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FSM celebrates its 30th birthday



By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei, FSM—The FSM hosted a huge 30th birthday party for the Federated States of Micronesia today beginning with an afternoon parade from the Pohnpei government building to Spanish Wall. The parade was led by a host of extremely loud motorcycles, some belonging to Pohnpei State Police and others personally owned.

Sharp National State and Municipal Police officers marched as well.

Decorated vans with photos of President Nakayama and other FSM founding fathers also participated though it was difficult to see who was in most of them for the closed tinted windows.

Colorful traditionally decorated floats represented each of the FSM States and the College of Micronesia FSM. A prize for the best float was awarded. Unfortunately at press time over a week later, no organizers had responded to our requests for a list of those winners or any others.

The parade ended at the Spanish Wall where the official ceremony was held. In between speeches, traditional dances from each of the States were performed by students of the College of Micronesia FSM.

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Nett business license holders arrested in separate cases for trespass and other charges

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Kolonia, Pohnpei—Over the last several weeks, several arrests have been made that center on use of land issues. All of the arrests involved people who had business licenses from the Nett District Government.

When we tried to contact the Nett District Administrator for comment

on the issuance of business licenses for businesses operating on State or potentially Kolonia Town Government (KTG) land, the employee who answered the phone promptly hung up. The phone remained busy and we were unable to get a comment from the Nett District Administrator.

Over a month ago three women were arrested on the Dekehtik causeway by Pohnpei State Police officers. Their businesses were closed and they were told that they would be re-arrested if they re-

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Photo by Suzanne Gallen

FSM hires Capitol Hill powerhouse Arnold and Porter

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Palikir, Pohnpei—It has already been widely reported both in Washington D.C. and in some Pacific islands regional publications that the FSM has hired Capitol Hill law firm Arnold and Porter (A&P) LLC with a congressionally approved budget of \$1 million of locally held funds for two years of service.

It is true that it is the most money the FSM has ever spent for a law firm to represent them on Compact and international issues. It's also an unusual amount on Capitol Hill where \$500,000 a year would be considered to be a small fee for the type of arrangement the FSM has made with A&P.

The firm submitted a Legal and Public Policy proposal to then FSM Ambassador Asterio Takesy on December 16, 2015. The proposal was not unsolicited. It offers to assist the FSM with its "legal and public policy goals in relation to the Compact of Free Association as amended in 2003, positioning the FSM for future negotiations with the US Government, and assisting the FSM in other international efforts."

FSM Chief of Staff Leo Falcam, Jr. said that the FSM Embassy in Washington D.C. had for several years been looking at firms to help the FSM with issues surrounding the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the FSM. A long winnowing process took place over those years and "A&P sort of 'rose to the top as cream,'" Falcam said.

And for good reason.

Established in 1946, A&P currently has nearly 700 lawyers in nine offices including Brussels, Denver, Houston, London, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Washington DC. More than 75 of its attorneys have held senior positions in U.S. and European Governments and International Organizations. They provide legal services to corporations and governments around the world and their practice covers 30 distinct areas of law. A&P is outside counsel to 10 of the Fortune 25 corporations and 43 of the Fortune 100 companies.

A&P LLC has been described in US news stories as a "powerhouse firm" with strong ties in the halls of the US

Government.

During one of his travels to the US, FSM's President Peter Christian visited A&P's corporate office in Washington DC and was impressed with the "homework" that the firm had done on the FSM and on the Compact. He invited FSM Congress Speaker Wesley Simina, who is also an attorney to visit the firm. Falcam said that Simina was equally impressed. Simina is currently off island and was not available for comment on that assessment. However, Congress did approve the million dollar budget and just a few weeks ago the FSM signed a contract with A&P.

Though they have registered as lobbyists for the FSM, "they are far more than lobbyists", Falcam said.

Answering the question of why the FSM would hire a lobbyist when they knew a major election was coming, Falcam said that A&P's first deliverable to the FSM is an in depth analysis of the impact of the "Trump election" on foreign policy, immigration and many other matters that the FSM will need to think about.

None of the attorneys and advisers at A&P would be affected by President Elect Trump's stated plan for a five year-ban on White House and Congressional officials becoming lobbyists after they leave government service, or a lifetime ban on White House officials lobbying on behalf of a foreign government.

Members of the firm visited Pohnpei two weeks after FSM signed the contract. The purpose was for an orientation visit during which they visited Congress and spoke with many different agencies and departments. They are not newcomers to the region. One of their team members, Samuel M. Witten served as Counsel and Legal Adviser at the US State Department. Witten wrote President Ronald Reagan's 1986 proclamation announcing the ratification of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the FSM.

A bill to establish a Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) was introduced to the FSM Congress in May of 2015 and became law in June of this year (PL 19-85). The JCRP has not yet been constituted. The stated purpose of the Committee is to "set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination of the Amended Compact of Free Association."

The Compact does not actually expire in

2023. However, the annual contributions do expire at that time. Then the FSM can access the Compact Trust fund but that fund has performed horribly.

FSM Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Lorin Robert said that if nothing changes between now and then, the Trust fund is on track for a \$600 million shortfall from the amount anticipated when the Compact was amended in 2003. Clearly something needs to be done.

Falcam says that the function of the JCRP as stated in the law is to evaluate where the FSM is, where it wants to go and what resources it should utilize in order to achieve that goal. The stated purposes of the JCRP which has yet to be established do not mention the United States other than to say that the financial provisions of the Compact will expire by 2023 and the FSM needs a plan to deal with that fact.

He said that Arnold and Porter can certainly serve as a resource to JCRP but that the FSM needed to get A&P to work quickly and couldn't wait for the eventual day when the JCRP will be constituted.

