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Proposed Agenda

- I. Proof of the required notice of meeting
- II. Proof of the presence of quorum
- III. Approval of the proposed agenda
- IV. Approval of the minutes of the 17 August 1996 midyear meeting
- V. Business arising from the minutes of the 17 August 1996 midyear meeting
- VI. New Business
 1. Chairperson's Report
 2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. PSSC's 1996 Financial Performance
 - b. Proposed PSSC Budget for 1997
 3. GA's action on BOT-endorsed applications for PSSC associate membership
 - a. Social Science Research Center, Ateneo de Naga

Minutes

Present:

PSSC Officers

Dean Jose N. Endriga, GA/BOT Chairperson
Dean Felipe M. Medalla, BOT Treasurer
Dr. Virginia A. Miralao, GA/BOT Secretary

Regular Members

Dr. Eufrazio C. Abaya (Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao)
Prof. Digna B. Apilado (Philippine National Historical Society)
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Prof. Ma. Celeste H. Cadiz (Philippines Communication Society)
Dr. Rose Marie S. Clemeña (Psychological Association of the Philippines)
Dr. Margarita F. Guerrero (Philippine Statistical Association)
Dr. Sylvia H. Guerrero (Philippine Sociological Society)
Prof. Eliseo A. de Guzman (Philippine Population Association)
Prof. Meliton B. Juanico (Philippine Geographical Society)
Ms. Victoria N. Navida (Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc.)

Dr. Gloria M. Santos (Philippine Historical Association)
Prof. Anna Ma. Gloria S. Ward (Linguistic Society of the
Philippines)

Associate Members

Ms. Merle A. Benjamin (National Tax Research Center)
Dr. Magdalena Cabaraban (Research Institute for
Mindanao Culture)
Prof. Susan Cipres-Ortega (Philippine Psychological
Research and Training House)
Prof. Eliseo A. de Guzman (UP Population Institute)
Ms. Ma. Lyra T. del Castillo (UP College of Social Work
and Community Development)
Ms. Ma. Fe de Leoz (Bicol University)
Ms. Lyn Galarse (Center for Legislative Development)
Dr. Mahar K. Mangahas (Social Weather Stations)
Ms. Sherry G. Masiclat (Angeles University Foundation)
Dr. Adriel O. Meimban (American Studies Association
of the Philippines)
Dr. Domingo B. Nuñez (Pamantasan ng Lungsod
ng Maynila)
Ms. Ma. Teresa D. Pascual (Philippine-China
Development Research Center)
Ms. Amor B. Pedro (UST Social Research Center)
Ms. Aurora Roxas-Lim (Philippine Association
for Chinese Studies)
Sr. Asuncion Sosa, SPC (St. Paul University, Cagayan)

I. Call of the Meeting to Order. Dean Jose N. Endriga, PSSC
Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Proof of Quorum. Dr. Virginia A. Miralao, GA/BOT
Secretary, announced that 12 out of 14 regular member
associations were present. She likewise acknowledged the
presence of 14 representatives from associate member

associations, 11 BOT members and several other guests and friends of PSSC.

III. Approval of the Minutes of the 17 February 1996 Annual Meeting. The GA approved the minutes of the 17 February 1996 Annual Meeting.

IV. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 17 February 1996 Annual Meeting. The GA noted that there was no unfinished business arising from the 17 February 1996 Annual Meeting.

V. New Business

A. Chairperson's Report

Dean Jose N. Endriga presented to the GA the Council's midyear accomplishments which covered 1) the convening of PSSC's regular working committees and ad hoc committees; 2) the reorganization of the Secretariat into three sections namely, the Technical Support and Information Section (TSIS), the Financial Management Section (FMS), and the Center Management and Administration Section (CMAS); 3) the new grantees under the Research Award Program (RAP); 4) recent PSSC publications and new acquisitions of the Frank X. Lynch Library; and 5) the resumption of operations of the PSSC Book Center and Central Subscription Services.

The GA

96-08-01 ACCEPTED the Chairperson's Report.

B. Treasurer's Report

PSSC's financial report as of June 1996 was also presented by Dean Felipe M. Medalla, BOT Treasurer. He reported on the Council's positive financial position as shown by midyear figures

indicating that 51 percent of the targeted P5.134M income from rentals and regular sources for 1996 have been realized, along with 49 percent of the projected P1.495M income from investments and other interest and incremental income sources. Likewise, the Council was operating within budget with a total expenditure of P3.145M as of June 1996 or 44 percent of the projected P7.202M expenditure for the year. Accordingly, the GA

96-08-02 ACCEPTED the Treasurer's Report on PSSC's Midyear Financial Performance.

C. Proposed Amendments to the PSSC By-Laws

Pursuant to the mandate of the PSSC By-Laws on amendments, the BOT, in its 31 July 1996 meeting, unanimously endorsed specific amendments to the following provisions:

1. Article III (Membership)

a. Section 1.b (Associate Members) to open associate membership to governmental or sectarian social science research institutions, organizations, centers or agencies.

b. Section 3.a (Admission of Members) to dispose of the requirement that only regular members can sponsor any number of qualified societies, associations, or organizations for admission as regular, associate or affiliate members.

c. Section 4 (Membership Dues) to increase the annual fee of regular members to P1,000.00; of associate members to P600.00; and of affiliate members to US \$500.00.

d. Section 6 (Suspension and Termination of Membership) to exclude Board and Committee members from the penalty of suspension.

2. Article IV (The General Assembly)

a. Section 2.c (Composition) to include in the GA composition the four members-at-large elected from among the heads or authorized representatives of associate members in good standing.

b. Section 3 (Powers) to modify the voting power of the GA from electing to confirming the nominations of member associations for membership to the BOT.

c. Section 4 (Quorum) to include the four representatives of the associate members in the determination of quorum in any GA meeting.

d. Section 6 (Voting) to vest voting powers to the four GA representatives from the associate members.

3. Article V (The Board of Trustees)

a. Section 1 (Composition) to reflect the selective nature of constituting the BOT.

b. Section 3.b (Automatic Termination of Membership in BOT) to make more realistic the basis for automatically terminating a Trustee's membership in the BOT by increasing the allowable consecutive (2) and cumulative (4) absences from regular or special BOT meetings.

c. Section 5 (Board Meetings) to empower the associations' alternate representatives to temporarily discharge the functions of the absent/disqualified regular representatives.

d. Section 6 (Vacancies) to empower the GA to confirm the associations' nominees and alternates.

e. Section 7 (Removal of Trustees) to ensure that vacancies are filled pursuant to section 6 of Art. V.

4. Article X (Nominations and Elections)

Sections 1, 2 and 4—to reflect the selective nature of constituting the BOT and allow associate members to be represented in the GA.

Finding the BOT amendments in proper form and substance, the GA

96-08-03 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the amendments to the PSSC By-Laws as endorsed by the Board of Trustees in its 31 July 1996 meeting.

D. PSS Representation

The Philippine Sociological Society through its President, Dr. Sylvia Guerrero, submitted for the GA's approval the nomination of Dr. Clemen C. Aquino as the Society's representative to the BOT to serve the unfinished term of Dr. Virginia A. Miralao who was earlier appointed as PSSC Executive Director. Upholding PSS' autonomy in naming its rightful BOT representative, the GA

96-08-04 APPROVED the membership of Dr. Clemen C. Aquino in the Board of Trustees as the representative of the Philippine Sociological Society to serve the unexpired term of Dr. Virginia A. Miralao.

E. New Associate Member

The Membership Committee reported that it evaluated the eligibility of four applicant-institutions for PSSC associate

membership: Social Sciences Division of the UP in the Visayas, University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos, the then Center for Research and Communication, and UP Folklorists Society. However, only the UP Folklorists Society was recommended to the BOT owing to the By-Laws provision prohibiting government and sectarian institutions from PSSC associate membership. In endorsing the Society, the BOT underscored the Society's full compliance with the requirements. Accordingly, the GA

96-08-05 APPROVED the UP Folklorists Society's membership in the Philippine Social Science Council as its 35th Associate Member Association.

F. Announcements

Dr. Virginia A. Miralao called the attention of those present to the Guidelines on Monitoring of PSSC Membership in Good Standing and the revised PSSC membership fee both of which shall take effect in January 1997.

VI. Adjournment. The GA adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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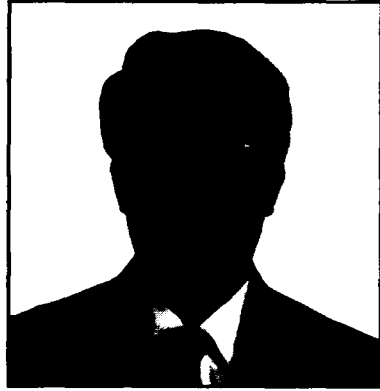
Noted by:

Dr. Virginia A. Miralao
Executive Director

Attested:

Dean Jose N. Endriga
PSSC Chairperson

***Chairman's
Report***



Dean Jose N. Endriga

This Report presents major decisions made by the PSSC Board of Trustees (BOT) in 1996 and an update on the activities and accomplishments of PSSC's Regular Programs, New Programs, and Special Projects.

Major Decisions/Actions of the Board of Trustees in 1996

In 1996, the BOT made several important decisions meant to strengthen the participation of member associations in the Council. Among these are:

1. the approval of a set of guidelines to operationalize existing By-Laws provisions for monitoring PSSC membership in good standing. Beginning in 1997, the PSSC Membership Committee will discharge the function of annually reviewing the member associations' compliance with existing By-Laws

provisions regarding the payment of membership dues, the publication of journals, attendance in General Assemblies, and the submission of annual reports of activities and projects;

2. the endorsement of four voting representatives of the Associate Members in the General Assembly (compared to no votes previously) which constitutes an approved amendment in the By-Laws;

3. the invitation for more institutions to apply for PSSC associate membership, including university-based research and training institutions belonging to the PSSC Research Network. The U.P. Folklorists Society was accepted as a new associate member in August and the applications of another five institutions were accepted by the Membership Committee and are being endorsed today for the General Assembly's approval. These applications are those of the Ateneo Social Science Center of Ateneo de Naga University; the Center for Research and Extension Services of Aquinas University in Legaspi City; the Division of Social Sciences of UP Visayas; the Research and Development Center of the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos; and the School of Economics of the University of Asia and the Pacific. The approval of these applications will bring the total number of PSSC associate members to 40; and

4. the approval of an increase in PSSC's budgetary outlay for 1997. The 1997 budget is 28 percent more than the previous year's budget and a substantial portion of the increase is for Council programs and services. The 1997 budget doubles the allocations for the Conference Award and the Research Award Program and increases by 75 percent the allocation for National/Regional and International Networking and Linkages. A new allocation has also been provided for the conduct of the PSSC Lecture Series while maintaining earlier appropriations for the Encyclopedia Series, the *PSSC Social Science Information* and

other publications, and the operations of the Library and Book Center.

Regular Programs

Publications. The PSSC Secretariat assisted a number of regular members in the publication of their respective journals. These are:

- ◆ the Philippine Political Science Association which released the 1991-1992 and 1993-1994 issues (Numbers 33-39) of the *Philippine Political Science Journal*;
- ◆ the Psychological Association of the Philippines which put out the *Philippine Journal of Psychology* 1995 (Volume 27); and
- ◆ the Philippine Sociological Society which released Volume 42 (1994) and 44 (1996) of the *Philippine Sociological Review*.

At present, the Technical Support and Information Section (TSIS) is assisting in the preparation of manuscripts from:

- ◆ the Philippine Historical Association for *Historical Bulletin* 1995-1996 (Vol. 31-32);
- ◆ the Philippine National Historical Society for the *Journal of History* 1991-1992 (Vol. 36-37); and
- ◆ the Philippine Sociological Society for Vol. 43 1995 of the *Philippine Sociological Review*.

Book Center/Central Subscription Service

In line with the identified thrust of moving the existing inventory of PSSC publications, the Book Center sold several of these from January to December 1996, including 66 copies of Volume 1 and 124 copies of Volume 2 of the *Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*; 135 copies of *Empowerment and Accountability in Sustainable Development*; *Toward Theory Building in the Social Sciences* containing the papers of the Third National Social Science Congress; over a hundred copies of *Social Survey and Research Design*; 72 copies of *Data Analysis and Interpretation*, and 24 copies of *Cooperation and Conflict in Global Society*. By servicing pending orders and subscriptions, the CSS was able to distribute copies of the back and latest issues of the journals and publications of member-associations. The amounts due each member-journal publications are being remitted to the respective associations on a quarterly basis.

The Book Center/CSS income from subscriptions and sales for the year amounted to P244,608.79.

The PSSC hopes to continue assisting member organizations in their efforts to update the publication of their journals.

There were no delays in the publication of the *PSSC Social Science Information*. Volume 24 Nos. 1 and 2 was released in June, and Nos. 3 and 4 in December 1996.

Two additional publications were also released by PSSC during the year. These are *Empowerment and Accountability for Sustainable Development: Towards Theory Building in the Social Sciences* based on the Third National Social Science Congress of December 1993; and *Cooperation and Conflict in a Global Society* featuring the papers presented at the 12th General Conference of the International Federation of Social Science Organizations (IFSSO) in October 1995.

Another volume of selected papers from the May 1994 Second Asia Pacific Conference on Social Science and Medicine (APSSAM) is also being readied for publication and is expected to be released by PSSC in April 1997.

Conference Award. Nine regular member-associations of the PSSC held their annual conferences in 1996 with assistance from the Council's Conference Award Program. These are the Philippines Communication Society (PCS), Philippine Geographical Society (PGS), Philippine Historical Association (PHA), Philippine National Historical Society (PNHS), Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA), Philippine Sociological Society (PSS), Philippine Statistical Association (PSA), Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP), and the Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT).

Research Award Program. PSSC continues to assist in the training and development of Filipino social scientists through

its Research Award Program (RAP) which received 10 applications in 1996 of which six were approved. The approval of the six grants brings the total of RAP grantees to 425 since the Program began in 1972. Around 79 percent of all RAP grantees have successfully completed their thesis/dissertation requirements and earned their degrees in the social sciences.

The PSSC Frank X. Lynch Library. Among the additions to the Frank X. Lynch Library collection in 1996 are the papers and proceedings from several recent conferences. These are:

A. Local Conferences

- ◆ The 17th National Conference on National and Local History: The Revolution in the Provinces—Philippine National Historical Society;
- ◆ National Conference on Democratization—Philippine Political Science Association;
- ◆ Philippine Statistical Association's Annual Conference;
- ◆ Conference on Psychology and a Culture of Peace—Psychological Association of the Philippines;
- ◆ First National Convention of the First Philippines Migration Research Network;
- ◆ Philippine National Peasant Caucus on Trade Liberalization and Food Security; and
- ◆ Conference on Abortion—Task Force on Social Science and Reproductive Health.

B. Regional/International Conferences

- ◆ Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of Sociology;
- ◆ Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the 1995 UN Human Development Report;
- ◆ First International Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Migration Research Network; and
- ◆ Regional Conference of the APEC Study Center.

A new file on Foreign Filipiniana was set up for Filipiniana materials produced abroad. This collection received important donations from foreign universities, other institutions and private individuals. These are:

University donations:

- ◆ Papers from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa
- ◆ Monographs from the Yale Center for International and Area Studies

Donations from other institutions:

- ◆ Monographs and books from the International Social Science Council's (ISSC) Program on Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change
- ◆ Monographs from the UNESCO's Management of Social Transformation (MOST) Program

- ◆ *The Human Development Report, 1994, 1995, 1996* from the UNDP.

Other donations to the Frank X. Lynch Library were received from individual scholars including Dr. George M. Guthrie who forwarded 77 titles from his own collection of papers on Philippine child-rearing and related psychology materials. Dr. Mahar K. Mangahas and Social Weather Stations also donated various books, monographs and journals in economics, statistics and related topics.

The Library began charging a P25.00 user's fee in November 1996 to help defray library maintenance and book repair costs. A more functional and aesthetic front counter has been installed at the Library and necessary repairs were made on library tables and chairs.

Close to 800 researchers and students used the library in 1996. Most users are from Metro Manila schools and universities, with some coming from regional/provincial institutions and universities. Foreign users include scholars from Japan, the U.S., France, Korea, Germany, India, and Russia.

Linkages and Networking Activities

The Council sought to promote the participation of Filipino social scientists in national and international events by entering into exchange visits, sending delegates to various conferences, and nominating Filipino social scientists for academic awards.

Nominations for Awards. PSSC nominated Dr. Ricardo T. Jose for the Outstanding Young Scientists Award of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). Dr. Jose teaches

at the History Department, University of the Philippines in Diliman and is considered by his peers as the leading Filipino scholar on Japanese studies.

Also nominated by the Council for the International Federation of Social Science Organizations' (IFSSO) Fujii Prize is medical anthropologist Dr. Michael Lim Tan who wrote *Usug, Kulam, Pasma: Traditional Concepts on Health and Illness in the Philippines*. This book represents an original work which explores a theoretical framework for understanding the complexities of illness and healing in the country and the Southeast Asian region. Dr. Tan teaches at the University of the Philippines and De La Salle University.

