction segment by entrusting the raised issues to God's grace.

K. Announcement of Newly Elected BOT Members

The election results were as follows: Mr. Noel Querijero garnered 140 votes, Mr. Ferdinand Juni, 139 votes, and Mr. Dionne Ang, 123 votes. All three garnered more than two thirds of the votes and were declared elected members of the BOT.

L. National Conference Promotion

An audio-visual presentation was shown, encouraging members to join the National Conference in December 2009.

M. Prayer time

The members formed prayer triads and had a time of thanksgiving for the ministry reports and of lifting up future plans to the Lord. Ms. Yvette Romero led the prayer time and quoted Psalm 100:3-5: "Know that the LORD is God. It is he, who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

N. Recognition of Outgoing BOT Members and Staff

The BOT Vice Chair Edwin Erni presented certificates of appreciation to two outgoing BOT members: Dr. George Capaque and Atty. Jordan Reyes. On behalf of the movement, he expressed gratitude for their dedicated service.

The National Director also presented certificates to the following IVCF staff workers:

Ms. Daphne Tablizo – resigned effective April 2009

Ms. Vinaflor Baylo – resigned effective June 1, 2009

O. Testimony

Ms. Sheila Salera, a KC 1995 graduate, shared how IVCF has equipped her and how it became a part in her becoming a missionary. She then requested for prayer as she seeks to serve as missionary to Indonesia by October 2009.

P. Prayer for the IVCF Leadership and Culmination

Dr. George Capaque led the people in praying for the National Director, the Board of Trustees, the staff workers, the NCF, the MMRU Graduate Team volunteers and RAC, and the student leaders. He prayed that as they serve God in their different capacities, His Spirit will be upon them to empower and use them as channels of His blessing to others. He prayed that God will bless their ministry, keep them pure in their lives, and help them to be faithful witnesses to the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. He also prayed for continued guidance and protection.

For the movement, he prayed that God will help us to be faithful instruments for the expansion of His kingdom; that we would be fully engaged in helping our nation elect leaders that are worthy of our trust and will lead us into righteousness and justice. He acknowledged God to be worthy of commitment and trust and thanked Him for calling us to participate in this great ministry among the campuses here in the Philippines.

The Annual Corporation Meeting adjourned at 2:15PM.

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