Under the Compact the US has committed to treating any attack on the COFA nations as an attack on its own soil and has agreed to respond as if it were an attack on Hawaii, California, or New York or any one of its territories. Falcam said it is the strongest military defense agreement the US has with any nation. The US still has strong strategic reasons for an exclusive military agreement with the US, reasons that might be motivation enough for the US to potentially consider the possibility of renegotiating the Compact yet a third time, but it has not said so. In fact, high US officials have said the opposite for several years.

Falcam said that the Compact allows for re-negotiation but that requires that either side notify the other through official channels that they want to do so. Neither side has done so. Three FSM Senators did introduce a measure to repeal the Compact by 2018 but other than making headlines, that measure has seen no official action of any kind in Congress since its introduction.

A&P's proposal says:

"The FSM's overarching objective, through support from the United States, internal development efforts, and otherwise, is to develop and achieve economic self-sufficiency. Our team

at Arnold & Porter understands that to realize this overarching goal, the FSM must address various issues both domestically and internationally, including:

- Maximizing its support from the United States under the current Compact and any other sources of funding;
- Looking ahead to possible Compact negotiations when funding under the current Compact is expected to expire in 2023;
- Developing a more robust economic base and physical infrastructure with support from other countries, international organizations, and non-governmental organizations;
- Attracting foreign investment;
- Addressing energy and environmental concerns, including climate change; and
- Providing advice on improving governance at the local and national levels.

"With the ultimate goal of economic self-sufficiency in mind, we will provide the FSM with legal advice, assistance, and representation in the FSM's relationship with the United States under the Compact and these additional areas of concern."

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China donates over a quarter of a million dollars for new Madolenihmw gym

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Madolenihmw, Pohnpei—At a 1:00 ceremony on the grounds of Madolenihmw High School and the Madolenihmw Municipal Government building, officials from FSM, Pohnpei and the People's Republic of China gathered to ceremonially break ground for a new Multi-Purpose Gymnasium.

Mayor Petrick Ringlen said that the new center will serve as a social center for the people of Madolenihmw. The municipality has had dreams to build a Gymnasium for over 20 years and they are excited to know that within 10 months that dream will finally come true.

The People's Republic of China, through an Embassy discretionary grant donated \$277,844.93 for the construction of the new facility which will be built by J&P Construction Company.

Mention was also made of an appropriation made by Pohnpei At-Large FSM Senator David Panuelo but he was not on hand at the ceremony and no details were disclosed on that allocation.

Several months ago, the People's Republic of China donated a new garbage truck to Madolenihmw. During that ceremony, Senator Shelten Neth of the Pohnpei Legislature half-jokingly said that the donation was wonderful but that now he hoped the People's Republic of China would consider building a gymnasium so that he would no longer have to explain to outsiders why a basketball game was rained out. He was on hand at today's ceremony to thank the Chinese Embassy for their generous donation.

Mayor Ringlen accepted the donation on behalf of His Excellency Kerpet Hebel, Nahnmwarki of Madolenihmw who presided over the ground breaking.

FSM's Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert also briefly and in impromptu fashion spoke of the relationship between the FSM and China.

Charge d'affaires LI Cuiying of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China also spoke of the special relationship.

The ceremony concluded with the symbolic turning over of sand on the site where the new gym will be.



FSM revokes parole for "Blue Boat" operator – fined \$118,000 and jailed for 624 days



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Palikir, Pohnpei—The FSM Supreme Court today revoked parole for Nguyen Van Dang, the Captain and Owner of Vessel QNG 96345 a Vietnamese "Blue Boat" caught and re-arrested in June of this year in Chuuk waters while harvesting sea cucumbers.

Over a year previous, Dang was one of several arrested for entering the FSM illegally. At that time, the court handed down a sentence of two years in jail and \$118,000 fine for his various crimes which included entering the country illegally, transporting people to the FSM illegally and illegal fishing. Based on a promise that Dang would not return to the FSM, the court paroled him and allowed him to leave the country. In June of this year, he and the crew members and captains of three "blue boats" were arrested for the same types of violation. The trial for that violation has not yet begun.

For violation of his parole, Dang was

sentenced to 624 days imprisonment, taking into account his time served, and \$118,000 in aggregate fines.

The trial for this year's alleged violation has not yet begun. Dang faces similar jail time and fines if he is convicted.

The so called Vietnamese "Blue Boats" have been a problem for countries throughout the Asia Pacific region. Painted blue, they are difficult to spot from the air or from the sea. They carry no tracking electronics as legal vessels are required to do. The vessels are ridiculously inexpensive and can pay for themselves with one lucrative fishing trip. Confiscation or burning the vessels has not served as a deterrent for the operators of the vessels who continue to plunder the waters of the Asia Pacific region. Operators simply buy another inexpensive vessel and get right back to business.

Dang was one of six men who were arrested and charged a year ago and who returned to the FSM illegally this year.



College of Micronesia FSM holds fourth Food and Fashion Friday Festival

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November 4, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—The College's Business Administration Division along with the help of the Center for Entrepreneurship held its fourth Food & Fashion Friday Festival (F4) at the Pohnpei Cinema parking lot on November 4, 2016.

F4 is a collaborative project that the division faculty uses as a tool to assess selected A.S. Business Administration programs and course student learning outcomes (PSLO and CSLO).

Students who are taking basic courses in Management, Marketing, and Finance, began their preparations as early as the second week of Fall 2016. They put together business plans, marketing plans, and cash flow projections. They also drafted their articles of incorporation. These preparations culminated in a one-day actual sale event during which the students showcased their knowledge and skills in the different functional areas of business.

The financial component of this collaborative project will later be handled by Accounting II students. They will record the business transactions and prepare the basic financial statements for some of the groups.