PSSC also nominated Dr. Francisco Nemenzo, Jr., political scientist of the University of the Philippines and currently Visiting Professor of International Relations at the International Christian University in Tokyo for the Fukuoka Asian Cultural Prize, Academic Prize International Category. Dr. Nemenzo's numerous scholarly writings, many of which have been published internationally, cover a range of issues bearing on social movements in the Third World.

The final results of the three competitions will be announced later in the year.

Exchange Visit with Vietnamese Social Scientists. In August 1996 PSSC received a group of scientists from Vietnam's National Center for Social Sciences and Humanities (NCSSH) who were exploring ways of cooperating with ASEAN countries, headed by Dr. Pham Duc Thanh, director of the NCSSH's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. In mid-October, the PSSC Chairperson paid a return visit to NCSSH. NCSSH's International Cooperation Department conveyed a request for PSSC to help train Vietnamese

scholars and NCSSH members in social science research techniques and methodologies. The PSSC Board of Trustees is now exploring ways of responding to the request.

Meetings and Conferences. The PSSC Chairman served as PSSC's delegate to the Fourth Asian Conference on Scientific Cooperation (ACSC) recently held in Tokyo. During the year, PSSC also sent other delegates to the Association of Asian Social Science Research Council's (AASSREC) Executive Meeting in Yogyakarta; the 5th International Philippine Studies Conference in Honolulu; and the multidisciplinary conference on "Internet and Society" at Harvard University. The PSSC Center served likewise as the venue for the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of Sociology and the National Conference of the Psychological Association of the Philippines on Psychology and a Culture of Peace.

New Programs

PSSC Lecture Series. PSSC launched a new Lecture Series Program which will be sponsored monthly by its member-associations on a topic of their choice. The free lectures will provide an opportunity for PSSC's member associations to share matters of interest in their disciplines with policy-makers and the public.

The first of the Lecture Series was held in October 1996. This lecture which presented the "Highlights of the 1995 Population Census", was sponsored by the Philippine Statistical Association. The main speaker was Ms. Paula Monina G. Collado, Officer-in-Charge of the Social Demographic Statistics Division, National Statistics Office; and the paper reactor was Dr. Manuel Alba, Quezon City Administrator, who gave insights on the use of statistics for public administration.

The second lecture, given in November 1996, was sponsored by the Philippine Sociological Society on "The Filipino Family." The lecture formed part of PSS' efforts to disseminate the research findings from papers appearing in a Special Family Issue of the *Philippine Sociological Review* and popularized in the Wednesday Lifestyle Section of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. The speakers and discussants for the lecture included Dr. Gelia T. Castillo, Professor Emeritus of U.P. Los Baños; Mrs. Rosario de la Rosa, Director of the Bureau of Family and Community Welfare, Department of Social Welfare and Development; Fr. Ruben Tanseco, S.J., Director, Center for Family Ministries, Loyola School of Theology; and Dr. June P. Lopez, Program Director/Convenor of the Center for Integrative and Development Studies in U.P. Diliman.

Sponsored by the Philippine Population Association, the third lecture, on 14 February 1997 focused on "Gender Issues on Fertility and Reproductive Health". The paper presenter was Dr. Zelda C. Zablan, PPA President.

Earlier in July, the PSSC Associate Members also sponsored a symposium on the Comprehensive Tax Reform Package of the Ramos government. Speakers for the symposium were Finance Undersecretary Milwida M. Guevara; National Tax Research Center Deputy Director Dante V. Sy; and Social Weather Stations' Meliza H. Agabin and Luz A. Bautista. Paper reactors were Dr. Benjamin E. Diokno of the U.P. School of Economics and Dr. Rene E. Ofreneo of the U.P. School of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Data Banking Facility. Recognizing the usefulness of survey data sets to researchers and students, PSSC will soon set up a data banking facility in cooperation with the Social Weather Stations and the Philippine Statistical Association. When put in place, the facility will make accessible the use of data from SWS, the PSA and related statistical agencies.

Social Science Club. PSSC launched in December 1996 the Social Science Club, an informal gathering of social scientists who wish to get together in the PSSCenter for exchange and relaxation on a more or less regular basis, such as every quarter. It is hoped that this activity will contribute towards collegiality and cooperation across disciplinary organizations.

Special Projects

In addition to its regular programs, PSSC also managed two special projects in 1996, and prepared for the conduct of a training program on the teaching of the social sciences scheduled for the Summer of 1997.

SRTC Research Project. Jointly undertaken by PSSC and an associate member, the UP Statistical Center, the research project entitled "An Assessment of the Statistical Manpower of Government Agencies" was completed in December 1996. The project aimed to determine the statistical capability and statistical training needs of both local government units and national government agencies. Project funds were provided by the Statistical Research and Training Center (SRTC).

UNESCO Management of Social Transformation (MOST) Program and the Philippines Migration Research Network (PMRN). As the Liaison Committee for the UNESCO-MOST Program in the Philippines, PSSC facilitated the organizational meeting of the Philippines Migration Research Network (PMRN) on 24 February 1996. Some 60 persons representing research groups, non-governmental groups and government offices involved in migration work signed up as founding members of the PMRN. The network is chaired by Dean Benjamin Cariño of the U.P. School of Urban and Regional Planning and has among its members 42 from academic institutes, 11 from government agencies and 15 working with NGOs.

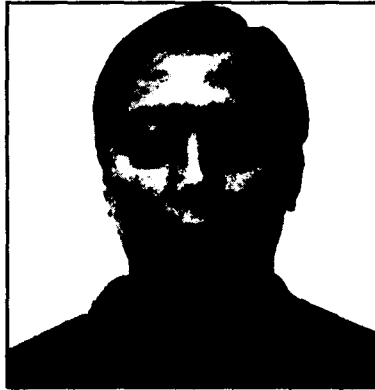
The new network accomplished two projects in 1996. The first one is an inventory of Philippine migration data bases, while the second is an annotated bibliography of Philippine migration literature. Both of these projects were carried out in relation to the UNESCO-MOST study on "New Migrations and Growing Ethno-Cultural Diversity in the Asia-Pacific Region."

The network also recently held its First National Convention last 6 February 1997 at Hotel Rembrandt. Three policy papers were presented during the Convention: 1) "Trends, Levels and Patterns of Migration, Skills Inventory Workers" by Dr. Stella Go; 2) "Violence Against Women Workers" by Dr. Alcestis Abrera-Mangahas; and 3) "Migrant Worker's Act" by Dr. Graziano Battistela.

CHED Summer Training for Trainers on the Teaching of Social Science General Education Courses. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) recently issued Memorandum Order (CMO) No. 59 series of 1996 updating the General Education (GE) Curriculum to make this more responsive to the demands of education in the coming millennium. The challenge of the new curriculum is to contribute to the development of young Filipinos who are open to new ideas in a world without borders, capable of critical and synthetic thinking yet firmly rooted to cultural and humanist traditions.

Recognizing the poor state of teaching of social science courses in many of the country's colleges and universities, CHED will sponsor a summer training program for trainers in the following GE courses: Society and Culture, Politics and Governance, General Psychology, Basic Economics, and Philippine History. The Commission has tapped PSSC to serve as the Secretariat for the Training Program which will be held at the PSSCenter from 14 April to 9 May 1997. The program provides PSSC with an excellent opportunity to help upgrade the syllabus, content and reading materials of GE courses in the social sciences.

***Treasurer's
Report***



Dean Felipe M. Medalla

PSSC's Financial Status and Proposed Budget for 1997

PSSC's financial statement for the calendar year 1996 shows an increase in the Council's income from all sources by 16 percent from P6,548,218.75 in 1995 to P7,632,039.17 in 1996. On the other hand, expenditures for the year under review totaled P6,995,449.27 or an increase of 26 percent over that of 1995 expenditures of P5,508,084.06.

Viewed against the 1996 approved budget, PSSC's financial status at the end of the year shows that the Council's 1996 revenues which reached P7.6 million exceeded the projected total revenue of P7.2 million, despite a shortfall in the Council's projected income from investments. The lower rate of returns from investments was more than compensated for by PSSC's

income from rents and other sources, while the total expenditures for 1996 were kept below the P7.2 million approved for the year. The Council's financial status as of 31 December 1996 shows a positive balance of around P700,000.

The proposed budget for 1997 anticipates a 25.6 percent increase in Council's revenue from the P7,202,834.00 approved in 1996 to P9,049,571.00 in 1997, whereas Council expenses are expected to equal projected revenues augmented by the transfer of P711,000.00 from the General Fund which was approved by the Board of Trustees in September 1996. The larger portion of the P711,000.00 represents savings and management fees from earlier completed projects and activities and will be used for upgrading Center and function room facilities and the services of the Library and Book Center. As in previous years, rental income and investment income continue to be the major sources of the Council's revenue respectively comprising 79.7 percent and 12.5 percent of the projected revenues for 1997.

The proposed 1997 budget calls for a 15.7 percent increase in the allocation for operating expenses, a 50 percent increase in Council Programs and Services, and an over 200 percent increase in Capital/Equipment Outlay over the 1996 expenditures for these items. The much larger allocation for the latter owes mainly to the fact that earlier allocations for Capital and Equipment Outlay were too small in relation to the necessary repairs and maintenance costs of the PSSCenter.

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
 PROJECTED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 1997
 GENERAL FUND (1997 PROPOSED BUDGET)

	1997 Proposed	1996 Approved Budget	Tentative 1996 Actual	Ratio (Actual vs. Budget)	Ratio to total (Actual)
PROJECTED SOURCES OF FUNDS					
<i>Regular Income</i>					
Membership					
Fees	P 35,600.00	P 21,350.00	P 21,000.00		
Center Rental					
Income	6,650,471.00	5,092,812.00	5,936,754.95		
PSSC Book Center					
Sales	<u>250,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>244,590.79</u>		
Sub-Total	<u>6,936,071.00</u>	<u>5,134,162.00</u>	<u>6,202,345.74</u>	121%	81%
<i>Incremental Income</i>					
Investment					
Income	1,050,000.00	1,360,000.00	1,065,994.05		
Interest					
Income	50,000.00	30,000.00	57,209.80		
Management					
Income from externally funded projects, e.g., SRTC etc.					
	150,000.00	50,000.00	145,917.36		
PLDT Dividend					
Income	2,500.00	5,000.00	2,500.00		
Other Income	150,000.00	50,000.00	158,054.22		
Sub-Total	<u>1,402,500.00</u>	<u>1,495,000.00</u>	<u>1,429,675.43</u>	96%	19%

	1997 Proposed	1996 Approved Budget	Tentative 1996 Actual	Ratio (Actual vs. Budget)	Ratio to total (Actual)
Allocation from the General Fund autho- rized under BR#					
96-09-01	<u>P711,000.00</u>	<u>P573,62.00</u>			
TOTAL PROJECTED SOURCES OF FUNDS					
	<u>9,049,571.00</u>	<u>7,202,834.00</u>	<u>7,632,021.17</u>	<u>106%</u>	<u>100%</u>
PROJECTED USES OF FUNDS					
1. Operating					
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>7,090,270.00</u>	<u>6,124,436.00</u>	<u>5,879,669.48</u>	<u>96%</u>	<u>85%</u>
Salaries and Wages	3,600,812.00	3,308,336.00	3,142,284.61		
Employees Benefits	608,458.00	320,000.00	321,383.64		
Contracted Services	802,000.00	637,000.00	613,628.25		
Utilities	1,072,500.00	827,600.00	904,756.38		
Insurance	66,500.00	66,500.00	58,369.48		
Repairs and Maintenance	350,000.00	350,000.00	315,307.06		
Supplies and Materials	250,000.00	250,000.00	208,368.44		
Communications	30,000.00	15,000.00	16,963.53		
Provision for Income Tax	220,000.00	300,000.00	220,000.00		
Transportation	50,000.00	50,000.00	27,222.81		
Rental Discount	40,000.00	-	51,385.28		

	1997 Proposed	1996 Approved Budget	Tentative 1996 Actual	Ratio (Actual vs. Budget)	Ratio to total (Actual)
II. Council Program					
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>383,600.00</u>	<u>265,300.00</u>	<u>265,300.00</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>4%</u>
General Assembly, B.O.T. Meetings, Mid-Year and Annual Reports					
	339,600.00	234,800.00	234,800.00		
Working Committees					
	44,000.00	30,500.00	30,500.00		
III. Council Program					
<i>Services</i>	<u>945,001.00</u>	<u>618,098.00</u>	<u>550,011.02</u>	<u>89%</u>	<u>8%</u>
Conference Awards					
	140,000.00	70,000.00	43,000.00		
Research Award Program					
	290,000.00	145,000.00	100,000.00		
PSSC Lecture Series					
	50,000.00	-	-		
Encyclopedia Publications					
	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00		
Publications					
	60,000.00*	60,000.00	63,205.94		
Book Center					
	60,000.00*	50,000.00	50,000.00		
Library Improve- ments					
	60,000.00*	86,000.00	85,973.00		
National, Regional and International Linkages					
	121,300.00*	85,000.00	83,864.08		
Contingency/ Miscellaneous					
	35,001.00	22,098.00	23,968.00		

	1997 Proposed	1996 Approved Budget	Tentative 1996 Actual	Ratio (Actual vs. Budget	Ratio to total (Actual)
<i>IV. Capital/Equipment</i>					
<i>Outlay</i>	<u>630,700.00</u>	<u>195,000.00</u>	<u>195,000.00</u>	100%	3%
Acquisition of Equipment, Furniture and Bldg.	502,300.00*	-	-		
Improvement	28,400.00	120,000.00	120,000.00		
Sinking Fund	100,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00		
TOTAL PROJECTED					
USES OF FUNDS	<u>9,049,571.00</u>	<u>7,202,834.00</u>	<u>6,889,980.50</u>	<u>97%</u>	<u>100%</u>
EXCESS	P -	P -	P 742,040.67		10%

*Allocation from the General Fund.

Auditor's Certification

**Caguiat, Abad & Co.
Certified Public Accountant**

**Suite 410 Anita Bldg. (Circle)
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Timog Avenue, Quezon City**

**The Executive Board
Philippine Social Science Council, Inc.**

The balance sheet of the Philippine Social Science Council, Inc. as of 31 December 1996 and the related statement of income retained earnings for the year ended are presented without our opinion in as much as our examination to said financial statement is still in progress.

**(SGD.) Caguiat, Abad & Associates
PTR No. 8332366
January 10, 1997**

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PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
31 DECEMBER 1996 AND 1995

ASSETS	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Cash on Hand and in Banks	P 2,535,943.70	P 2,938,955.58
Notes and Accounts Receivable	1,016,599.21	902,241.07
Accrued Interest Receivable	85,911.34	104,072.23
Inventories	42,187.52	732,632.48
Investment in Time Deposit	278,540.72	259,093.24
Investment in Notes and Bonds, at Cost with Approximate Aggregate Market Value (Schedule 1)	4,203,203.37	3,864,541.71
Investment in Stocks at Market Appreciation (Schedule 1)	2,225,815.50	1,797,182.45
Other Investments (Schedule 1)	9,442,814.70	9,087,242.41
Property and Equipment (Net Book Value)	1,278,054.38	1,276,424.26
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	57,150.00	57,621.67
Dividend Receivable	<u>5,464.48</u>	-
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>P21,171,775.52</u>	 <u>P21,020,007.10</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	P 554,996.50	P 845,852.18
Unearned Administrative and Rental Income	377,978.41	375,940.38
Tenants' Deposits	357,563.33	329,585.58
Subscribers' Deposits	154,490.90	234,771.05
Due to Publishers	127,850.02	126,129.51
Due to SSS, Pag-Ibig, Staff Provident Fund, etc.	34,505.52	25,454.85

Withholding Tax Payable	21,769.81	8,618.12
Deferred Credit (unearned income)	<u>29,662.72</u>	<u>6,454.89</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,658,817.21</u>	<u>1,952,806.56</u>
Sinking Fund (Car, Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	<u>324,921.40</u>	<u>354,329.00</u>
Project Subsidy Fund	<u>160,600.10</u>	<u>160,600.10</u>
Staff Development Fund	<u>206,812.88</u>	<u>246,731.38</u>
Staff Retirement Fund	<u>285,596.40</u>	<u>285,596.40</u>
Endowment Fund	<u>7,666,000.00</u>	<u>7,666,000.00</u>
Unrealized Increment (Loss) on Dollar Account	<u>19,553.20</u>	<u>31,499.17</u>
Reserves for Market Appreciation or (Decline)	<u>118,869.36</u>	<u>(128,286.49)</u>
Fund Balances		
General Fund	8,588,889.18	7,6689,465.06
Special Fund	<u>2,141,715.81</u>	<u>2,761,265.92</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>10,730,604.99</u>	<u>10,450,730.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u><u>P 21,171,775.52</u></u>	<u><u>P 21,020,007.10</u></u>