This semester, other programs like the Hospitality and Tourism Management, Public Health, Food Technology, Technology and Trades and Future Farmers Club joined the F4 and sold their products as well.

Assessment results of this activity will be shared with the college community at the end of this semester.



Conservationists land on “FSM for 10%” as slogan for preservation of 10% of FSM marine resource

Representatives of NGOs and government agencies from the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia participated in a two-day workshop in Kolonia, Pohnpei. The workshop was to support the FSM Government’s effort to effectively conserve at least 10 percent of FSM marine resources under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

Participants worked to develop a campaign message or brand to support the goal of managing and protecting the FSM’s natural resources. The group collaboratively decided to name the campaign “FSM for 10%”.

MCT coordinated the two-day workshop in Pohnpei with the representatives from each of the four states of FSM with assistance from RARE and The Nature Conservancy.

The group also drafted a logo for the message which represents the unity and collaboration among the four states [which was not included in the press release].

The group will work with state and national governments to adopt the national policy framework for protected areas network and to put 10% of FSM EEZ under protection from commercial fishing.

The following organizations/agencies sent representatives to the workshop.

Chuuk: Jack Sham (Deputy Director of Department of Marine Resources), and Marcellus Akapito (Executive Director of Chuuk Conservation Society);

Kosrae: Dison Kephass (Fisheries Specialist of Department of Resources and Economic Affairs), and Marston Luckymis (Marine Program Manager of Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization);

Yap: Paul Ayin (General Manager of Yap Fishing Authority), and Bertha Mochieg Reyuw (Environment Development Program Officer of Yap Community Action Program);

Pohnpei: Mary Linda Salvador (Policy Coordinator of Conservation Society of

Pohnpei), Kesy Ladore (Marine Program Manager of CSP); Casiano Shoniber (Administrator of Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture), Rufino Primo (Conservation Officer of Division of Fish and Wildlife), Honorable Tony Sarapio (Chief Magistrate of Kitti), and Honorable Dahker Abraham (Chief Minister of U).



CORRECTIONS!

UN SDG and UNDP

In the October 31, 2016 issue we ran an article about an awards ceremony for Pohnpei students on the matter of the United Nations’ SUSTAINABLE Development Goals. We were provided with “UN SDG”, an acronym. We incorrectly expanded the acronym to read “UN Strategic Development Goals”. We also were provided with the acronym UNDP that graciously sponsored prizes for the students and schools. We also incorrectly expanded acronym to read the United Nations Development PROJECT instead of the United Nations Development Programme which is the actual name. Please accept our apologies for diluting the accuracy of the article with incorrect acronym expansions.

Patrick Blank writes that he made in an error in the article on the Pehleng article he submitted:

Mr. Wilbur David's title is Soulik en Roaloang. He is not the Soumas of Pehleng village in Kitti Municipality

The Soumas of Pehleng is Senator Dahker Daniel but he is not involved in the project.

Sorry for the error.

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...Independence Day

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Founding Father Bethwel Henry spoke on the beginnings of the nation which began with the adoption of the FSM Constitution.

FSM Congress Speaker Wesley Simina spoke on the importance of knowing FSM's history and unique place in the world with pride.

President Peter Christian spoke eloquently, as he usually does, on the importance of unity in the FSM and challenged members of the State and National Leadership Council who were present to constantly keep the goal of unity in mind.

All of the dance performances were spectacular but whoever positioned the Yap dancers to perform after President Christian's speech on unity did so with a stroke of brilliance. The Yap dancers needed eight people for their performance but one of their members could not attend due to a death in the family. Rico Rico, an outgoing Pohnpeian student at COM volunteered to step in. It was obvious that he didn't know all of the dances, the steps, or the chants and the audience roared in laughter and approval. That group of dancers demonstrated in physical form the power of unity and working together.



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K Press Perspective

COFA citizens needlessly fear “deportation” under the upcoming Trump administration

Whether or not it is an appropriate response, the world is still reeling from the results of the election that ended with Donald Trump as President Elect, a republican majority in both houses of Congress, and the potential that the US Supreme Court may also soon be controlled by Republicans. Many fear that in that political environment, President Elect Trump will be able to keep some of the promises and threats he made during his fairly brutal campaign for the Presidency.

Even before the election results were announced and Trump was announced as the winner, many FSM people living in the United States began commenting on social media that they now fear deportation after the new administration takes office because of Trump’s stated attitudes regarding immigration. Some were just kidding but some were very serious about their concerns.

For now there are other more likely things to be concerned about, for instance, his statement that he will cancel US involvement on the Paris Agreement on climate change. Perhaps it should be a concern to any Pacific islander that he has been a climate change denier and has unofficially selected one of the best-known climate skeptics to lead his U.S. EPA transition team. There are certainly all sorts of things for people of the FSM to be concerned about but at least for now, in my opinion, the immigration provisions of the Compact of Free Association (COFA) that allows COFA nation citizens to freely live and work in the US is not one of them.

When Congress adopted the Compact of Free Association with the FSM in 1986 that treaty was incorporated into US law. Perhaps you have heard the phrase, “that would take an act of Congress” used to describe things that are difficult and that would take a really long time. That plus a Presidential signature is what it takes to repeal a US law including the COFA treaty.

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entered the structures they had built on the causeway. The women returned and re-opened their businesses and were re-arrested on the following week.

Attorney Marstella Jack said that she is defending the women against charges of trespassing and obstruction of justice. She said that all three of the women had Nett Business Licenses.

According to Nixon Aldan, Kolonia Town Prosecutor, earlier this week, a man was arrested by Kolonia Town Police for operating a business in Kolonia Town without a Kolonia Town business license and for trespass. That man also had a business license issued by Nett District Government. Quite some time ago he built a small store on the grounds of what KTG claimed is the Pohnpei Public Market, which belongs to Kolonia.