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
 SCHEDULES OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
 IN BALANCES OF GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1995

INCOME	Ratio to Total	1996	1995	Percent Increase (Decrease)
<i>Regular</i>				
Center Rental Income		P5,936,754.95	P4,957,651.34	
PSSC Book Center Income		244,608.79	42,784.58	
Membership Fees		21,000.00	21,350.00	
Management Income		145,917.36	52,525.00	
Total Regular Income	83%	<u>6,348,281.10</u>	<u>5,074,310.92</u>	25%
<i>Incremental</i>				
Investment Income		1,065,994.05	1,342,775.86	
Interest Income		57,209.80	27,821.52	
Dividend Income		2,500.00	2,850.00	
Others		158,054.22	100,460.45	
Total Incremental Income	17%	<u>1,283,758.07</u>	<u>1,473,907.83</u>	(12%)
TOTAL REGULAR AND INCREMENTAL INCOME	100%	7,632,039.17	6,548,218.75	16%
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Salaries and Wages		3,142,284.61	2,012,301.49	
Contracted Services		613,628.25	745,712.29	
Utilities		904,756.38	609,316.32	
Repairs & Maintenance		315,307.06	386,579.46	
Employees' Benefits		321,383.64	326,022.37	
Supplies & Materials		208,368.44	249,940.50	

Income Tax	220,497.49	298,033.85
Administrative	296,505.94	215,889.84
Depreciation	266,471.28	168,808.28
Insurance	58,369.48	56,254.99
Transportation	27,222.81	29,894.40
Communications	16,963.53	10,146.20
Rental Discounts	51,385.28	

Total Operating Expenses	93%	<u>6,443,144.19</u>	<u>5,108,899.99</u>	26%
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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES

Research grants, awards and projects	7%	<u>512,305.08</u>	<u>399,184.07</u>	28%
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TOTAL OPERATING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES	100%	<u>6,955,449.27</u>	<u>5,508,084.06</u>	26%
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EXCESS OF CURRENT FUND	9%	676,589.90	1,040,134.69	(34%)
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FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,689,465.06	6,495,560.46
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	(663,382.80)	(82,131.77)
FUND TRANSFER	<u>856,217.02</u>	<u>235,901.68</u>

FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>P 8,558,889.18</u>	<u>P 7,689,465.06</u>	11%
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PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 AND 1995

	Ratio to Total	1996	1995	Percent Increase (Decrease)
INCOME				
General Fund				
Center rental income		P 5,936,754.95	P 4,957,651.34	
Investment income		1,065,994.05	1,342,775.86	
PSSC Book Center (CSS)		244,608.79	42,784.58	
Management income		145,917.36	52,525.00	
Interest income		57,209.80	27,821.52	
Membership fees		21,000.00	21,350.00	
Dividend income		2,500.00	2,850.00	
Other income		<u>158,054.22</u>	<u>100,460.45</u>	
Total Income	86%	<u>7,632,039.17</u>	<u>6,548,218.75</u>	16%
SPECIAL FUND				
Special Project/ Program Funds	14%	1,273,129.08	911,009.84	39%
Total Income	100%	<u>8,905,168.25</u>	<u>7,459,228.59</u>	19%
EXPENSES				
Research and Development Research grants, awards and projects	20%	1,593,481.25	1,262,110.33	26%

	Ratio to Total	1996	1995	Percent Increase (Decrease)
OPERATIONAL				
Building and Maintenance		P 2,608,089.28	P2,045,416.00	
Research and Development		1,597,940.00	1,278,385.28	
Administrative		<u>2,237,114.91</u>	<u>1,785,098.71</u>	
Total	80%	<u>6,443,144.19</u>	<u>5,108,899.99</u>	26%
Total Expenses	100%	<u>6,443,144.19</u>	<u>5,108,899.99</u>	26%
Excess of Current Fund	10%	868,542.81	1,088,218.27	(20%)
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		10,450,730.98	9,416,157.28	
Prior Period Adjustment		(733,661.25)	(289,546.25)	
Fund Transfer		144,992.45	235,901.68	
Fund Balances, End of Year		<u><u>P 10,730,604.99</u></u>	<u><u>P 10,450,730.98</u></u>	2%

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
 SCHEDULES OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
 IN BALANCES OF SPECIAL FUND
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1995

SPECIAL PROJECT/PROGRAM FUNDS:

	1996	1995
AASSREC Membership Fees	P 121,450.42	P 101,800.00
AASSREC-UNESCO Symposium Development		48,000.00
AASSREC-UNESCO Earned in Bank Deposit	15,558.66	18,509.84
UNESCO- Culture & Development Project		75,000.00
UNESCO-Publication Int'l. year of the Family		50,000.00
IFSSO XII General conference (Rome)	73,970.00	155,400.00
UNESCO contribution to IFSSO XII General Conference		60,000.00
NRCP Contribution to IFSSO XII General conference		50,000.00
IFSSO Registration Fees		52,300.00
SRTC Study on Government Statistical Manpower Requirements	420,000.00	100,000.00
UNESCO-Most Project Phil. Migration Research Network	200,000.00	200,000.00
UNESCO Bangkok (AASSREC)	130,000.00	
AASSREC (General Activities)	260,150.00	
AASSREC (Panorama)	52,000.00	
TOTAL PROJECT/ PROGRAM FUNDS	P <u>1,273,129.08</u>	P <u>911,009.84</u>

PROJECT EXPENSES:

AASSREC (Exec. Council Meeting, Proceeding, Panorama & Symposium on Social Development	P 499,061.96	P 387,416.85
UNESCO-Culture & Development Project	49,692.00	75,000.00
UNESCO-Publication & Int'l. Year of the Filipino Family		50,000.00
IFSSO/UNESCO/NRCP XIIth General IFSSO Conference	30,089.83	288,868.19
UNESCO Most Project Phil. Migration Regional Network	150,189.21	4,403.82
SRTC Study on Government Statistical Manpower Requirements	231,505.17	49,120.40
NSSC III	200.00	8,117.00
APSSAM	<u>120,438.00</u>	
 TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES	 <u>1,081,176.17</u>	 <u>862,926.26</u>
 EXCESS OF CURRENT FUND	 191,952.91	 48,083.58
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,761,265.92	2,920,596.82
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	(100,278.45)	(207,414.48)
FUND TRANSFER	<u>(711,224.57)</u>	<u>-</u>
 FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	 <u><u>P 2,141,715.81</u></u>	 <u><u>P 2,761,265.92</u></u>

SCHEDULE I
 PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
 INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996

	Number of Shares	Cost	Market Value	Percent to Total	Appreciation (Decline) Amount
A. MARKETABLE SECURITIES					
Alsons Cement Corp.	7,500.00	P 92,193.13	P 76,875.00		P (15,318.13)
Apex Mining Co. Inc.-A	22,500.00	1,065.30	202.50		(862.80)
Benpres Holding Corp.	8,450.00	90,106.55	77,740.00		(12,366.55)
Empire East Land Holdings, Inc.	13,000.00	188,489.16	156,000.00		(32,489.16)
Filinvest Land, Inc.	16,000.00	141,805.48	131,200.00		(10,605.48)
Ionics Circuits, Inc.	8,200.00	205,019.63	153,750.00		(51,269.63)
Megaworld Prop. & Holding	9,750.00	119,301.16	102,375.00		(16,926.16)
Meralco-A Metro	1,020.00	143,595.88	127,500.00		(16,095.88)
Pacific A	41,167.00	220,827.06	267,585.50		46,758.44
Metro Bank	851.00	296,317.92	553,150.00		256,832.08
PDCP	6,400.00	160,411.11	179,200.00		18,788.89
PDCP Preferred Shares	4,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		0.00
Petron Corporation	19,875.00	228,004.91	176,887.50		(51,117.41)
PLDT	100.00	149,211.68	144,500.00		(4,711.68)
SMC-A	700.00	30,597.17	38,850.00		8,252.83
Total Marketable Securities		P 2,106,946.14	P 2,225,815.50	33.39%	P 118,869.36

B.NOTES AND ACCEPTANCES

Value Date	Due Date	Interest rate %	Cost	Market Value
Mindanao Bank 12-06-96	3-07-97	13.50	P205,000.00	P 206,921.87
PDCP-JP Rizal Branch 11-20-96	1-06-97	14.00	921,045.37	935,730.93
12-04-96	1-08-97	14.00	170,000.00	171,785.00
PDCP-Salcedo Branch 11-12-95	1-16-97	14.50	150,000.00	152,960.42
11-25-95	1-24-97	14.50	125,000.00	126,812.50
12-02-96	2-06-97	14.00	135,000.00	136,522.50
12-26-96	1-24-97	13.44	231,000.00	231,431.12
PDCP-Las Piñas Branch 12-21-96	1-23-97	13.44	60,000.00	60,111.98
12-27-96	1-23-97	13.44	76,000.00	76,113.47
Marfori II/Marfori Dev. 03-22-96	3-17-97	17.30	200,000.00	227,296.19
New Towers Corporation 11-19-96	5-19-97	17.30	200,000.00	203,196.67
Puerto Azul Land, Inc. 12-09-96	2-10-97	14.50	850,000.00	857,531.94
Economic Dev. Foundation 6-20-94	6-11-97	19.50	255,789.48	281,144.61
Serg's Product Inc, 06-21-93	6-16-97	16.50	62,222.20	1 65,263.68
07-31-95	7-31-99	16.44	362,254.91	373,006.53
10-16-96	8-10-99	16.75	200,000.00	201,396.17
Total Notes and Acceptance			<u>4,203,311.97</u>	<u>4,307,225.58</u> 66.61%

	Cost	Market Value	
Investment in Prime Equity Fund	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>	
Total Investment-PDCP	<u>6,510,258.11</u>	<u>6,733,041.08</u>	
OTHER INVESTMENTS (BPI)			
Government Securities	2,500,000.00	P 2,585,255.56	
Other Securities	500,000.00	500,655.78	
Premium Fund	2,045,044.70	2,189,579.52	144,534.82
Capital Fund	<u>4,197,770.00</u>	<u>3,818,107.12</u>	<u>(379,662.88)</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (BPI)	<u>9,242,814.70</u>	<u>9,093,597.98</u>	<u>(235,128.06)</u>
Total	<u>P15,753,072.81</u>	<u>P15,826,639.06</u>	

***Accomplishment Reports of
PSSC Member Associations***

Regular Members

Philippine Association of Social Workers (PASWI)

The Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. (PASWI) has long dreamed of becoming a strong, cohesive and visible organization united to achieve its vision, mission and objectives.

At the onset of 1994, during the first year of my Presidency, it was not an easy task to lead for the Association facing the challenges put forward by our pioneers in Social Work and the past officers of our Association.

With the PASWI Board of Directors, Chapter Officers and Members nationwide, our colleagues and our partners in different NGOs and GOs, the past three (3) years were very significant as we have moved further in establishing our identity and capability as an Association.

Let me briefly present a review of the most remarkable past accomplishments.

1994-1996 Accomplishment: A review

A. Promotion and recognition of PASWI and the Social Work Profession

During the 1994 National Convention of Social Workers, President Fidel V. Ramos saluted the Social Workers as the "unsung heroes and one among the key elements of our national community who reinforced the Filipino's dignity and the will to survive when he has received many blows" (Speech of President Fidel V. Ramos delivered in the 1994 Social Workers Convention, PICC, 30 November 1994). The PASWI is making itself visible to other professional groups, especially the medical profession seeing the Social Workers and the Association as vital partner in their prevention, treatment and rehabilitation programs. This is also true for other organizations such as the ISSEC, DOKTORA Foundation, Peace and Order Council, DILG's National Correctional Consciousness Week Technical Committee, Inter-Agency Working Group on Human Resource Development Multi-Sectoral Consultation and others.

PASWI was a nominee to the Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization for two (2) consecutive years, 1995 and 1996, conferred by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

B. Continuing Professional Education

Consistent with the Professional Regulation Commission's (PRC) Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Program, PASWI is the first *CPE Provider* (CPE Provider No. 001) accredited by the PRC-CPE Council for Social Work with its Chairman Gloria B. Galvez last July 19, 1996. All local chapters accredited by PASWI will automatically be considered accredited CPE providers in their localities.

C. Strengthening Local Chapters and PASWI Membership

There are 44 newly organized local chapters from 1994 up to the present which total to 64 local chapters of PASWI.

*A quarterly consultation dialogue with Chapter Presidents was institutionalized by the PASWI Board. This has been very effective in establishing closer links, partnership and network with our chapters.

Decentralization of some powers and functions of PASWI National to the local chapters was effected to facilitate the needs of the members and draw up cohesiveness.

D. Social advocacy and legislation

Senator Raul Roco, through the initiative of our Association, prepared and submitted two (2) bills for the Social Workers, the Magna Carta for Social Workers and Amendment of RA 7160 particularly the sections affecting the Devolved Social Workers and Professionalization of the practice of Social Work. This was followed by a series of deliberations conducted by PASWI with Social Workers, officers and representatives from different agencies and PASWI chapters. The Bill for Magna Carta for Social Workers passed two (2) deliberations in the Senate, the last of which was on June 4, 1996. Social Workers from NCSW, NASWEI, DSWD, LGU, MSWAP and PASWI were in the panel.

The Bill for Amendments of RA 7160 is currently getting the support of Congressman Narciso D. Monfort, Congresswomen Socorro O. Acosta and Minerva Laudico. Hopefully it will be considered and scheduled for hearing. A copy of the Bill is

likewise submitted to the Oversight Committee on the Amendments of Local Government Code.

E. International/local linkages and networking

Being elected to the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Social Workers last July 21, 1996 held in Hong-kong during its General assembly is a significant contribution to PASWI's goal of sustaining its credibility in international associations.

The IFSW-Asia Pacific Region has recently proposed the holding of the 1997 Asia Pacific Conference of Social Workers in Manila. This is awaiting its finalization.

The Japan Association of Social Workers through the IFSW Secretary General Tom Johannesen is considering a twinning program with our Association.

An integration of the commitment to the Social Work profession by the three (3) organizations, the NCSD, NASWEI and PASWI took place last October 4, 1996. A continued and profound collaboration is being envisioned.

F. PASWI Secretariat and administrative support

A permanent Secretariat as strongly clamored for in the past conventions was established and is holding its office at the Philippine Social Science Center, Room 210, Commonwealth Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City with an Executive Secretary and a support Clerk Staff.

Recommendations

1. Sustain the membership and organization of local chapters.
2. Continue strengthening the networking with local government and non-government agencies as well as international organizations.
3. Lobby for the passage of the Bills for the Magna Carta for Social Workers and RA 7160 affecting the Devolved Social Workers and Professionalization of Social Work.
4. Participate actively in addressing local and international issues and come up with PASWI position as an association to give life to its advocacy and legislative functions.
5. Maintain or increase financial viability.
6. Come up with programs and projects that will show PASWI's distinction as an Association of Professional Social Workers.

-Patricia B. Luna
President

Philippines Communication Society (PCS)

An early start was made by the 1996-97 Board of Trustees of the Philippines Communication Society (PCS). Efforts were exerted by the officers to acquaint the government and the media of the existence and functions of PCS. Thus, the new board and their officers were sworn into office by President Fidel V. Ramos in mid-January, 1996. They are:

President	Alice Colet Villadolid
Vice-President	Lourdes I. Ilustre
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Trustees Emeritus	Fr. Ibarra Gonzalez, S.J.
	Prof. Raul Ingles

The next task was to locate some funds as PCS had P20,494 (twenty thousand four hundred ninety four) when this board took over. We submitted a proposal to Ayala Group of Companies for a grant to cover the sponsorship of discussion fora or kapihan. The amount of P100,000 was granted for six kapihan targeted at communication educators and practitioners. Logistic requirements like stationery, identification cards and copier expenses were also covered by this fund.

The first kapihan on the subject "Communicating EDSA Values" took place on February 21, 1996 from 9-12 a.m. at PSSC. Former Trade and Industry Secretary Jose Concepcion, chair of the 1996 EDSA Day Committee, was guest speaker. Public Relations Practitioner Virgilio Pantaleon and Dr. Florangel Braid of Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication were reactors. A total of 28 communicators attended and participated in the lively discussion that followed.

The next kapihan, held on April 4, 1996 in the same place, was on the subject "Communicating Nationalism and Nationhood" with National Historical Institute Director Serafin Quiason

as guest speaker. Reactors were Hon. Michael Mastura, Advertising Practitioner Barbara Gonzalez and Television Journalist Che-Che Lazaro. This time, only 16 communicators attended despite the 100 faxed invitations.

“Communicating APEC” was the subject of the third kapihan held on May 15 with Trade Secretary Cesar Bautista as guest speaker and a panel of reactors composed of Gen. Lisandro Abadia, Ambassador Oscar Villadolid and former Press Secretary Rodolfo Reyes. Eighteen communicators attended of some 100 invited by fax.

In the Board meeting following the kapihan, it was decided that the poor attendance was due to the worsening traffic situation, the intellectual nature of the discussion, which in turn caused the forum to stretch to three hours, too long for professionals to take out of their working day. The Board agreed to the President’s proposal to move the kapihan to the regional media centers in partnership with the National Commission on Culture and Arts which had a round of cultural awareness seminars.

The fourth kapihan took place on June 8 in Boracay following an NCCA three-day seminar in Kalibo. Over 40 trimedia practitioners from the Visayas attended the discussion which centered on “Protecting Press Freedom.” Each of the provincial media was given a P500 reimbursement by PCS of their transport expenses. This was reported and audited in the board meeting of July.

“Press Freedom” was again discussed by some participants of the NCCA cultural awareness seminar in Dagupan on November 14. The PCS contribution was a lecture by its president and assistance in organizing the seminar. The amount of P14,000 originally planned for transport reimbursement as was done in

Boracay was not spent because the Dagupan participants were mostly from Dagupan itself. This amount was spent for expenses up to this meeting with a balance in cash allocated to the continuation of the encyclopedia project.

The Communication Encyclopedia is one of the commitments of PCS to the PSSC. Six member organizations of PSSC have completed and published their encyclopedia. PCS has been delayed for a number of reasons although a team in Fr. Ibarra Gonzalez's Ateneo office is now working on it.

The main problem of PCS is the difficulty of convening members or directors. When the Society was formed in 1987, the charter members were mid-level professionals. Today, nearly every original PCS member is head of an office and consequently too busy to attend to organizing and academic discussions. As president, I propose the absorption of younger members who have not become too busy for professional society work.

-Alice Colet Villadolid
President

Philippine Economic Society (PES)

The Philippine Economic Society (PES) over the years served as one of the strongest links among the members of the economic profession in the academe, government, and the business sector. Through its seminars and conferences, the Society continuously provides a venue for an open and free discussion of a wide range of issues concerning the country's economy.

For the year that was, the Society's prevailing concern to be responsive and relevant not only to the needs of the time but also to the diverse interest of its members was revealed in its list of activities.

I. Seminars and Conferences

A. Seminar on "Development Strategies for the Philippines"

—This activity was co-sponsored by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Makati City on 13 May 1996. At present, the direction of the Philippine development is towards a more open economy, more efficient government and towards increasing confidence both inside and outside the country. However, new realities are posing questions in our development strategy. The seminar tried to look at the details of those posing questions.

In his Keynote speech, Secretary Roberto de Ocampo explained that despite the many improvements in economic figures, the central problem that the country continues to face remains to be poverty alleviation. Poverty alleviation is generally tackled by two methods; one, by the possession of welfare and second, by creation of wealth and expansion of opportunity. Some issues, e.g., the need for tax reform and improvement in agriculture, infrastructure, social services and streamlining of government bureaucracy, need to be considered to make sure that growth and equity are being realized.

Paper presenters were, Dr. Benjamin Diokno of UPSE and Dr. Ponciano Intal of PIDS. In his paper "Growth Strategy for the Philippines: Where we are and where do we go from here", Dr. Diokno discussed the strategy to make Filipino farmers and manufacturers competitive in the global market, which is to ensure "that the external and fiscal sectors have to remain stable; that the growth pattern should be one that creates a sufficiently large number of quality jobs at home; that the strategy has to make sure the fruits for development are shared; that the growth must be one that is broad-based which means there has to be growth in agriculture, as in other sectors". The government's fiscal deficit problem can be permanently solved by a

combination of: a) reducing the size and scope of government in the economy; b) reforms in the civil service; c) reforms in the budgetary process and implementation; d) tax reform; e) restructuring of domestic debt; f) rationalization of government corporations; and g) empowering local governments.

Dr. Intal's paper titled "A Framework of Agroindustrial Restructuring for International Competitiveness of the Philippines" pointed out that key means of improving the country's international competitiveness are through sustained and robust productivity growth. This would mean improved allocation of resource, greater competitive pressure (either domestically or from import/export competition) for organizational restructuring of firms, more streamlined provision of support services, more infrastructure support service and higher rate of technological absorption and adaptation. The paper provided the framework of agricultural and industrial restructuring for international competitiveness of the Philippines.

Paper reactors were, Prof. Romy Neri of the CPBO and Mr. Peter Wallace from AYC. In summary, Dr. Medalla stressed that there was actually a consensus on the issue of sustainability of the present economic developments. It was acknowledged that many steps have been taken in the right direction and yet there are a lot of things to be done. Some of which are deepening the reforms; identifying the package program that is viable; a macroeconomic stability; management of foot-loose capital; recognizing the importance of human capital for better competitiveness in the world market; the need to check the issue of wage setting; and savings mobilization.

B. *Seminar on "Deregulation of the Telecoms Industry"*— Co-sponsored with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung this seminar was held at the Manila Galleria Suites on 19 July 1996. The society opted to discuss the economics of regulation but ended up

discussing Deregulation Issues (Power, BOT and Telecoms). As the topic proved to be very broad, the Society focused on the Telecoms Industry.

Commissioner Simeon Kintanar of the National Telecommunications Commission was among the paper presentors. Comm. Kintanar presented a comprehensive overview of the Philippine Telecommunications Plans and Programs. He also traced the road to liberalization and reviewed the outcome of the deregulation process and revealed the goal of the Philippine Telephone Program.

Prof. Solita Monsod of the UP School of Economics reacted on the paper of Comm. Kintanar. Other presentors were from the key players in the telecoms industry, Mr. Nestor Virata (Vice President, PLDT) and Mr. Edmund Lazo (Asst. Vice President, BayanTel).

Seminar Recommendation

The issue of cross subsidy to local service operation is an important matter to be considered. However, the extent of rebalancing the revenues between the different system of operations and the time-frame has to be carefully examined. Questions such as, "what is the appropriate and feasible time-period for this cross-subsidy to be evened out?" and "during the transition period of rebalancing the revenues, what would be the appropriate pricing scheme which will have to be implemented in order to maintain the financial viability of the companies and consumers' satisfaction?" have to be cautiously studied. The importance of developing a "competition policy" (e.g., interconnection between PLDT and other companies) was also stressed.

C. The PES Economic Papers Conference

In early 1996, the PES Board Members realized the need to get the academe more involved with the Society. The Board then conceptualized a conference where they could get more involvement from the academicians. It was noted that since the academia is too widespread there is really a need for them to get together and be acquainted. Thus, the PES started its Economic Papers Conference to encourage research and interaction among the faculties of different Universities.

The first PES Economic Papers Conference was held at the University of Asia and the Pacific on 27 September 1996. UA&P played as the first host to the EPC. The conference was decided to be a free-themed conference so as not to limit the participation of the faculties interested.

With the good response we were able to get from our Call for Papers, it was decided by the Board that the EPC will be held twice a year. Five of the papers submitted to the PES were presented at the first conference. Paper presentors were: Dr. Benjamin Diokno, UPSE; Dr. Leonardo Lanzona, Ateneo; Mr. Cesar Rufino, DLSU; Mr. Anthony Perez, DLSU; and Mr. George Manzano, from the host school, UA&P.

D. "*Seminar with Dr. Joseph Stiglitz*"—in collaboration with the National Economic and Development Authority and the Philippine Institute for Development Studies held November 21, 1996 at the Sampaguita Room of Hyatt Regency Hotel.

When the Philippines hosted the Asia Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) last November 1996, the Philippine Economic Society together with NEDA and the PIDS got the opportunity

to have Dr. Joseph Stiglitz as speaker to a conference. Dr. Stiglitz is the Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers of the United States of America and he came here as part of the US delegation to the APEC.

Dr. Stiglitz is a leading scholar in the field of economics of public sector. He has written extensively on the important, but limited, role that the government should play in the economy. He has been a leader in US Administration's "reinventing government" efforts. In the conference, he discussed the "Role of Government in Economic Growth and Development" with prominent persons from the government and the academe as his audience.

II. The Philippine Economic Journal

Realizing that the problem with the PEJ is not so much with funding but with a steady supply of publishable articles, the PES Board came up with the idea of having two conferences in a year which could produce enough articles for the *PEJ*. The answer then was the "PES Economic Papers Conference".

The Board, in agreement with Dr. Emmanuel De Dios, *PEJ* Editor, thought of starting a new series for the Journal. They ended up forming the PEJ's New Series beginning 1996 and appointing Dr. Emilio T. Antonio, Jr. as the new Editor. On the other hand, Dr. De Dios will still be in charge for the remaining issues for publication.

III. The FAEA Annual Conference

Recognized among the international community of professional economic association, the PES remains to be a significant national institution.

The Federation of Asean Economic Association (FAEA), of which PES is a member, held its 1996 conference in Bangkok, Thailand last 23-24 November 1996. The conference was titled "Enhancing Technological Capability in the ASEAN countries". This year's FAEA organizer aimed to discuss the technological capabilities of the ASEAN countries for further development to keep the region in competitive position in the world market and intended to promote thinking among economists, businessmen and policy makers in at least two dimensions: overview of the technological capability of the country and enhancement of the country's technological capability through new policies.

PES delegates to this conference were: Dr. Felipe Medalla, Dr. Cayetano Paderanga (Paper Reactor), Dr. Emilio Antonio (Paper Reactor), Dr. Emmanuel De Dios (Paper Presentor) and Dr. Joy Abrenica (Paper Presentor).

-Felipe M. Medalla
President

Philippine National Historical Society (PNHS)

Board of Directors

The following are the current officers and members of the Board of Directors elected on November 25, 1994:

President	Bernardita R. Churchill
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Immediate Past President

Ma. Eloisa Parco-de Castro, who had been serving as Board Secretary since 1994, resigned her position in view of her departure for the United States last October 1996. Digna B. Apilado now serves as Board Secretary.

The President is currently on leave in Washington, D.C. (from December 12, 1996 to May 26, 1997). During her absence the PNHS is represented in the PSSC Board of Trustees by Dr. Eden M. Gripaldo, who is the alternate PNHS representative to the PSSC Board. At the November 27, 1996 meeting of the PSSC Board of Trustees, Dr. Churchill, who was serving as the History Discipline Representative to the Board and who should continue to serve in that capacity until February 1998, proposed that the previous set-up in connection with the alternate turns taken by PNHS and PHA be continued on an annual basis. In that case, there will be equal representation by both historical societies. The proposal was accepted by the PHA President, Oscar L. Evangelista, and the Board of Trustees of the PSSC. Thus, effective March 1997, PHA will sit in the PSSC Board of Trustees until February 1998, when PNHS will take its turn as discipline representative. The Philippine National Historical Society is a charter member of the Philippine Social Science Council.

It is with deep regret that PNHS reports the passing of our President Emeritus, Dr. Marcelino A. Foronda, Jr., who died last December 1996 after a lingering illness.

Activities (Completed, on-going, forthcoming)

1. Co-sponsor with the Manila Studies Association, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts—Committee on Historical Research, and the National Historical Institute—8th Annual Conference of the Manila Studies Association, June 27-28, 1996, Conference Room, NCCA Building, Intramuros, Manila. The theme of the Conference was “Eight Luzon Provinces in Revolt, 1896.” Board Member Dr. Luis C. Dery presented a paper entitled “Re-examining the Archival Sources of the Cavite Mutiny of 1872.”

2. 17th Annual Conference on Local and National History, October 23-25, 1996, at the Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, co-sponsored with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts—Committee on Historical Research, National Historical Institute, Ateneo de Manila University, and the Manila Studies Association. The conference theme was: “The Revolution in the Provinces,” in commemoration of the Centennial of the outbreak of the 1896 Philippine Revolution. There were approximately 350 participants and observers and 18 paper presenters, including Board Members Prof. Digna B. Apilado (“The Gobierno Revolucionario de Filipinas: The Forgotten Triumph of the Revolution of 1896:”) and Dr. Francis A. Gealogo (“Kalagayang Demograpikal ng Salinlahi ng Himagsikan: Populasyon at Lipunan sa mga Kristiyanong Rehiyon: 1885-1896”).

The 18th Annual Conference on Local and National History will be hosted by the Mindanao State University-Jolo in October 1997. The theme of the conference will be “The Muslims in Philippine History.”

3. The following members of the PNHS Board are active members of the Committee on Historical Research of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts: Bernardita R. Churchill (Chair of Special Projects of the Committee), Rolando S. DelaGoza, C.M., Ma. Eloisa Parco-de Castro (until October 1996), Luis C. Dery, and Helen R. Tubangui. The special projects which were undertaken by the Committee on Historical Research in 1996 were the following: Sixth Echo Seminar on the Philippine Revolution, "The Moros and the Lumads during the Philippine Revolution," May 31 and June 1, 1996; and Seventh Echo Seminar on the Philippine Revolution, "The Unfolding of the Revolution in the Leyte-Samar Region," Leyte Normal University, August 1-2, 1996. The President delivered the Conference Overview at both echo seminars. Board Secretary Prof. Digna B. Apilado delivered a paper on "Local Historical Research: A Methodology" at the Tacloban Echo Seminar.

4. Through the President and/or several members of the Board, the PNHS was involved in the following activities in connection with the celebration of the Centennial of the Philippine Revolution: Simposio Internacional de Historiadores en torno al 1898: Cuba, España, Estados Unidos, Filipinas y Puerto Rico, "1898: Enfoques y Perspectivas," Universidad de Puerto Rico, April 28-May 4, 1996; Paper Presented by the President: "Nationalism and Nationhood: The Philippine Revolution against Spain and the United States, 1898-1902."

International Conference on the Centennial of the Philippine Revolution, Manila Hotel, August 21-23, 1996; President as Conference Program Director. There were 91 papers presented by foreign and Filipino scholars on topics that pertained to the conference theme of "The Philippine Revolution and Beyond." The President delivered the Conference Overview and Conference Summation at the Opening and Closing Programs,

respectively, of the Conference. Board Members Fr. Rolando de la Rosa, O.P., Dr. Luis C. Dery, and Vice Governor (Iloilo) Demy P. Sonza were paper presenters. PNHS VP for Luzon, Fr. Rolando S. DelaGoza and Board Member Helen R. Tubangui each chaired a panel.

Fifth International Philippine Studies Conference, April 14-16, 1996, Honolulu, Hawaii; President as Member, PSSC Steering Committee and Panel Chair, "The Revolution and Beyond." Then Board Secretary, Ma. Eloisa Parco-de Castro presented a paper entitled "Documents of the 1896 Philippine Revolution at the University of Santo Tomas Archives: A Preliminary Survey." Current Board Secretary, Digna B. Apilado's paper was "The Philippine Revolution of 1896 and the Ilocos Region."

The President serves as Board Member of the Philippine Studies Group of the Association of Asian Studies (AAS), based at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA as well as International Consultant of PILIPINAS, Journal of the Philippine Studies Group.

Philippine Association for Chinese Studies (PACS), Symposium on China's Politics and Economy, Ateneo de Manila University, December 2, 1996; President as Moderator for Open Forum. The President serves as a Board Member of PACS.

5. Other linkages include the following:

In connection with the Philippine Centennial, the President serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Centennial Foundation, USA (PCF/USA) and the Philippine Centennial Coordinating Committee (PCCC), both based in Washington, D.C. and linked with the Philippine Centennial Commission in Manila.

A Memorandum of Agreement has been signed with the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS), based in Seattle, Washington, USA. On August 5-7, 1998, a Centennial Conference on the History of Filipino-Americans in the United States, will be co-sponsored with the Filipino-American National Historical Society (President—Dr. Virgilio Pilapil, USA) and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas, Department of Foreign Affairs. During the President's absence, VP Rolando DelaGoza (or Dr. Eden M. Gripaldo when Fr. DelaGoza is unavailable) will represent PNHS in meetings with Mr. Jose Molano of the Commission on Filipinos Overseas to plan for the forthcoming conference.

6. Immediate Past President, Dr. Leslie E. Bauzon, is finishing his tenure as Visiting Professor in Asian Studies, Graduate School, University of Tsukuba, Japan; he expects to return to the Department of History, University of the Philippines in June 1997. Vice President for Luzon, Fr. Rolando S. DelaGoza, C.M. is currently serving as a Commissioner of the Commission for Higher Education. He has delivered several lectures throughout the country. Board Member Helen R. Tubangui is currently serving as a member of the National Historical Institute and is President of the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP). The President has recently joined ASAP as a Board Member (as of December 1996).

7. While the President was in the United States from December 1995 to May 1996, she delivered several lectures to the following institutions/groups in her capacity as Professor of History and President of PNHS: Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, Arlington, Virginia (February 9, 1996); Institute for Learning in Retirement, American University, Washington, D.C. (March 28, 1996); World Bank Group-IMF Filipino Association, Washington, D.C. (April 26, 1996):

Philippine American Heritage Foundation and the Philippine Centennial Coordinating Committee, at the Philippine Embassy, Washington, D.C. (May 10, 1996); Special Philippine Issues Forum, Washington, D.C. (May 17, 1996).