The Kolonia Town Court convicted him on November 2 and ordered him to pay a fine of \$30 or face 30 days in jail for operating a business without a license. For trespass he also was ordered to “remove, demolish and vacate” the Kolonia Town property within 48 hours. That time period was set to expire on November 4 at 10:30 in the morning.

Aldan said that at 9:30 on that morning the KTG representatives were summoned to Pohnpei State Court for a hearing on a Temporary Restraining Order filed by the defendant. The motion for the TRO was based essentially on the fact that KTG had not performed a survey to determine whether the business was on the grounds of the Pohnpei Public Market or on the Pohnpei State easement.

Marstella Jack is also representing the business owner on the KTG matter. She argued in her application for TRO at the Pohnpei State Court that if the business license was on Pohnpei land then Kolonia Town cannot convict for trespass and order the building removed. She also predicted that “there is the high possibility that this removal could incite physical altercations or verbal confrontations between the Nett people doing business around the Public Market area and the Kolonia Town Police based on the outstanding controversial boundary dispute matter pending before the Pohnpei Appellate Court (Appeal No. 7-2014; PCA No. 16-2013),” the application for TRO said.

A former Pohnpei State Attorney General testified at Kolonia Town Court that the State had in fact issued an eviction notice to the business owner in 2014 at the same time they issued eviction notices to businesses and residents occupying the area in and around the Pohnpei Public Market. He testified that he didn’t know if the building was actually inside the Public Market or outside of it because a survey hadn’t been done.

The court granted the TRO and ordered Public Lands to do a survey on the area.

Later that morning, KTG Court Justice Gustin Harris issued a warrant of arrest for the business owner.

KTG Police were not able to execute the arrest warrant on Sunday November 6, “due to strong resistance” by a high ranking Pohnpei State Police officer who is the defendant’s brother, Aldan claimed.

On the afternoon of November 7, Kolonia Town Police went to the property to arrest the business owner. Nett Police responded based on a purported executive order requiring their police to protect the business owner. Pohnpei State Police also arrived on the scene and a war of words began as Jack had predicted in her application for TRO.

Kolonia Police did make the arrest and placed the business owner in custody.

On Wednesday, November 9 the defendant was brought before Judge Harris for a contempt hearing. Harris sentenced him to 90 days incarceration.

That afternoon KTG was again summoned to the Pohnpei State Court for a hearing on a writ of Habeas Corpus, which can be issued if a person is unlawfully restrained. The application for the writ claimed that the just harbors a “hatred toward the” business owner “because of the ongoing controversial boundary dispute between Kolonia Town and Nett District on who owns the waterfront area.” It said that the business owner believes that his arrest was made under false pretenses.

The application also argued that the arrest warrant should not have been issued because the defendant had filed an appeal at the Kolonia court which should have stayed any action on demolition of the disputed business.

The Court issued the writ and released the business owner.

On Thursday of this week, the Pohnpei State Supreme Court held several people in KTG in contempt of court for violating

the TRO by issuing the arrest warrant and then executing it. The Court did not fine them or otherwise sentence them.

Aldan said that he didn’t agree with that ruling because the TRO was to keep KTG from demolishing the structure which they never intended to do. The KTG court required the defendant to do so rather than the KTG government.

However, the arrest warrant was issued because the business owner failed to demolish the structure so the court ruled contempt.

We spoke with Director Nelson Pelep who told us that the surveyors were at that time performing the survey that was called upon and the results had not yet come in. He indicated that he would not let us know the results of that survey.

On Friday, Martin Jano who represents KTG claimed that the survey had been completed and verified that the business in question was entirely on the property of the Pohnpei Public Market. He also claimed that it wouldn’t have mattered if the survey had been on the property of Pohnpei State. It is still in Kolonia Town and should have had a Kolonia Town business license.

We could not verify either of those claims before press time.

Jack’s closing argument at Kolonia Town Court argued that KTG could not convict for trespass if the business was on the Pohnpei State easement. That would be a matter for Pohnpei State to decide and KTG would have no jurisdiction in the matter. She argued that KTG also would not have had the right to issue a business license for a business to operate on land that is not under their control. It could not authorize a person to trespass on State land by the issuance of a business license. She gave as example the arrest of Nett business license holders by Pohnpei State for trespass on the causeway, which is a State easement.

She raised the question in her closing argument as to whether or not the issuance of a business license by Kolonia Town would have meant permission to trespass on KTG’s land if the business is inside of the Public Market. “If it is located within the Public Market area, then he (the business owner arrested this week) is indeed trespassing as that area has been leased to Kolonia Town Government,” she wrote.

Currently the State Court issued TRO is still in effect barring the demolition of the building.

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New FSM Associate Justice sworn in

SUPREME COURT of the FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

On October 5, 2016 a new Associate Justice of the FSM Supreme Court was sworn in at a ceremony held at the FSM Supreme Court in Weno, Chuuk. Larry Wentworth was nominated as an Associate Justice of the FSM Supreme Court by His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, on June 2, 2016 and was confirmed by the 19th FSM Congress on August 2, 2016. Hon. Larry Wentworth was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, United States of America and he was raised in New York, Illinois, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Mr. Wentworth, attended Thayer Academy in Braintree, Massachusetts. He attended Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio where he graduated with a BA degree in Political Science. He went on to attend and graduated from the New England School of Law with a Juris Doctorate summa cum laude. He graduated 2nd in