In Manila, from May to December 1996, the President read papers at conferences and seminars in Marawi City, Tacloban City, and Dapitan City, all in connection with the Philippine Centennial. The President was also one of the resource persons working on the historical component of the Philippine Centennial Exposition to open at Clark Field in 1998.

Papers/speeches were also delivered on various historical topics at the invitation of the following: Department of European Languages, UP College of Arts and Letters (August 15, 1996); Launching of reprint of Teodoro A. Agoncillo's *The Revolt of the Masses and Malolos, The Crisis of the Republic*, University of the Philippines, Book Fair 1996 (August 18, 1996); The Oriental Ceramic Society of the Philippines (September 24, 1996); the National Teachers College, 68th Foundation Anniversary (September 29, 1996); and the NCCA-Committee on Archives (October 21, 1996).

(N.B. The above information on activities is based only on materials available to the President and may not include other activities of other members of the PNHS Board.)

Forthcoming publications (Projected for 1997-1998)

Journal of History Volume on:

Bikol Studies

Mindanao and Sulu: Transformation, History
and Conflict, edited by Domingo Non

Selected papers from the annual conferences
held in Marawi (1991), Tawi-Tawi (1991),
Kabakan (1992), Palawan (1993),
Zamboanga (1995), Ateneo de Manila (1996).

Monographs on Papers on the Philippine Revolution (Centennial
Publication), with the Manila Studies Association

Publications, researches completed and on-going (The list
is based on information available to the President.)

PNHS Newsletter, No. 2 was issued in October 1996 and
distributed to participants at the 17th National Conference on
Local and National History held at the Ateneo de Manila
University.

A monograph on "Muslim Raids" in the Philippines,
completed by Dr. Luis C. Dery, currently undergoing final
revisions for publication by the NCCA-Committee on Historical
Research

A History of Batangas province (on-going)—Bernardita R.
Churchill, funded by the Batangas Historical Foundation

"Kabihasnang Asyano" portion of textbook on *Kabthasnang
Pandaigdig* (completed), to be published by Phoenix Publishers.

SEC Registration

The PNHS registration with the Securities and Exchange
Commission expired in 1983, according to official records of
the SEC. In view of this situation, the PNHS filed anew for SEC
registration last November, which should be approved soon (the

process had not been completed by the time of my departure last December 12, 1996), if it has not been approved already.

-Bernardita R. Churchill
President

Philippine Sociological Society (PSS)

A general meeting of the PSS was organized in May 1996, during which elections were held for the 1996-97 Board of Directors. The current Board is composed of the following:

President	Sylvia H. Guerrero
Vice President	Cynthia Rose B. Bautista
Treasurer	Karina Constantino-David
Secretary	Virginia A. Miralao
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	Stella Go
	Emma Porio
	Corazon B. Lamug, ex-officio

The general meeting was also an occasion to honor members of the Society who have contributed much to the development of the discipline and/or growth of the association. Plaques of appreciation were given to the following honorees: Ofelia R. Angangco, Fe R. Arcinas, Mercedes B. Concepcion, Chester Hunt (posthumous), Elsa Jurado (posthumous), Francis Madigan, S.J., Frank X. Lynch (posthumous), Isabel Panopio and Lourdes Quisumbing.

The May general meeting was held during the week that the PSS co-hosted the First Asia Pacific Regional Conference of Sociology in the PSSCenter. The conference was attended by some 90 Filipino participants and over 80 foreign delegates.

Also during the past year, PSS exerted efforts to update its journal publication, the *Philippine Sociological Review*. Volume 42 (1994), a special issue on the Filipino Family, was released. In press and to be put out by the first quarter of 1997 are Volume 43 (1995) which will feature articles on "Crime and Philippine Society" and Volume 44 (1996) on "Filipinos as Transnational Migrants."

PSS sponsored a forum on "The Filipino Family" in November of the past year as part of PSS' efforts to disseminate the research from the articles featured in the special Family Issue of the *PSR* and which were popularized in the Wednesday Lifestyle Section of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*. The forum was also part of the PSSC Lecture Series which was launched in October 1996. The speakers and discussants for the lecture included Dr. Gelia Castillo, Professor Emeritus of U.P. Los Baños; Mrs. Rosario de la Rosa, Director of the Bureau of Family and Community Welfare, Department of Social Welfare and Development; Fr. Ruben Tanseco, S.J., Director of the Center for Family Ministries, Loyola School of Theology; and Dr. June P. Lopez, member, Coordinating Committee, UP Center for Women's Studies and Program Director/Convenor of the Center for Integrative and Development Studies in U.P. Diliman.

—Sylvia H. Guerrero
President

Philippine Statistical Association (PSA)

Esteemed members of the Board of Directors and of the Council of Advisers and friends of the Philippine Statistical Association:

The Philippine Statistical Association takes pride in its very busy and fruitful year in 1996. Our activities span manifold areas—advocacy, research, technical assistance, institutional development, and publications. Indeed, we have kept attuned to the mandate of our “Agenda Towards 2000”. In spite of the pressures and demands of these manifold activities, our financial position has remained strong. It is therefore, my pleasure to recount with you briefly our accomplishments this year.

Advocacy

In line with PSA’s advocacy function, we hosted the presentation of three papers which resulted in in-depth and lively discussions. These were:

1. “Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Survey,” presented by Ms. Paula Monina G. Collado of the NSO, during the PSA Annual Conference held on October 29 at the Hotel Rembrandt, Quezon City. Dr. Napoleon Juanillo of the Ateneo de Manila University, and Dir. Clifford Paragua of TESDA, were the paper commentators.

2. “Some Thoughts on the Improvement of Science Content of Education Curriculum and Teachers in the Fields of Mathematics and Statistics,” presented by Dr. Andrew Gonzalez, President of De La Salle University, at the Closing Ceremonies

of the National Statistics Month-1996 held under the sponsorship of PSA on October 29 at the Hotel Rembrandt, Quezon City.

3. "Highlights of the 1995 Population Census," presented by Ms. Paula Monina G. Collado during the first session of the PSSC Monthly Lecture Series on October 30 at the Philippine Social Science Center, Seminar Room. Dr. Manuel Alba, Quezon City Administrator, gave some insights on the use of statistics in public administration.

4. Fifth Philippine Statistics Quiz, in cooperation with the National Statistics Office, which was concluded last December 3, 1996. The national champion, Rolando Giancarlo Inciong came from Region IV; second place came from Region I, Danites A. Eslao; third place came from Region XI, Joyce A. Canonigo; fourth place from Region XII, Kim A. Gargar; and fifth place from Region VI, Maricel F. Bermejo.

Research projects

The PSA-USAID Project "*Statistical Development and Analysis in Support of the Agribusiness Sector*" started in February 1992, was supposed to terminate last September 30, but was extended up to March 1997 to enable the project to focus on activities that could be profitably institutionalized in the PSA. These activities are the EASIBOARD and the SCATA.

There were also other projects undertaken this year in cooperation with Agency proponents of the projects. These are:

1. *Data Entry of POPCEN Forms*. This project is jointly undertaken with the National Statistics Office (NSO), and funded wholly by that Office at P160,000. Ms. Paula Monina G. Collado of the NSO was designated project coordinator.

2. *Processing of Import Export Documents*. This project was jointly undertaken with the National Statistics Office (NSO), and funded wholly by that Office at P1,200,000. The project started on January 1996 and is expected to be finished within the year. Ms. Nelia Ballesfin of the NSO was designated project coordinator.

3. *Provincial Data Base and Information Center (PDIC) Methodology to Meet Local-Area Data Needs*. This project is undertaken jointly with the National Statistics Office (NSO) with a budget of P1,200,000. Ms. Rosalinda Cabrera of the NSO was designated as project coordinator.

4. *Establishment and Maintenance of Civil Registration System for Muslim Filipinos*. This project is jointly undertaken with the National Statistics Office (NSO) with a budget of P1,995,500. Mr. Carlito Lalicon of the NSO was designated as project coordinator.

5. *National Statistical Information Center (NSIC)*. This project is jointly undertaken with the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) with a budget of P110,000. Ms. Regina Reyes of the NSCB was designated as project coordinator.

6. *Environmentally Sustainable Tourism Development Plan for Northern Palawan*. This project was undertaken jointly with the JICA Study Team (c/o NSCB) with a budget of P465,910. Ms. Rosalinda Bautista was designated as project coordinator.

7. *Census of Dairy Enterprises*. This project was undertaken jointly with the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) with a budget of P150,000. Ms. Nenita Yanson was designated as project coordinator.

Institutional development

1. *Establishment of the ASSIST (Foundation of the PSA).* After more than three years of discussions, the ASSIST (Foundation of the PSA) was finally established this year. The Foundation will handle the business aspects of the Association so as not to detract from its main objective of improving the national statistics system and advocacy.

In the first quarter meeting held on April 17 at the Sulo Hotel the draft Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the Foundation were finalized and two activities of the PSA-USAID Project SDASAS were adopted, namely: the EASIBOARD and SCATA.

During the second quarter meeting which was held as a General Membership Meeting on August 16, followed by a subsequent general membership meetings on September 18, the Foundation was finally established.

The initial members of the Board of Trustees were: Margarita F. Guerrero, Carmelita N. Ericta, Ana Maria L. Tabunda, Ma. Celeste M. Molina, Lilia Habacon, Nelia R. Marquez, Generoso G. de Guzman, Ruben F. Trinidad, Simeon Ventura, Ann Inez N. Gironella, and Romeo S. Recide.

The initial contributions to serve as seed money amounted to P34,000. The interim officers of the Foundation are Margarita F. Guerrero, President; Carmelita N. Ericta, Vice-President; Ana Maria L. Tabunda, Secretary; Ma. Celeste M. Molina, Treasurer and Lilia T. Habacon, Auditor.

2. *Guidelines on the Formation of PSA Chapters.* To address the increasing interest expressed by statisticians based outside Metro Manila, we finally approved during the aforementioned

second quarter meeting, the Guidelines on the Formation of Chapters and the Structure of the Association cum Regional/ Provincial/City Chapters.

The new structure regards the chapters as an integral part of the PSA except that for the sake of expediency they are allowed to elect a regional/provincial/city council to manage the local administration and activities. All members of PSA irrespective of their residences are subject to the same rules and enjoy the same privileges.

Technical assistance

1. Contributed P5,000 to the Department of Science and Technology in support for the Undergraduate Scientific Manpower Development Program.

2. Four Mongolian scholars, under the auspices of the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics, observed PSA project activities in packaging data on agricultural production, prices, marketing and data dissemination last March 29. The following June, another group came from Sri Lanka to observe the same project activities.

3. The Annual Training of Statisticians was held on October 9-11 at the National Statistics Office Training Room. Based on a survey of needs from the target institutional members, the topic adopted was "Forecasting Techniques". Twenty three (23) participants coming from 18 institutional members attended.

Publications

Philippine Statistician, Vol. 42, Nos. 1-4 representing issues for 1993 and *PSA Newsletter*, 3 issues.

Organizational matters

The present members of the Board are:

President	Dr. Margarita F. Guerrero
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The Board of Directors met twelve times during the year. Likewise the working committees held meetings as follows:

- a. Institutional Development Committee—3 meetings
- b. By-Laws, Membership and Chapter Committee—4 meetings
- c. Conference Committee—3 meetings
- d. Finance Committee—3 meetings

- e. Publications Committee-2 meetings
- f. Philippine Statistics Quiz—1 meeting
- g. Training Committee—2 meetings
- h. Annual Meeting and X-mas Party—1 meeting

Membership status. As of December 6, 1996 our total membership stood at 769 divided into individuals, 594; institutional, 36; and life, 169.

Inter-agency participattons. In 1996, the following members were designated to inter-agency committees:

1. Ms. Carmelita N. ERICTA, Member of the PSSC Board of Trustees

2. Dr. Margarita F. Guerrero, member, Steering Committee; Ms. Paula Monina G. Collado, member, Program Committee; Mr. Ruben F. Trinidad, member, Logistic Committee, all in connection with the 1996 Celebration of Statistics Month in October.

3. Dr. Margarita F. Guerrero was appointed member of the organizing committee for the Third East Asian Regional Session of the International Association of Statistical Computing (EARS) to be held December 1998.

Financial status. Based on our unaudited financial records covering January 1 to November 30, 1996, total revenue reached P672,488.76 compared to a total expenditure of P471,160.90, thereby realizing a balance of P201,327.86. If we include this balance to the balance outstanding as of December last year, our total fund balance today is P1,095,002.05.

In Memoriam

Former Secretary General of the National Statistical Coordination Board, Mr. Pablo Q. Samson, passed away on January 8, 1996.

Matters to be considered by the Board of Directors for 1997

We have elected the members of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. As we congratulate them, we, the outgoing Board, would like to pass on to them the unfinished plans and programs as enunciated in our statistics development plan "Towards 2000". While the outgoing board has laid the basic framework, there is a lot to be done to bring these programs into full fruition.

1. Serious study on ways and means of making the ASSIST (Foundation of the PSA) become a truly viable foundation from the point of view of sustainability and utility.
2. Look into the problems of Statistics Education. Proposals have been put forward suggesting a review of the textbooks in statistics that are being used in the high school and to organize a training program for statistics mentors.
3. Organization of more PSA chapters outside Metro Manila.
4. Microfilming of all publications and important records of the PSA for posterity.
5. Although the "Agenda Towards 2000" is still relevant, it already needs a thorough evaluation. It was suggested also that the paper of Dr. Burton T. Oñate entitled "Strategic Planning:

An Imperative" be studied for possible updating and expansion along with the "Agenda Towards 2000."

—Margarita F. Guerrero
President

Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP)

In the year covering September 1995 to August 1996, the PAP instituted organizational reforms and organized various activities that allowed the PAP to successfully reach out to a broader range of psychology professionals and students in the country. That made for a very busy year for the PAP.

Organization

The term of the new Board of Directors began with the election of a new set of officers. Drs. Rose Marie Salazar-Clemeña, Natividad A. Dayan, Allan B.I. Bernardo, and Imelda C.G. Villar were elected President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively.

The new Board immediately set out on a strategic planning workshop in which short and medium term goals, plans, and strategies were formulated.

The Board revived five standing committees as prescribed by the PAP Charter. These are the Finance Committee, Membership Committee, Scientific and Professional Ethics Committee, Program Committee, and Publications Committee.

The Board also decided to rename the various specialty area committees into divisions. These are the Clinical/Counseling Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Social Psychology, Testing and Evaluation Committees. A special Committee on the Teaching of Psychology was also created. The different chairs of these divisions were selected and tasked to plan for the activities of the division for the coming year.

Early in 1996, the PAP Board decided to terminate its lease of the room at the PSSCenter, to streamline its financial expenditures. The PAP still maintains a smaller office at the PSSC for free.

Conferences and meetings

In November 1995, the PAPJA convention was hosted by St. Scholastica's College, Manila with Dr. Emy Villar as Convention Chair. For the first time, one school organized the entire convention. The convention was attended by over 900 junior affiliates and was by all accounts highly successful.

In February, the PAP held a Regional Conference for Members and Junior Affiliates in Cebu City. This conference was hosted by St. Theresa's College, Cebu, with the active leadership of Prof. Evangeline Lim. Over 150 junior affiliates and 350 professionals attended this conference and the workshops offered.

Encouraged by the success of the Cebu Conference, the PAP held another regional conference in Baguio City in May. The host was St. Louis University, and Fr. Evarist Erlinden, CICM, spearheaded a very successful meeting. A total of 129 junior

affiliates and 154 professionals attended the conference and the various workshops.

The PAP also hosted Dr. Richard Schlesinger of Australia when he visited in March. Dr. Schlesinger held several lectures for various universities in Manila.

These various activities were organized under the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. Naty Dayan, Chair of the PAP Program Committee.

Publications

During the past year the PAP has been working on publishing a book of readings based on the papers of the 1995 ICP Regional Conference. This book, edited by Drs. Allan Bernardo, Naty Dayan, and Allen Tan, will hopefully be published by the end of 1996.

In 1996, another issue of the *Philippine Journal of Psychology* was published and three issues of the *PAP Newsletter* were distributed to PAP members.

Associate Members

College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD) University of the Philippines

CSWCD is committed to pursue the teaching, research and extension programs to achieve its vision, mission, goals of providing people-centered, poverty-focused and gender-responsive services using participatory strategies for human and social transformation and development. To live with this mandate, the College achieved and made important contributions which are the high water marks of its performance for AY 1996.

Revised BSSW Curriculum

The revised curriculum was approved by the University Council last April 1996, and forthwith implemented starting the first semester, SY 1996-97. The new curriculum reflects the generalist perspective in Social Work as well as a more gender-sensitive and ecologically-oriented curriculum which are responsive to new realities in social welfare and social development.

Diploma in women in development through distance education

The program was approved by the University Council of the Open University in March 1996. This was the product of a collective consultation conducted in Davao, Cebu, and Iloilo, where the response was quite encouraging. Additional support for the development came with the initial release of funds from Congresswoman Teresa Aquino-Oreta.

Master in social work through distance education

This program in distance mode continued to be delivered in the learning centers at UP Baguio and the UP Mindanao. Four more modules were completed in addition to two other modules produced earlier. The scholarship grant from Senator Edgardo Angara for Mindanao students and the ten (10) presidential grants from the U.P. President have immensely bolstered the program.

Master in community development curriculum review

The MCD program is currently under review to realign and reinforce the following content areas, namely: theories and realities, community organization, research, planning and administration, and community education.

Conception of the doctoral program in social work

A series of consultations was conducted with local and foreign leading educators and practitioners as well as with the alumni to explore the possibility of offering the program in two years' time. A more thorough needs assessment will be conducted for this purpose.

Expansion of community-based field placements

To concretize the link between theory and practice, the students, in partnership with community-based organizations, were fielded in new areas which provided more learning opportunities in development work. Documentation of the experience would provide material for case studies and articles for teaching and training.

Active participation in the PAHINUNGOD Program

The faculty and students have been actively supporting the program by giving their time and services to institutions and communities covered by this outreach program to fulfill the university's service commitment.

Increased practice-oriented research activities

There is a marked increase in the number of individual and institutional research activities which are aimed at improving field practice and delivery of services for individuals, groups, and communities.

An initial study on Migrants with support from the Center for Integrative and Development Studies (CIDS) was completed with a round table discussion among agencies to promote collaboration and complementation of services. Envisioned are more studies on various groups of migrant workers. Other CIDS-supported projects include the documentation of Disaster Community Rehabilitation work at Lahar evacuation centers at Pampanga and the Conflict Resolution study at the UP Integrated School.

More publications on women in development

As a gender-sensitive institution, the College has produced more articles and materials concerned with women's issues and problems. These articles, reflecting a wide variety of topics under the subject, were shared in local and international meetings on gender issues.

Funding support for the new building

Major funding support for the new building was assured with the help of Senator Orlando Mercado. The U.P. Diliman

has included the CSWCD building plan in the 1997 budget capital outlay. The alumni and other endowed parties and institutions have likewise been tapped towards its completion.

Strategic planning workshop

A strategic planning workshop was held in May 1996 to align the College vision, mission, goals with the University programs. This was followed by a series of general assemblies to validate and fine-tune the plans of the College.

Institutional linkages

Continued exposure of Japanese students and joint research projects were the focus of activities with Nihon Fukushi University.

Exploratory meetings in Australia and the Philippines were held for student and faculty exchange as well as collaborative academic and research activities with the University of South Australia.

Several Japanese schools in Social Work and Social Policy expressed their interest for academic and research linkages.

The establishment of the Asian Academic Association for Social Services will involve the College within the next four years in pursuing research and practice in the context of the Asian culture.

Faculty collaboration in university work

Several faculty members continued to serve in university administrative positions as well as in University-wide Committee assignments.

Problems and recommendations

1. Increase in the College budget allocation to cover maintenance, repair costs and to support increased activities in teaching, research, publication and extension.

2. Continuing University support for the permanent College building through the release of the capital outlay in the 1997 budget to supplement the funding from outside sources to cover the increased cost of construction.

3. The need for University support for the proposed Ph.D. program to be pursued through local, regional and international linkages.

4. Additional faculty items for the WDP program to obtain departmental status to respond to increasing manpower requirements in gender programs.

5. Support for the proposed program of the Center for Social and Participatory Development to promote regional linkages in social development and pursue poverty alleviation schemes to benefit the marginalized community groups.

Plans for the coming year

1. Pursue the strategic plans towards year 2008.

2. Construction of the CSWCD permanent building.

3. Establish the Center on Social and Participatory Development.

4. Expand the distance education program in Master of Social Work with the establishment of more learning centers to meet the regional demand for graduate education in Social Work.

5. Start the offering of the Diploma on Women and Development in distance format.

6. Submit proposal for the Diploma in Community Development in distance format.

7. Set-up a research, extension and publication agenda.

8. Expand resource generation activities for the permanent building, endowment fund, research, extension, scholarships and distance education.

9. Strengthen the working partnership with the UP Social Action and Research for Development Foundation (UPSARDF) and the Social Work and Community Development Alumni Association (UPSWCDAA).

10. Institutionalize regional and international linkages on academic programs, research and advocacy.

National Tax Research Center (NTRC)

For the year 1996, the National Tax Research Center (NTRC) continued to function in accordance with its mandate to conduct a continuing research in taxation as basis for tax policy formulation/legislation consistent with the development plans of the government. NTRC took into consideration the macroeconomic goals of the Ramos administration as envisioned in the *Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan* (MTPDP) and the recent

policy pronouncements of the government such as the moratorium on the grant of tax and other incentives to selected sectors and the prime consideration of equity in the enactment of tax laws.

Highlights of accomplishments

NTRC completed research studies aimed at improving the tax policy, structure and revenue collection; rationalizing the fiscal incentives system; simplifying tax administration; improving tax compliance; and enhancing the revenue-raising powers of local government units. The studies included the following: 1) assessment of the impact of the various reforms introduced in the Local Government Code on the taxing and other revenue-raising powers of local government units and on local government finance; 2) challenges for fiscal policy reform re environmental protection; 3) evaluation of issues relative to tax exemption privileges of cooperatives under Republic Act No. 6938; 4) proposed grant of \$200 and \$100 duty-free shopping privilege in the Subic and Clark economic zones; 5) present taxation of petroleum products and liquefied natural gas relative to the oil tax restructuring program of the government; 6) review on the excise tax and registration fee imposed on motor vehicles; 7) comparative tax treatment of excisable goods in other countries; 8) study on forestry sector; 9) proposed exemption of the beneficiaries of the Community Mortgage Program from the socialized housing tax; 10) study on the tax treatment of the sale of natural gas by service contractors; 11) review of the 20 percent final withholding tax on interest income; 12) taxation of natural resource-based industries; 13) issues for coordination and harmonization concerning transfer pricing and fiscal incentives; 14) update on the comparative provisions of fiscal incentives in selected countries in Asia; and 15) studies on the tax subsidies granted to Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority and Armed Forces of the Philippines Commissary and Exchange Service.

Continuing its function as technical secretariat of the Subcommittee on Excise Taxes and Other Structural Reforms of the Presidential Task Force on Tax and Tariff Reforms created via Administrative Order No. 112 (February 10, 1994), the NTRC organized and administered two subcommittee meetings and a consultative workshop and prepared the Subcommittee's working technical papers as well as the agenda and the minutes of the meetings concerning the excise taxation and registration fee on motor vehicles.

Technical assistance was likewise extended to the Task Force on Oil Industry Deregulation, Task Force on Developing a Hongkong Strategy for Subic, Task Force on the Rationalization of Duty-Free Stores Operations in the Philippines and the Working Group on Fiscal Matters of the Local Government Code.

The NTRC was likewise tasked to handle technical and secretariat functions of the working group on the review of the Subic Bay Freeport Policy and Institutional Framework (SBFPIF). It prepared a background paper on the World Bank recommended policy issues to be resolved and the terms of reference on the proposed review of the SBFPIF. It also prepared a project proposal for World Bank's Technical Assistance in undertaking a review of the Subic Bay Freeport Policy and Institutional Framework.

As the technical secretariat relative to the Bureau of Customs' chairmanship of the 1996 APEC Committee on Trade and Investments' Subcommittee on Customs Procedures (SCCP), the NTRC prepared reports, briefers and position papers on various issues concerning the SCCP; the various correspondence between the Chair and Head of the Philippine Delegation and the shepherds and members of the SCCP; and the final reports of the SCCP sessions held in Manila, Cebu and Davao.

The NTRC also provided technical assistance to local government units through serving as resource persons/discussants in seminars concerning local finance revenue generation and resource administration conducted by the Department of Interior and Local Government.

NTRC evaluated 62 Senate and House bills and other proposals referred by Congress and other government agencies as well as the private sector. These served as inputs during executive and congressional deliberations of said bills.

In support of the tax information and taxpayer awareness program, NTRC prepared/published the *Guide to Individual Tax* (1996 edition), *Selected Economic Indicators* (1996 edition), *Tax Statistics Bulletin*, NTRC and FIRB brochures as well as a primer on the expanded value-added tax. These were in addition to the regular publications which included the NTRC Annual Report, the bi-monthly NTRC Tax Research Journal and Fiscal Incentives Review Board Annual Report.

As the secretariat of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board (FIRB), it processed and evaluated 48 applications for subsidy availments requested by government-owned and controlled corporations for consideration of the FIRB Technical Committee and the FIRB Board Proper. It administered 13 meetings during the period.

In relation to its function as technical secretariat of the NEDA Inter-Agency Technical Committee on Taxation, it coordinated/facilitated four meetings and prepared the required studies and other technical papers which served as the committee's discussion/working papers.

It also continued to assist the Department of Finance and other government agencies under the Executive Branch through studies on revenue-enhancement measures initiated by the Ramos administration.

As to administrative improvements, NTRC prepared a manual on standard coding, indexing and filing system for NTRC studies, researches and other technical papers. A seminar on the standard system was undertaken for its staff as a preparation for the implementation of the said system in 1997. The system is a prelude to the full computerization of NTRC systems concerning storage and retrieval of its studies, researches and other technical papers.

Finally, it continued to provide technical assistance to other public and private institutions and individuals who sought the NTRC's research expertise in the form of estimates, comments on proposals, draft bills and others.

Challenges and agenda for 1997

For 1997, in consideration of the macro-economic goals of the present administration as stated in the *MTPDP*, NTRC research efforts will be directed towards tax reform measures that would, among others: 1) improve revenue productivity, progressivity and equity in the tax system; 2) strengthen tax administration and improve tax collection efficiency; 3) rationalize tax incentives; 4) improve the level of taxpayer awareness and compliance; and 5) harmonize the tax systems of the national and local governments. Also, NTRC commits to the thrusts of the Department of Finance on the pursuance of a comprehensive tax reform, development of the capital market, reassessment/reevaluation of local government finance, "Hongkongnization" of the Philippines, oil deregulation, and the rationalization of the government corporate sector.

Pambansang Samahan sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino (PSSP)

The year 1996 saw the re-launching of *Diwa*, PSSP's journal which had not been published for sometime. The 1996 issue featured articles on the theme of sexuality and gender roles in the Philippines. The following researchers were featured in the

new *Dtwa*: Rogelia Pe-Pua, Grace Aguilng-Dalisay, Mariano Sto. Domingo, Sylvia Estrada Claudio, Josephine G. Tayag, Aida F. Santos, Evalyn Ursua, and Victoria A. Bautista.

The PSSP held its 22nd Annual Conference on December 10-11, 1996 at Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman. The theme was "Psychology of Filipino Leadership and Heroism".

On the first day the issues of heroism and Filipino leadership were discussed in separate panels. The first panel featured historian-columnist Ambeth Ocampo and Prof. Grace P. Odal of UP Manila. The panel on leadership had for discussants former UP President Jose V. Abueva, Dr. Clarita Carlos of UP Diliman, and Dr. Serafin Talisayon of the National Security Council.

The psychology of women heroes was discussed by Dr. Albina Fernandez and Dr. Ma. Luisa Camagay of UP Diliman and Prof. Henry Funtecha of UP Visayas.

Special features of the first day were the awarding of *Gawad Sikolohiyang Pilipino* to Dr. Alfredo V. Lagmay and the address of Gov. Roberto M. Pagdanganan of Bulacan.

On the second day Dr. Zeus Salazar and Dr. Prospero Covar of UP Diliman discussed the concepts of *heroes* and *bayani*. The psychology of individual Filipino heroes was discussed by Dr. Vivencio R. Jose (Antonio Luna), Dr. Milagros Guerrero (Andres Bonifacio), Mr. Arthur Navarro (Emilio Jacinto), Mr. Edward Yulo ("bandits" and heroes), Ms. Portia L. Reyes (Pedro Paterno), Mr. Ramon Guillermo (Jose Rizal), and Dr. Faina Abaya-Ulindang (Muslim heroes).

The PSSP members also elected members of the Board of Directors for 1996-98. Elected were: Dr. Elizabeth Protacio-Marcelino, Dr. Grace Aguilng-Dalisay and Prof. Mariano Sto. Domingo, UP Diliman; Prof. Robert Javier, De La Salle University;

Dr. Alma de la Cruz, Ateneo de Manila; Dr. Anselmo Lupdag, Central Luzon State University; Prof. Angelito Flores, Mindanao State University.

Philippine Association for Chinese Studies (PACS)

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Conferences

1. Symposia on China in the Asia-Pacific Century

The Philippine Association for Chinese Studies, together with *World News*, a Chinese daily, and the Chinese Studies Program of the Ateneo de Manila University, sponsored two symposia on China in the Asia-Pacific Century.

The invited speakers to these fora were Beijing-based Filipino international journalists, who, having lived in China for 25 years, are very knowledgeable about recent developments in China. They were: Mr. Jaime Flor Cruz of *Time Magazine*, Mr. Chito Sta. Romana of ABC News Beijing Bureau, and Mr. Ericson Baculino of the NBC News Worldwide.

The first symposium, where the speakers spoke in Mandarin, was held on November 30, 1996 at the Philippine Chinese

Cultural High School Auditorium. Another one, held on December 2, 1996 at the Ateneo de Manila University, Social Sciences Audio-Visual Room, was attended by members of the academic community.

2. Roundtable discussion on current issues on China and on events which happened in Taiwan and the Taiwan Strait in early 1996.

This roundtable discussion was held on May 17, 1996 at the Seafood Palace Restaurant. This was an exclusive event where the speakers and the attendees were all members of the Philippine Association for Chinese Studies.

In this forum, Mr. Bil Hansen talked on his research on the political situation under Jiang Zemin while Atty. Florencio Mallare and Prof. Benito Lim analyzed the results of Taiwan's elections and commented on the military exercises made by China in the waters around Taiwan.

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Research Projects

1. Pasig River Rehabilitation Project

Project Manager	Leslie V. Advincula
Project Duration	October 1995 to December 1996

2. DSWD Casebooks on Disaster Management Project

Project Manager	Rowena D. Bermulo
Project Duration	March 1996 to December 1996

Public Offerings

1. Public Policy Process

Project Manager	Rowena N. Bermulo
Duration	November 14-18, 1996

2. Effective Local Legislation for Sustainable Development for Sangguniang Secretaries (Codification ELL IV-A)

Duration	March 25-27, 1996
	April 22-25, 1996
Project Manager	Menchita O. Caramat

3. Effective Local Legislation for Sustainable Development for Sangguniang Secretaries (Technical Communication) -ELL IV-B

Project Managers	Menchita O. Caramat
	Joseph Matthew E. Sobrevega
	Angelo G. Bernardo
Duration	May 21-24, 1996
	June 27-30, 1996
	July 28-31, 1996
	November 19-22, 1996

4. Effective Local Legislation for Sustainable Development for Sangguniang Bayan Members (Basic Course) -ELL I

Project Manager	Silvestre B. Maslang
Duration	March 25-29, 1996
	May 21-26, 1996

5. Local Finance for Sustainable Development-LOCFIN

Project Manager	Silvestre Maslang
Duration	April 22-25, 1996
	June 27-30, 1996

6. Alternative Lawyering - ALTERLAW

Project Manager	Angelo G. Bernardo
Duration	October 28-31, 1996

7. Alternative Development Planning - ALTERPLAN

Project Manager	Mencita O. Caramat
Duration	October 28-31, 1996

PSSC By-Laws

(As approved by the PSSC General Assembly, August 17, 1996 and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), November 15, 1996.)

Article I - Nature of Organization

The Philippine Social Science Council, Inc. (PSSC) is a non-stock, non-profit, non-governmental, and non-sectarian organization for scientific, cultural, and educational purposes.

Article II - Purposes Aside from Those Stated in the Articles of Incorporation

The PSSC intends to consolidate the resources of local social scientists by providing the leadership likely to enhance their impact on the improvement of the quality of life of the nation and the development of a just and humane society. To this end the PSSC shall undertake measures designed:

- a. To seek and take the necessary actions to cultivate among the different social science associations and disciplines, areas of common interest that concern social problems and go beyond the specific interest of any particular association, discipline or profession;
- b. To strengthen the voice of social science disciplines, associations and professionals by participating in discussions and opinion making, sponsoring public symposia and fora, and by promoting and assisting their various journals through the creation of a central publication and subscription service, through press releases, news bulletins, and special publications;

c. To offer to the government, business, and other sectors assistance in social science research and education, policy formulation, and program development;

d. To develop, stimulate, or encourage social science research projects particularly those of a cooperative and multi-disciplinary nature, that tend to address national and/or international problems;

e. To suggest priorities for funding of research projects and other activities undertaken by the PSSC or by social scientists;

f. To identify priorities on matters relating to thesis and dissertation support, graduate assistantships, faculty exchange programs, social science faculty development programs, and fellowship programs for advanced studies;

g. To serve as a clearing house for the collection and exchange of information on research and other related activities in the social sciences and to make recommendations to policy makers on current national and international issues;

h. To provide information to persons and organizations in the social sciences on placement opportunities, training programs and institutions, and the availability of local and foreign grants and scholarships;

i. To act as administrator of fellowships, scholarships, training and research grants, from foreign and local sources;

j. To advocate sound policies for good government that will sustain growth and develop a more egalitarian national community;

k. To render consultancy and training services in planning, policy-making, surveys, feasibility studies, program and project development, evaluation, monitoring and management of socio-economic activities;

l. To increase public awareness of the importance of the social sciences and ensure the inclusion of social scientists in the scientific career system; and

m. To stimulate, support and encourage competence, social responsibility, and ethical consciousness among social scientists.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Categories of Members. The PSSC shall have three categories of members, namely: regular, associate, and affiliate.

a. Regular Members are those duly established, qualified, independent, private, non-profit national societies, associations, or organizations in the social sciences which publish journals or a similar learned publication at least once a year and agree to report periodically on the institutions'/associations' activities to the PSSC on or before December 31 of each year.