his class of 250. Hon. Wentworth has written articles which includes, "The International Status and Personality of Micronesian Political Entities" which was published in the ILSA Journal of International Law (1992). The XYZ Affair of Massachusetts Prosecutorial Misconduct: The Curious Case of Commonwealth v. Lewin - ... published in the New England Law Review in 1991; and A Brief Historical Outline of the Treatment of National Minorities in the People's Republic of China published in the Twin Bridge Journal Of Asian Studies (1975). Hon. Larry Wentworth has been with the FSM Supreme Court for 24 years. He was hired to the Court in 1992 by the late Chief Justice Amaraich as a staff attorney, a capacity he served under numerous Justices until his nomination in June of this year. During his time as staff attorney in Chuuk, Mr. Wentworth also compiled, assembled, edited and drafted the headnotes for opinions published in the FSM Reports (formerly FSM Interim Reporter) from mid-1992 until now. He also compiled and maintained the Digest, Updater, and Table of Cases, research tools connected to the FSM Reports. The Oath of Office was administered to Hon. Wentworth by Chief Justice Dennis K. Yamase of the FSM Supreme Court. The ceremony was attended and witnessed by the Justices of the FSM Supreme Court, Vice President of



the FSM Hon. Yosiwo P. George, members of the Executive cabinet, Lt. Governor of Chuuk and Members of the Chuuk legislature, State Chief Justices and Associate Justices, and family and friends of Hon Larry Wentworth.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for a PROP Project Assistant based in Pohnpei, FSM. The PROP Project Assistant services include:

General Scope of Work

- Responsible for administrative and logistical support to the PROP Project including managing travel, documents processing and filing, scheduling, and the arranging of Project events.
- Provide assistance to the PROP Project Coordinator and designated accountants in areas of financial management, procurement, contract management and project reporting.
- Attend project activities and related trainings in FSM or overseas.
- Assist with other duties as may be assigned by the Project Coordinator and NORMA.

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelors Degree from a recognized institution in Accounting, Business Administration or other relevant degree. Associates Degree may be considered with proven relevant extensive experience.
- Minimum of one (1) year recent relevant experience.
- Experience with working in a team environment.
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Competency in the use of computer applications, especially MS Office and Excel
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and pay attention to detail.

Desirable Qualifications

- Ability to learn quickly.
- Organized and detail-oriented person
- Good communication skills
- Experience in procurement, project accounting and/or administration,

Remuneration

- Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications.
- This will be a 2-year full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA subject to renewal based on performance.

Application

The FSM NORMA invites interested persons (consultants) to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Letter of Interest, b) CV/resumé, c) support Degrees/Certificates and d) 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than November 18, 2016. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from:

NORMA, FSM National Government

Attn: OKean Ehmes, PROP Project Coordinator

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Sansrik Early Childhood Education Center Remodel

By Petty Officer 3rd Class Justin Emerson, NMCB 11 CCAD Kosrae

TOFUL, Kosrae. -- Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 11 Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) Kosrae, joined together with 7 Host Nation Apprentices to renovate a local elementary school house in Sansrik, Kosrae. The project consisted of renovating a 41'X17' school house which consisted of 1 class room, 1 storage room, 1 hall way, and 2 bathrooms.

Seabees deployed from Gulfport, Mississippi in August 2016 to Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) for 6 months to execute humanitarian civic assistance construction projects, host nation construction apprentice training, and medical community relation (COMREL) support, in efforts to increase the country's infrastructure capacity, strengthen the US relationship with FSM, and develop grassroots relationships with the local populace. Renovating the Sansrik Early Childhood Education Center was one of the construction projects undertaken by the CCAD team, and began on September 12th.

Sansrik Principal Annang Welly, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, has been the principal at the school for the past two years. His perception of the Seabees work are as follows:

"We are very fortunate to have the Seabees here to work on our school. You guys turned a broken mess into a livable building, and I can't wait to move the kids into their new classroom"

The CCAD's project supervisor (Petty Officer 2nd Class Chancellor Keeler) said,

"This was a great opportunity for us to learn our trade, cross train, and see the positive impact that our efforts have on the community here"

This sentiment was echoed by Constructionman Dominik Kosmaty,

"This was a great learning experience for me, I got to learn more of my trade as well as learn more about the other trades in the Seabees."

See "Remodel" on page 14



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**Pohnpei Export Association
- Looking for Information from Local Exporters**

The Pohnpei Export Association or PEA was established in September 2014, with the goal to facilitate the export of agricultural and marine products from Pohnpei to importers located in regional destinations. Now, through the kind support and generosity of FSM Senator Ferny Perman, PEA has opened an office and recruited a Program Manager to further the work towards this goal. While exporting products made in Pohnpei helps to boost the state's economy, the logistics of sending perishable items off island is complicated, involving: 1) identifying potential overseas buyers, 2) securing the necessary permits and licenses, 3) careful scheduling of shipments so items arrive at their destinations fresh and in good condition, and 4) dealing with the financial arrangements needed to cover freight costs and receipt of payments. PEA recognizes that most people who are involved in agricultural production and the harvest of marine products may lack the expertise to effectively deal with these export-related issues.

Late last year, PEA organized the shipment of a container from Pohnpei to Guam. In Guam PEA organized assistance to transship items to other destinations, including the US mainland. A number of exporters took advantage of this reduced-cost option to send their products. While the container did successfully arrive in Guam,

some unanticipated delays resulted in some of the perishable items arriving in less than ideal condition. The effort did prove that such an arrangement is possible, but that extremely careful planning is essential.

One of the lessons learned in organizing the container is that the current volume of agricultural and marine product exports may be insufficient to fill such a large space. Given the volume of sakau and betel nut that is presently being exported, at some point in the near future it may be feasible to fill a container and take advantage of reduced per pound freight costs. In the meantime however, PEA is discussing air-freight options with the airlines that service the island. Air shipments provide much greater scheduling flexibility.