The regular members of the Philippine Social Science Council consist of the fourteen-member social science associations representing their respective disciplines, namely: the Linguistic Society of the Philippines (LSP); Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc. (PASWI); Philippines Communication Society (PCS); Philippine Economic Society (PES); Philippine Geographical Society (PGS); Philippine Historical Association (PHA); Philippine National Historical Society (PNHS); Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA); Philippine Population Association (PPA); Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA); Philippine Sociological Society (PSS); Philippine Statistical Association (PSA); Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP); and the Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao (UGAT) or the Anthropological Association of the Philippines.

b. Associate Members are those duly established and qualified social science research institutions, organizations, centers or agencies, where membership is restricted to those who are employed and/or enrolled in them, which contribute to or

publish a journal or a similar learned publication at least once a year and agree to report periodically their activities to the PSSC on or before December 31 of each year. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

c. Affiliate Members are those duly established and qualified foreign social science research institutions, organizations, centers, and the like, whether locally or foreign based or whose membership is restricted to those who are employed and/or enrolled in them and which contribute to or publish a journal or a similar learned publication at least once a year and agree to report their activities to the PSSC, on or before December 31 of each year.

Section 2. Discipline Description. For the purpose of determining membership qualification, the social science disciplines contemplated in these by-laws shall be limited to the following:

- (1) Anthropology
- (2) Communication
- (3) Demography
- (4) Economics
- (5) Geography
- (6) History
- (7) Linguistics
- (8) Political Science
- (9) Psychology
- (10) Public Administration
- (11) Social Work
- (12) Sociology
- (13) Statistics

Section 3. Admission of Members.

a. Admission to membership in the PSSC shall be by invitation only. An invitation is extended upon the recommendation

of the Membership Committee and endorsed by the Board of Trustees to the General Assembly for approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members. Membership shall take effect upon the payment of the annual dues. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

b. The PSSC admits only one society, association, or organization for each of the disciplines enumerated in Section 2. However, in view of the present set-up wherein more than one organization belonging to the same discipline (history) have been duly recognized and accepted as regular members, it is its policy to uphold the two associations as equal in standing and shall each have the same and equal rights and duties that the other regular members of the PSSC have; subject, however, to the provisions of Article IV, section 6 and existing practices.

Section 4. Membership Dues. The annual dues of regular, associate, and affiliate members shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees which shall take effect the following calendar year. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members thereof shall be required to change the current membership fees. Until the Board of Trustees decides otherwise, the annual fee for regular members shall be P1,000.00; for associate members, P600.00; and affiliate members, US \$500.00. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 5. Membership Evaluation. To ensure thorough evaluation of all proposals for membership and to review the status of any member, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a Membership Committee of not more than five members, which shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees for appropriate action by the General Assembly.

Section 6. Suspension and Termination of Membership. Any member of the PSSC may be placed on an inactive status for being remiss for two consecutive years in any of the following: (a) payment of dues, (b) attendance in annual meetings, (c)

issuance of its publication, and (d) submission of annual reports. Its membership may be suspended if the association is still remiss on the third year and may be terminated if the association continues to be remiss on the fourth year. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

a. Any member whose representative fails to attend the regular meetings of the General Assembly for three (3) consecutive times shall likewise be suspended. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

b. The General Assembly may likewise suspend or terminate any member for acts or omissions that are prejudicial or inimical to the interest of the PSSC; provided, however, that it may restore to active status the member after due evaluation and recommendation of the Membership Committee.

Section 7. Rights and Privileges of Members. Regular, associate, and affiliate members shall be entitled to such rights and privileges as may be determined and promulgated by the General Assembly; provided, however, that the same shall not accrue while the member is not in good standing, as provided in section 6 above. The PSSC has no authority over the internal affairs of its member associations.

Section 8. Recall of Members from PSSC Bodies. The PSSC recognizes the right of any member to recall its representative in the General Assembly, Board of Trustees, Working Committees, and other bodies of the PSSC, at any time and for any reason; provided, however, that the replacement so designated shall serve only for the unexpired term of the representative replaced.

Article IV - The General Assembly

Section 1. Governing Body. The policy making body of the PSSC is the General Assembly and the policy implementing arm

is the Board of Trustees. The General Assembly shall meet twice a year, in February and August for its annual and midyear meetings, respectively. The annual meeting and midyear meeting shall be held every third Saturday of February and August, respectively. Special meetings shall be held at the time, date and place to be determined by the Board of Trustees. Written notice of meetings shall be sent to each member-representative in good standing at least two (2) weeks before the date set for each meeting.

Section 2. Composition. The General Assembly shall be composed of:

- a. The President, head, or duly authorized representative of regular members in good standing.
- b. The President, head, or duly authorized representative of associate or affiliate members in good standing.
- c. Four members-at-large elected from among the heads or authorized representatives of associate members in good standing. (New Provision 17 August 1996)

Section 3. Powers. The powers and duties of the General Assembly shall be the following:

- a. To confirm the nominations of member associations for membership in the Board of Trustees during its annual meeting as presented by the Nomination Committee; (As Amended 17 August 1996)
- b. To approve the admission of new members;
- c. To determine the general policies and principles which shall be the bases of all actions of the Board of Trustees. It shall approve, amend or modify the proposed programs and major activities submitted by the Board of Trustees. Upon approval of the scope of activities, the Board of Trustees shall implement

such programs including the administration, receipt and disbursement of funds;

- d. To examine and approve the budget;
- e. To receive and approve the annual and financial reports and audit the receipt and disbursements of funds and properties as administered by the Board of Trustees including such funds entrusted to PSSC by other organizations; and
- f. To appoint the auditors upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees.

Section 4: Quorum. A quorum for any meeting of the General Assembly shall consist of a majority of the duly designated representatives of regular members in good standing including the four members-at-large elected from among the associate members in good standing. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

A majority of such quorum of those present which ever is higher, shall decide any question at the meeting, except on those matters where the Corporation Code requires the affirmative vote of a greater number. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the President or at the request of at least five (5) members of the Board of Trustees or by written petition of at least fifty (50) percent of the associate member associations and endorsed by at least two (2) regular member associations. A written notice stating the day, hour, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be sent at least seven (7) days before, to each member in good standing.

Section 6. Voting. At any meeting of the General Assembly, only the regular members, through the duly-authorized representatives, and the four members-at-large from the associate members shall be entitled to vote. The PHA and the PNHS shall decide between themselves, through their representatives, what

their joint vote shall be. In case an agreement cannot be reached, no vote shall be accounted for their discipline. No proxies shall be accepted. Associate and affiliate members in good standing shall not vote but may be heard at any meeting of the General Assembly. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 7. Order of Business. The order of business at the annual meeting of the General Assembly shall be as follows:

- a. Proof of the required notice of meeting;
 - b. Proof of the presence of quorum; provision for recognition of representatives;
 - c. Approval of the proposed agenda;
 - d. Approval of the previous minutes;
 - e. Report of the Chairperson and the Treasurer;
 - f. Unfinished business;
 - g. Election of the Board of Trustees for the ensuing year;
- and
- h. Other business.

Section 8. Minutes. The minutes of the General Assembly shall be kept and carefully preserved as a record of the minutes transacted at such meeting. The minutes shall contain such entries as may be required by law such as:

- a. Calling the roll;
- b. Approval of the agenda;
- c. Action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting;
- d. Unfinished business;
- e. New business; and
- f. Adjournment.

Section 9. Procedural Rules. Unless otherwise specified, the Robert's Rules of Order shall be the basic rules of procedure in all proceedings of the Council.

Section 10. Allowances. Member-representatives of the General Assembly shall receive allowances for their services at the same rate as the Board of Trustees'.

Article V - The Board of Trustees

Section 1. Composition. The PSSC shall have a Board of Trustees consisting of fifteen (15) members distributed as follows:

a. Thirteen (13) members, each being the sole representative of each of the disciplines mentioned in Article III, section 2, to be selected from among the incumbent officers of the regular member associations in good standing; and

b. Two (2) members to be elected from among the representatives of associate member associations in good standing. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

No individual member of the Board of Trustees can simultaneously serve as an authorized representative to the General Assembly. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 2. Ex-Officio Members. The immediate past Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Director shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees with no voting rights.

Section 3. Term of Office. The members of the Board of Trustees shall serve for a term of two (2) years, commencing on the first day of March following their election, but shall continue to serve as such until their successors shall have been

duly elected and qualified. They shall not be eligible for an immediate reelection until after a lapse of one year.

The position of any Trustee shall automatically become vacant if he/she:

- a. Ceases to be an officer of the member association, or
- b. Fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings or incurs a total of five (5) absences from regular or special meetings of the Board of Trustees. In the event of automatic vacancy, the association shall be duly informed. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 4. Powers. The powers of the Board of Trustees are the following:

- a. To exercise the corporate powers in carrying out the business of the PSSC;
- b. To implement the general policies and principles established by the General Assembly;
- c. To formulate programs and projects for local and foreign funding;
- d. To administer and control the properties and funds of the PSSC as well as those funds and projects entrusted to the PSSC;
- e. To create and supervise such subsidiary bodies or committees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the PSSC;
- f. To supervise the Secretariat;
- g. To establish working relationships with government offices, non-governmental organizations, financial and educational institutions, and professional social science organizations, both here and abroad;

h. To promote involvement with and membership in the PSSC of other professional social science associations and research organizations;

i. To delegate to any of its members such powers and duties as it may deem proper and which may be allowed by law;

j. To submit its annual and semi-annual reports to the General Assembly in time for the annual and semi-annual meetings, summarizing the accomplishments, projects and programs, plans, financial status, and the problems connected thereto; and

k. To extend its good offices for the resolution of conflicts among members.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of such quorum or of those present, whichever is greater, shall decide any question at the meeting except on those matters where the Corporation Code requires the affirmative vote of a greater number.

Section 6. Board Meetings. The Board of Trustees shall meet within two (2) weeks after their election by the General Assembly in order to elect their officers and to transact any other business. Thereafter, the Board shall hold regular monthly meetings at such time and place as the Board may prescribe. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, or upon the written request of four (4) Board members, giving the purpose of such meetings. Notices of all special meetings shall be given seven (7) days before the date fixed for the meeting. In case of inability of a member to attend a meeting, his/her alternate may temporarily discharge his functions but the Trustee shall be considered absent just the same. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 7. Vacancies. Any vacancy in the Board of Trustees as a result of recall, disability, death, resignation, or automatic termination because of absences and cessation as officer of

member association, shall be filled from the list of alternates confirmed by the General Assembly subject to the provision of Section 1 of this Article; otherwise, said vacancy shall be filled by the General Assembly in a regular or special meeting called for the purpose. The new Trustee/s shall serve only for the unexpired term. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 8. Removal of Trustees. Any Trustee may be removed from office for cause by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the General Assembly who are entitled to vote. Such removal shall take place either at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, and in either case, after previous notice to the member associations of the intention to propose such removal at the meeting. A special meeting of the General Assembly for the purpose of removal of Trustees, or any of them, shall be called by the Secretary on order of the Chairperson or on the written demand of a majority of members entitled to vote. Should the Secretary fail or refuse to give the notice, the call for the meeting may be addressed directly to the members by any member association signing the demand. Notice of the time and place of such meeting, as well as the intention to propose such removal, must be given seven (7) days before the meeting. The vacancy resulting from removal pursuant to this section shall be filled pursuant to Section 7 of this Article. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 9. Minutes. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be kept and carefully preserved as a record of the business transacted at such meetings. The minutes shall contain the following:

- a. Roll call;
- b. Approval of the agenda;
- c. Action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting;
- d. Unfinished business;

- e. New business; and
- f. Adjournment.

Section 10. Allowances. Members of the Board of Trustees may receive per diems and/or allowances to be determined by the Board of Trustees for attending meetings or for performing other duties as may be directed by the Board. Any change in per diems and/or allowances shall be effective on January 1st of the year following its approval.

Article VI - Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary. With the exception of the Secretary, all the officers of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Trustees from among themselves. The elected officers of the Board shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors shall have qualified but may be reelected for another term.

Section 2. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees;
- b. To serve as the Chief Executive Officer and shall be responsible for the effective execution of the policies determined by the General Assembly and further defined by the Board of Trustees;
- c. To have general supervision over the affairs, properties and employees of the PSSC and shall appoint with the consent of the Board of Trustees, all members of the committees;
- d. To submit semi-annual reports to the General Assembly;
- e. To sign contracts and other documents as may be authorized by the Board of Trustees; and

f. To perform such other duties which the Board of Trustees may delegate to him/her from time to time.

Section 3. Vice Chairperson. In case of absence, resignation, removal or disability of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall discharge the duties of the Chairperson. In case the disability becomes permanent, the Vice Chairperson shall become the Chairperson who shall serve the unexpired term. The Vice Chairperson shall have such powers and duties as the Board of Trustees or the Chairperson may from time to time prescribe. The Board of Trustees shall be empowered to decide on questions involving the interpretation of this provision.

Section 4. Secretary. The Executive Director of the PSSC shall serve as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the General Assembly. His duties and responsibilities as Secretary are the following:

a. To keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees and the General Assembly and all Committees in a book or books kept for the purposes;

b. To keep in safe custody the seal of the PSSC, and, when authorized by the Board of Trustees, affix with proper attestation such seal to any paper or instrument requiring the same;

c. To take charge of the reports, records, documents, and any papers as the Board of Trustees may direct him to do;

d. To prepare reports and perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may direct; and

e. To prepare and serve the required notices for all meetings.

Section 5. Treasurer. The duties of the Treasurer are:

a. To take charge of the funds, receipts, and disbursements of the PSSC;

b. To deposit all moneys and other valuables of the PSSC in such bank or banks as the Board of Trustees may designate;

c. To render to the Chairperson and the Board of Trustees when so required an accounting of the financial condition of the PSSC and of transactions made by him/her;

d. To keep the books of accounts of all transactions of the PSSC, which shall be subject to annual independent audit; and

e. To sign checks endorsed by the Executive Director all of which are to be countersigned by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson; provided, however, that as determined by the Board of Trustees, subsidiary accounts may be authorized for purposes of the subsidiary committees; in which cases, the signatories may be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Temporary Absence of an Officer. In case of temporary absence of any officer or for any reason that the Board of Trustees may deem sufficient, the Board may, by a majority vote, delegate the powers and duties of such officer to any other officer, or to any Board member for the time being; provided such delegation is not against these by-laws or the law. In case of permanent vacancy, the Board of Trustees shall elect a new officer, subject to the provisions of these by-laws, who shall serve for the unexpired term.

Section 7. Creation of New Positions or Committees. The Board of Trustees may create such other positions or committees subject to review and approval by the General Assembly as may be deemed necessary.

Article VII - The Executive Director

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Director who must be a citizen and resident of the Republic.

Section 2. Appointment. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees for a term of three years without prejudice to reappointment. Six (6) months before the expiration of the term of office of the Executive Director, the Board of Trustees shall constitute a committee to evaluate the performance of the Executive Director. If necessary, it shall serve as Search Committee, and within a period of one month before the expiration of the term of office of the incumbent Executive Director, shall submit to the Board of Trustees two recommendees for the position. The Board of Directors shall then choose one of them as the new Executive Director.

Section 3. Functions. As the Chief Operating Officer and head of the Secretariat of the PSSC, the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director are the following:

- a. To take charge of the administration, direction and supervision of the Secretariat;
- b. To oversee the implementation of the programs and projects of the PSSC;
- c. To effect coordination with the working committees in the performance of their duties;
- d. To assist the treasurer in the performance of his/her duties and responsibilities including the endorsement of vouchers;
- e. To prepare full reports on the PSSC operations and membership, finances, programs and activities at least twice a year;
- f. To sign all contracts delegated to him/her by the Board of Trustees and countersign all contracts signed by the Chairperson; and
- g. To perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may direct.

Section 4. Designation of an Acting Executive Director. In the event of an absence of the Executive Director for more than

fifteen days, the Board of Trustees may designate an acting Executive Director.