An initial objective of the PEA Program Manager is to collect information that will assist current and potential new exporters on Pohnpei to successfully navigate through all of the export "steps". To this end, PEA is in the process of creating a data base to provide information on current and potential local exporters and also information on current and new overseas markets/buyers. To negotiate with the airlines, we must know the potential volumes of exported items.

The Program Manager is developing a survey tool to gather information on all local exporters and individuals who may be interested in exporting their products. The survey will be primarily conducted at the airport, but in order to collect data from as many people as possible, all interested parties, who have not been surveyed at the airport, are requested to contact the PEA Program Manager at the following number: 925-7777

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First traditional medicine workshop presented in Pohnpei

By Pohnpei State

October 18, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei State Department of Health Services hosted its first traditional medicine workshop with technical assistance from the World Health Organization (WHO) Country Liaison Office (CLO) based in Palikir Pohnpei and its Regional Office (RO) based in Manila, Philippines.

The workshop was aimed at sharing a quick survey analysis assisted by WHO RO on the use of traditional medicine in the FSM. It was in response to Pohnpei State's request for technical assistance for relevant Departments and stakeholders. It is also in response to the Fourth FSM NCD Conference that was held in Kosrae last year.

Traditional medicine is a component of the resolution of the 69th World Health Assembly on "Strengthening Integrated, People-Centered Health Services". WHO RO developed 'the Regional Strategy for Traditional Medicine in the Western Pacific 2011-2020 framework' and assists member countries to develop their own country strategy based on the component of the Regional Strategy.

Traditional medicinal practices in Pohnpei are an ongoing practice as they have been for hundreds if not thousands of years. There are several types of traditional medicinal specialists that are known and have been recorded over time including family curers (those who only heal family members); Herbalists (specialists in plant-based medicine) Sorcery; Men's, women's and Children's illnesses or treatments;

Masseurs; Diviners; Midwives and Magical specialists.

Despite its cultural and historical significance and perhaps because of its cost saving implications to the overall cost of health care services in Pohnpei, Traditional medicinal practices are still prohibited by law from the State Hospital, dispensaries and clinics. While the ultimate goal is to integrate local healing practices into main stream healthcare services and to provide universal health or affordable healthcare to patients in Pohnpei, the issue remains to linger on how to integrate the Western and Traditional medicine approaches to add value to patients' care while at the same time ensuring service quality and safety.

In countries like Japan, China and Korea, traditional medicine is fully integrated into their health care services based on evidence of historical use. Similarly, in Pacific Island countries like Fiji, PNG and Samoa, traditional medicine is included in their national policies and laws.

The proposed recommendations by WHO to the Pohnpei and FSM National Governments are based on years of experience in the field of traditional or complimentary alternative medicine and are as follows:

1. To develop a policy/strategy and implementation plan to guide development of traditional medicine at the state level.
2. To collect information on traditional medicine practices and assess role of traditional medicine in health care.
3. To document traditional medicine knowledge, taking into consideration the implications with regard to intellectual property rights.
4. To introduce formal training and regulation (registration) of traditional medicine practitioners.
5. To include traditional medicine practitioners in the community health team to complement primary health care services and to provide sustainable and culturally sensitive support for managing NCD (the Palau Action Statement on Healthy Islands (1999).
6. To encourage coordination between traditional medicine practitioners and Western medicine practitioners at the primary health care level.
7. To encourage collaboration between traditional medicine and Western medicine researchers.

Offices represented in the workshop were the State Department of Education, Historic Preservation's Office, Health, and several local practitioners, Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), FSM Department of Health Non Communicable Disease and Cancer Control Program and the FSM National Office of Archives. The FSM Secretary of Health and the Acting Director of Health Services were scheduled to provide the opening and closing remarks but were not able to attend do to last minute scheduling changes.



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KP Perspective

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I will grant that with a majority Republican Congress it will be far easier for President Elect Trump to get a bill through Congress than it ever was for President Obama but to the best of my knowledge even during his most hyperbolic tirades I never heard him say anything about ejecting people from the United States who are there legally and I never heard the subject of the COFA treaty come up as an issue during his campaign.

He did say that nations should pay for US protection arrangements and that leaves room for concern.

That's not to say that Guam, or Hawaii or any other State or territory could not get Trump's ear regarding the issue of Compact impact on those jurisdictions. That certainly could happen but even if it does, no matter what Trump's proclivities may be, the US is just not set up to allow one man to make decisions unilaterally for the country. The built in system of checks and balances in the US government took a deep hit on November 8 but it is still in place. My own confidence in those balances has been just as eroded by this week's election as it would have been if Hillary Clinton had won and Democrats had taken over both houses of Congress. But the checks and balances are still there. I have to have some optimism that system will help to moderate at least on some level, the desires of one person.

There is still an important military strategic value to the COFA nations for the US which has strong defense agreements with the COFA nations. I would like to think that cooler heads would prevail before the US would throw out that strategic advantage in the Asia-Pacific region.

...Remodel

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The Seabees of NMCB 11 take great pride in their ability to use their skills to improve the lives of others. Petty Officer 2nd Class Earnest Wilson expressed:

"This project was very rewarding for me personally because we turned a dilapidated building into a place where children can learn, and be happy to call it their school."

A ribbon cutting with the United States Ambassador to the Federated States of

Contrary to the beliefs of many people, the Compact is an agreement in perpetuity that will NOT be expiring in 2023 when the money is currently scheduled to stop flowing.

Yes, it is true that three FSM Senators introduced a measure to terminate the Compact by 2018 but that measure seemed only to impact the news and not much else. It was introduced more than a year ago and Congress has taken no official action on it since its introduction. It's still just sitting there gathering dust and mold.

If either the FSM or the United States decides that they will sit down and renegotiate as the Compact as amended in 2003 allows, I suppose it's possible that one of the bargaining chips could be the immigration provisions. But neither side has given any kind of official notice that they want to go back to the negotiating table. Even if it did become a bargaining chip the FSM would certainly negotiate for a transition period for its citizens to decide if they want to take another route to legally remain in the US. Even under a Trump administration I cannot fathom anything like an overnight cancellation of the Compact treaty and order for deportation.

Perhaps I am an optimist who should be writing under the nom de plume of Pollyanna.

Oh, never fear, there are plenty of other things to worry about like the possibility for increasing discrimination in the US. Be vigilant, yes. Watch, and keep yourselves informed, but you are legally living in the United States. As long as you are law abiding you can't be deported. That has not changed after Mr. Trump was elected and I believe it won't likely change any time soon if at all.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Micronesia (Ambassador Robert Riley), Kosare State Government Officials, and Sansrik teachers and faculty is scheduled for the 14th of November.

NMCB 11 is a Seabee battalion specializing in contingency construction, disaster response, and humanitarian assistance. The battalion's homeport is in Gulfport, Miss.

The Naval Construction Force is a vital component of the U.S. Maritime Strategy. They offer deployable battalions capable of providing contingency construction, disaster preparation and recovery support, humanitarian assistance, and combat operations support.

Behind the scenes work makes PNA's Vessel Day Scheme a success

Parties to the Nauru Agreement

Majuro, Marshall Islands 29 October 2016: How do you manage a multi-billion dollar fishery in nine distinct fishing zones with multiple nations fishing? Five years ago, it was mostly done with a hand calculator and pencil, and by transmitting data by email or fax. Today, the fishery that is generating US\$400 million a year to nine Pacific islands is managed by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement's Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) that allows managers to know what is taking place in their fishing zone with a tap of their computer keyboards.

The FIMS was specially designed for the PNA fishery. "It provides easy access to fisheries information for increasingly effective management of PNA's Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) that governs purse seine fishing in the western and central Pacific," said PNA CEO Ludwig Kumoru, who added that the VDS and the FIMS management tool is also being rolled out for the longline industry.

Coordinating data on close to 300 purse seiners fishing in the 200-mile exclusive economic zones of eight island nations and one territory that involves identifying fishing and non-fishing days, monitoring fishing trends to ensure "fishing day" use stays within agreed-to annual limits, tracking sales and trades of fishing days among PNA parties, recording catch data provided separately by onboard fisheries observers and the fishing vessels, tracking and managing the use of tens of thousands of fish aggregating devices, and handling online registration of vessels is all in a day's work at the PNA Office in the Marshall Islands.

Five years ago, PNA Office staff managing the VDS in coordination with national fisheries departments used a hand calculator to manually work out the number of hours and days each of the several hundred purse seiners had fished in which PNA member's zone. "We've come a long way with PNA's Fisheries Information Management System," said PNA VDS Manager Patricia Jack, who is based in Majuro.

The Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) gives users the total number of fishing days (Total Allowable Effort) for the entire PNA area, and the number of fishing

days allotted to each member (Party's Allowable Effort). "FIMS shows each party's usage of fishing days and the percentage of days left," said Ms. Jack. The PNA Office coordinates this fishing day data with each fishery department in the nine islands using the VDS, including resolving any differences between the national fishery department and the PNA Office in determining fishing day usage.

Day-to-day VDS management of fishing day data translates directly into major revenue for each VDS participant. Between 2010 and 2015, revenue to the islands rose from US\$60 million to close to US\$400 million.

"Lots of money is attached to this," said Ms. Jack. "That's what makes the FIMS system so important — to ensure the fishing industry pays for days fished in different EEZs and to make sure the islands get their fair share."

The VDS is PNA's management system for the fishery, while FIMS was developed for national level management of the fishery with PNA Office playing a coordinating role. Now that vessel position information generated on a 24/7 basis from onboard "vessel monitoring system" (VMS) units is electronically transmitted directly to the PNA FIMS, each of the nine VDS parties has access to their own data through the FIMS system. "We have port-to-port data coverage of purse seine vessels," said Herman Kisokau, PNAO VDS/VMS Officer, who like Ms. Jack is based in Majuro. "We can track fishing vessels wherever they are including outside of PNA zones."

In years past, vessels submitted their catch data, declaration of fishing and non-fishing days and other data by email or fax, which was a cumbersome process to manage. Now it is all done through FIMS.

A key part of the system is information provided by the purse seine fishing industry to PNA through a special industry platform known as iFIMS. "The iFIMS platform gives confidence to the industry that no one is changing their data, since PNA has no access to iFIMS," said Mr. Kisokau, explaining that industry data uploaded to iFIMS is automatically received by PNA's FIMS for use by the PNA Office and fisheries departments. The combination of data from the onboard vessel monitoring system that shows vessel position, industry-provided catch data through

iFIMS, and fisheries observer-provided data "gives enough information to the parties to determine if a vessel has used a day for fishing or not," he said.

"We are receiving near real-time information when the vessels are fishing," said Mr. Kisokau. "FIMS captures in one system the information needed to manage fishing day use, catch levels and fishing effort." This real-time access to catch data makes in-port transshipment monitoring more effective. "By the time a vessel arrives in port, we already have their catch data from the trip," said Mr. Kisokau. "So when enforcement officers go on board, they already know what the catch should be and can confirm it (the veracity of the vessel's report)."

Because FIMS also tracks fish aggregating devices (FADs), it can be used for enforcement of the annual several month FAD closure in PNA waters. "If we are in a FAD closure period, why is a vessel by a FAD?" said Mr. Kisokau of the ability of the system to track vessels and FADs in the region. "The system provides information needed to manage the resource."