Section 5. Emoluments. The emoluments of the Executive Director shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Article VIII - The Secretariat

Section 1. There shall be created and established a Secretariat primarily to service the requirements of the General Assembly, the Board of Trustees, the Working Committees and the officers of the PSSC. Within the PSSC resources, the Secretariat shall also provide administrative and other assistance to the member associations. It shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the Executive Director. It shall be organized and staffed with personnel whose conditions of work, salary and other emoluments shall be determined by the Executive Director subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Article IX - Fiscal Year

Section 1. The fiscal year of the PSSC shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December of the same calendar year.

Article X - Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Elections. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be confirmed at the annual meeting of the General Assembly to be held on the third Saturday of February of each year. Members of the Board shall serve on a staggered basis with an annual turnover of one-half of the membership. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 2. Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the

Chairperson on or before November 15 of each year. Members of the Committee will be chosen from among the Board of Trustees.

Not later than the end of December of each year, the Nomination Committee shall request each regular member association to submit the names of its two nominees to the Board of Trustees. The association's first choice shall serve in the Board on a regular basis while the other shall serve as alternate in case of the former's inability to attend meetings or cessation as PSSC trustee. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Qualifications (Article V, Sec. 1) and other relevant particulars about nominees, including their acceptance of the nomination and their ability to attend Board meetings regularly (if elected) shall be circularized to all the authorized representatives of regular member-associations to the General Assembly at least two (2) weeks before annual meeting. Members of the Nomination Committee are ineligible for nominations.

Section 3. Committee on Elections. At the annual meeting, the election of the members of the Board of Trustees shall be held under the direction and supervision of the Committee on Elections. This Committee shall consist of three (3) appointed by the Chairperson from among the members of the Board of Trustees.

The elections shall be done by secret ballot and the vote of each nominee shall be counted accurately and honestly, and shall be duly recorded as certified by the Committee on Elections.

Section 4. Election of Associate Member-Representatives to the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees. In a separate meeting, associate members in good standing, adopting their

own procedures, shall elect their four representatives to the General Assembly and two (associate member) nominees to the Board of Trustees. The associate members' first choice shall serve in the Board on a regular basis while the other shall serve as alternate in case of the former's inability to attend meetings or cessation as PSSC Trustee. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Such elected representatives to the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees shall have voting rights but are not eligible to be an officer thereof. (As Amended 17 August 1996)

Section 5. Oath of Office. The new members of the Board of Trustees and their respective officers shall take their oath of office not later than two (2) weeks after their election.

Article XI - Publications

Section 1. Authorization. Publication of journals, newsletters, reports, monographs, proceedings or other publications by the PSSC may be authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Editorial Boards. Each publication published by the PSSC shall have an Editorial Board consisting of an Editor and such other personnel as may be appointed by the Chairperson.

Each Editorial Board shall recommend publication, subscription, and distribution policies for approval by the Board of Trustees. It shall survey all periodicals carrying materials of interest to the PSSC and devise means of mutual aid and cooperation.

The term of office and compensation of members of the Editorial Board shall be fixed by the Board of Trustees.

Article XII - Corporate Seal

The corporate seal of PSSC shall be in such form as may be approved by the Board of Trustees in accordance with government regulations.

Article XIII - Transitory Provisions (New Article 17 August 1996)

In the first election under these new by-laws, thirteen (13) trustees from the regular members and two (2) Trustees from the associate members shall be elected by the General Assembly. With respect to the Trustees coming from the regular members, the first seven (7) who shall have garnered the highest number of votes shall serve for two (2) years while the remaining six (6) shall serve for one (1) year. in the case of the Trustees coming from the associate members, the member who shall have garnered the highest number of votes shall serve for two years; and the other member, for one year. In subsequent elections, only the vacant positions shall be filled.

Article XIV - Amendments

Section 1. Articles of Incorporation. The Articles of Incorporation of the PSSC may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees and by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all qualified members of the General Assembly at any regular or special meeting duly called for the purpose.

Section 2. By-Laws. Any provision of the By-laws may be amended or repealed by at least a majority of all qualified members of the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting duly called for the purpose.

Section 3. Procedure. Proposals for amendment shall be submitted by the Board of Trustees or by a petition of at least

five (5) representatives of the regular, associate or affiliate members to the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly. An amendment originating by petition shall be referred to the Board of Trustees for its recommendation to the General Assembly for approval.

Section 4. Ratification. Following action by the Board of Trustees, the Secretary shall furnish a copy of the proposed amendment and the Board's recommendation in a communication addressed to the General Assembly. If the proposed amendment is urgent, a special meeting shall be called; otherwise, amendment shall be submitted to the General Assembly for approval or ratification in accordance to Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Article at its regular meeting.

ADOPTED by the following General Assembly (GA) members constituting a majority of all the GA members at a meeting held on August 17, 1996 at the principal office of the Corporation.

(SGD.)	DIGNA A. APILADO	(History)
(SGD.)	VICTORIA N. NAVIDA	(Social Work)
(SGD.)	SYLVIA H. GUERRERO	(Sociology)
(SGD.)	ROSEMARIE S. CLEMEÑA	(Psychology)
(SGD.)	ELISEO A. DE GUZMAN	(Demography)
(SGD.)	ANNA MA. GLORIA S. WARD	(Linguistics)
(SGD.)	MA. CONCEPCION P. ALFILER	(Public Administration)
(SGD.)	GLORIA M. SANTOS	(History)
(SGD.)	EUFRAICIO C. ABAYA	(Anthropology)
(SGD.)	MA. CELESTE H. CADIZ	(Communication)
(SGD.)	MARGARITA F. GUERRERO	(Statistics)
(SGD.)	MELITON B. JUANICO	((Geography)

GA Resolutions

- 96-02-01 ACCEPTED the Chairperson's Report.
- 96-02-02 APPROVED the Treasurer's Report which included, among other things, the Financial Report for 1995 and the PSSC Budget for 1996 authorizing a total appreciation of P7.203 million.
- 96-02-03 RESOLVED to defer for 1996 the rule that each association must name at least two nominees to their respective associations' seats in the Board of Trustees owing to some deficiencies in the nomination process.
- 96-02-04 REMANDED to the Board of Trustees the matter of identifying the need to amend the By-Laws and make specific proposals accordingly.
- 96-02-05 RESOLVED to leave to the Board of Trustees the matter of exploring the possibility of establishing a National Academy of Social Sciences in the Philippines.
- 96-08-01 ACCEPTED the Chairperson's Report.
- 96-08-02 ACCEPTED the Treasurer's Report on PSSC's Midyear Financial Performance.
- 96-08-03 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the amendments to the PSSC By-Laws as endorsed by the Board of Trustees in its 31 July 1996 meeting.
- 96-08-04 APPROVED the membership of Dr. Clemen C. Aquino in the Board of Trustees as the representative of the Philippine Sociological Society to serve the unexpired term of Dr. Virginia A. Miralao.
- 96-08-05 APPROVED the UP Folklorists Society's membership in the Philippine Social Science Council as its 35th Associate Member Association.

**Board of Trustees
Resolutions**

- 96-01-01 VOTED to appoint Dr. Virginia A. Miralao to the position of Executive Director for a term of three years, to begin on 01 February 1996 and end on 31 January 1999.
- 95-01-02 AGREED to remind the respective associations to comply with the By-Laws and nominate at least two names for the election of Board members for CYs 1996 and 1997. Furthermore, all nominees should be physically present during the Annual Meeting so they can be presented to the General Assembly; otherwise, their names will not be included in the final line-up.
- 96-01-03 VOTED to approve the transfer of P573,672.00 from the balance of PSSC's 1995 operations to the General Fund and to earmark this amount for the adjustment of staff salaries in 1996.
- 96-01-04 VOTED to implement the new salary adjustments beginning 1 February 1996.
- 96-01-05 RESOLVED to elect Mrs. Alice Colet Villadolid over the other candidate from the Philippines Communication Society to serve the unexpired term of Dr. Reynaldo V. Guioguo as Trustee representing the discipline of Communication until 28 February 1997.
- 96-01-06 RESOLVED to elect Dr. Noemi S. Catalan over the other candidate from the Psychological Association of the Philippines to serve the unexpired term of Dr. Allen L. Tan as Trustee representing the discipline of Psychology until 28 February 1997.

- 96-01-07 DECIDED to include the item on PSSC funding for the Philippine Studies Conference in the agenda for the 10th regular BOT meeting on 28 February 1996 which will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Board.
- 96-01-08 DECIDED to pursue in another BOT meeting the discussion on Dr. Grace Aguilin-Dalisay's suggestion to apply the By-Laws provision on BOT absences to regular meetings only.
- 96-02-01 WELCOMED Prof. Nestor T. Castro (Anthropology), Dr. Felipe M. Medalla (Economics), Prof. Felipe B. Miranda (Political Science), Mrs. Patricia B. Luna (Social Work), Dr. Eduardo T. Gonzalez (Associate Members), Mrs. Alice Colet Villadolid (Communication) and Dr. Noemi S. Catalan (Psychology) to PSSC's Board of Trustees.
- 96-02-02 ELECTED the following PSSC Officers for a one-year term commencing March 1, 1996 until February 28, 1997: Jose N. Endriga, Chairperson; Felipe B. Miranda, Vice Chairperson; and Felipe M. Medalla, Treasurer.
- 96-02-03 DECIDED to send Dr. Eufracio C. Abaya as an official representative of the Philippine Social Science Council to the Philippine Studies Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 96-03-01 RESOLVED to reconsider the 31 January 1996 BOT decision (designating Prof. Oscar Ll. Evangelista as Acting BOT Chairperson) by conferring on Prof. Evangelista the full appointment of a bona fide BOT Chairperson to follow the spirit of the By-Laws and the Board's wish to accord Prof. Evangelista the full rights and privileges of an ex-officio BOT member.
- 96-03-02 RESOLVED to create the following BOT Committees:
1. *Amendments Committee*
Felipe B. Miranda, chair
Grace Aguilin-Dalisay

Carmelita N. ERICTA
Eliseo A. de Guzman
Telesforo W. Luna, Jr.

2. *Membership Committee*

Oscar Ll. Evangelista, chair
Eduardo T. Gonzalez
Patricia B. Luna

3. *Finance and Personnel Committee*

Felipe M. Medalla, chair
Shirley C. Advincola
Ma. Concepcion P. Alfiler
Noemi S. Catalan
Carmelita N. ERICTA

4. *Program Committee*

Noemi S. Catalan, chair
Clemen C. Aquino
Bernardita R. Churchill
Eduardo T. Gonzalez
Alice Colet-Villadolid

5. *Research Committee*

Emy M. Pascasio, chair
Marla Asis
Noemi S. Catalan
Bernardita R. Churchill
Felipe B. Miranda

96-03-03 RESOLVED to invite Dr. Alfredo V. Lagmay to the 24 April 1996 BOT meeting too expound further on his proposal for the establishment of a National Academy of Social Sciences.

96-03-04 RESOLVED to create an ad hoc Committee composed of the BOT Chair and the Executive Director to explore ways and means on how best to address the requests of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc.

- 96-03-05 RESOLVED for purposes of continuity, to allow the Executive Director, Dr. Virginia A. Miralao, and Mrs. Lorna P. Makil to serve their terms as AASSREC Secretary General and AASSREC Executive Director, respectively, for the remainder of AASSREC's 1996-1997 biennium.
- 96-03-06 RESOLVED to appoint Mrs. Alice C. Villadolid to head an ad hoc Committee to study the conversion of one of PSSC's function rooms into the Social Science Club.
- 96-04-01 RESOLVED to enjoin member associations to help PSSC move the current inventory of the Encyclopedia by acquiring this at a discounted price and setting their own selling prices.
- 96-04-02 NOTED Dr. Grace Aguilung-Dalisay's suggestion that PSSC should identify and train a staff member who can discharge the functions of the PSSC BOT secretary in the event that the regular secretary is out on official business.
- 96-04-03 RESOLVED to call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on 22 May 1996 to further explore the status of the Social Sciences in the national scientific career system.
- 96-05-01 RESOLVED to adopt a two-pronged approach in elevating the status of social sciences in the national scientific career system: first, by working towards the establishment of a National Academy of the Social Sciences; and second, by devising an effective strategy/lobby to put social scientists on equal footing with natural scientists in the National Academy of Science and Technology.
- 96-05-02 RESOLVED to defer action on the proposed visiting program until its details (e.g., financial requirements to be shouldered by the Academy of Juche Sciences and PSSC) are worked out.

- 96-05-03 RESOLVED to admit government and sectarian institutions engaged in social science research as PSSC associate members following the opinion of the Legal Department of the Securities and Exchange Commission that PSSC's non-government, non-sectarian nature need not necessarily extend to its member associations.
- 96-05-04 RESOLVED to invite PSSC's research network members as PSSC associate members.
- 96-06-05 RESOLVED to increase PSSC's annual membership dues from P600 to P1,000 for regular members, and from P350 to P600 for associate members.
- 96-05-06 AGREED IN PRINCIPLE to grant PSSC's associate members voting rights in the General Assembly by granting them two seats in the GA.
- 96-06-01 REFERRED TO THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE the matter of assessing the UP Folklorists Society's application for PSSC associate membership.
- 96-06-02 RESOLVED to endorse for the General Assembly's approval the specific amendments to the PSSC By-Laws as recommended by the Amendments Committee.
- 96-07-01 RESOLVED to amend its earlier decision (i.e., to endorse to the GA the approval of an amendment in the By-Laws giving the Associate Members two seats in the GA) by endorsing for the GA's approval the granting of four (4) GA seats to Associate Members.
- 96-07-02 APPROVED *in toto* the recommendations contained in the Membership Committee Report.
- 96-07-03 RESOLVED to revert to PSSC's General Fund the inactive special project accounts amounting to P712,223.95.
- 96-07-04 APPOINTED Mrs. Carmelita N. Ericta as Chair, and Dr. Grace Aguilin-Dalisay, Professor Felipe B. Miranda, and Mrs. Alice Colet-Villadolid as Members of the

- Program and Development Committee to undertake steps to enhance PSSC's role of promoting social sciences.
- 96-07-05 RESOLVED to provide an outlay necessary for the initial furnishings needed for the setting-up of the Social Science Club.
- 96-07-06 RESOLVED to refer to the General Assembly the matter of determining the Philippine Sociological Society's representation in the Board of Trustees.
- 96-07-07 APPOINTED Dean Jose N. Endriga to represent PSSC in the 4th Asian Conference on Scientific Cooperation sponsored by the Science Council of Japan.
- 96-09-01 APPROVED the Finance and Personnel Committee recommendation on the usage of the inactive special project accounts amounting to P711,223.95, as follows: P28,703.79 to be added for next year's budget allocation for International Exchange and Linkage; P154,836.17 for purchasing a heavy duty copier equipment and upgrading office computer facilities; and P405,044.43 to be used for improving the facilities of the Frank X. Lynch Library and the Book Center.
- 96-09-02 APPROVED IN TOTO the recommendations of the Program Development Committee.
- 96-09-03 APPROVED the new Research Award Program Guidelines.
- 96-09-04 APPOINTED Dean Jose N. Endriga as Chair and Mrs. Alice Colet Villadolid and Dr. Virginia A. Miralao as members of the Awards Committee. For 1996, they shall select PSSC's nominees for the: 1) IFSSO Fujii Prize, 2) NAST's Outstanding Young Scientist Awards, Outstanding Publication Awards, and Outstanding Published Scientific Research Awards, and 3) 1996 Fukuoka Asian Cultural Prizes.

- 96-10-01 APPROVED IN TOTO the recommendations made by the Finance and Personnel Committee contained in its 9-page Report.
- 96-10-02 APPROVED the nominations of Dr. Francisco Nemenzo for the Academic Prize of the Fukuoka Asian Cultural Prize, Dr. Ricardo Jose for the award for Ten Outstanding Young Filipinos (Jaycees) and Outstanding Young Scientist (NAST), and Dr. Michael Tan for the IFSSO Fujii Prize.
- 96-10-03 RESOLVED to design a program for and coordinate CHED's Summer Training Institute on teaching social science courses.
- 96-10-04 APPOINTED Prof. Nestor T. Castro as PSSC's official delegate to the 1997 AASSREC Conference in Beijing in 1997 in Beijing.
- 96-10-05 RESOLVED to explore ways and means to respond positively to Vietnam's National Center for Social Science and Humanities' (NCSSH) request.
- 96-11-01 RESOLVED that starting January 1997, the presidents of the associations of the disciplines of anthropology, communication, demography, economics, political science and sociology shall work closely with their disciplinary editors for the purpose of completing the 5-volume Philippine Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences.
- 96-11-02 RESOLVED to make available to tenants two slots in the front covered parking area (previously reserved for BOT officers) on a first-come-first-serve basis except on the days scheduled for Board meetings and other PSSC affairs.
- 96-11-03 TOOK COGNIZANCE of the internal arrangement between the Philippine National Historical Society and the Philippine Historical Association for them to serve alternately for one year in the Board of Trustees.

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