FIMS is also a key part of the reporting requirement for verifying sustainably caught tuna that meets Marine Stewardship Council standards. Tuna that complies with MSC "chain of custody" requirements pays a higher dividend to fishing boats and retailers because customers in Europe, the United States, Australia and elsewhere are willing to pay a premium for sustainably caught fish. The FIMS shows, for example, that in 2015, there were 349 fishing trips that aimed to meet MSC's strict sustainability standards. This year, through mid-October, the number more than doubled to 788 trips, demonstrating increasing industry participation in this value-added fishery initiative.

Beginning in late 2015, PNA began extending the VDS beyond the 300 purse seiners by trialing the VDS for the longline industry. PNA is now set to fully implement VDS management for the more than 3,000 longline vessels active in the region in 2017.

In large part due to FIMS usage and management, an independent review of the VDS earlier this year concluded: "The purse seine VDS is a very successful fisheries management regime by any real world standard," and the management system in place "provides a simple and robust compliance framework for the fleet."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

The component units or commonly known to ordinary citizens as public corporations are essentially created by laws of the primary governments, in the case of the FSM, they are the local, state and national governments purposely to assist in providing necessary services to the general public or the people. It is the people that we, the component units and the primary government officials and employees, are in office to serve and we are answerable to them. The component units are established in a way to operate independently to make money and free from the influence of politics. The revenues generated, aside from the expense of their general operations, should be used to maximize their services and at the same time make sure that the costs of the services are not burdensome to the people.

Now, look around us and see if this is actually happening. Is this what you are seeing? Are the revenues generated basically benefiting you? In terms of costs of services, are they reasonable? These corporations have statutory authorities to impose charges that can indirectly affect the costs of goods that we depend on to live and raise our families every day. Their luxurious expenditures can also impinge on the services to the people they serve.

Did you know that the State of Pohnpei has the strictest law regarding driving government vehicles? The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Justice and the Speaker are the allowable operators of government vehicles 24 hours and 7 days a week. The Associate Justices, the Vice-Speaker, the Floor leader, the members of the Pohnpei Legislature and the members of the Cabinet can only drive government vehicles during government working hours. I think the bottom line is crystal clear and that is prudently a cost-saving-measure. Can you imagine the employees of the component units of the Pohnpei State Government driving their office vehicles 24/7? The simple query here is the moral judgment employed as the underlying principle to arrive at this point. By the way, I am not implying it is wrong.

I am not raising this issue alleging anyone of wrong doing. I am simply raising it in the hopes that we collectively think about it and if there is room for improvement, why not, share what you have in mind. Or straightforwardly, remedy it in a soundly and practical approach.

Ausen T. Lambert

Chuuk Lagoon and Kuop Atoll shows need for better fisheries management

A new report has been released from the University of Guam Marine Laboratory on the status of coral reef and fisheries resources in Chuuk State. The report, a synthesis of data and information from 2008 to 2016, was written by several agencies, including Chuuk Marine Resources, Chuuk Conservation Society, University of Guam Marine Laboratory, CNMI Coastal Resources Management Office, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Yap Community Action Program Marine Division and The Nature Conservancy Asia Pacific Program. The report summarizes two major natural disturbance events on Chuuk's reefs over the years: 1) Crown-of-Thorns Starfish that prey on live corals and have been spreading across Chuuk since 2008, and 2) Typhoon Maysak. Both disturbances have led to a decline in corals, as expected, but the key theme in the report is how the reefs have responded.

Reefs with healthy fish populations were damaged less from the disturbances and show better signs of future recovery. However, many of the larger fish required for recovery are also being heavily fished, as these populations have declined at many sites across Chuuk. In addition, sea cucumbers have also decreased over the eight year period. Dr. Peter Houk, lead author and researcher from the UOGML

explains, "While Chuuk Lagoon contains some of the most extensive coral reef habitat across Micronesia's population centers, the impact of growing fishing pressure was clear. Our goal was to provide a summary of information that can help local communities plan and manage their resources better. This translates to defining management that can balance the economic and social needs of fisheries against the ecological roles they play in maintaining healthy reefs." Presently, many of Chuuk's reefs have among the highest fish biomass in Micronesia, which supports an active fishery for subsistence needs, local sales, and commercial exports mainly to Guam. Given the history of exploitation, many fishers and reef owners are now expressing concerns over declining marine resources and reef health.

The good news is that Chuuk's reefs are still owned by individual families and managed in partnership with communities. This provides a simpler, more efficient situation for developing and implementing management plans that ensures buy-in from all of the stakeholders. While the growing influence of western cash economies has created conflicting fisheries objectives, locally-driven management allows each municipality to make their own decisions. Houk

described, "One community, Oneismow, in the southwestern part of Chuuk, provides an example. We had the chance to visit with the community and discuss our study and initial findings. Shortly after, the community has begun drafting their comprehensive management plan that ensures local resources are available to their community, but also defines when and how commercial fishing can be conducted. A comprehensive, locally-driven management plan is really a new direction for Micronesia." Informed management decisions require accurate science.

Surveys were conducted on 75 coral reefs associated with Chuuk Lagoon and nearby Kuop atoll. Representative sites were selected across all major reef habitats, geographic sectors, and locally-driven management regimes. The survey shows clear and consistent declines in sea cucumbers, large clams, large fish, sharks populations, and corals in most areas.

In addition to locally-driven management at the community scale, some consideration will also be necessary at the island scale. The report summarized that large fish and sharks declined the most through time, and the focus of conservation management should be on protecting these groups which are

critical for ecosystem functioning. Sustainable harvesting of both fishes and sea cucumbers will require dedicated studies and stronger management to determine thresholds in these populations that must be maintained for sustainable income and healthy reefs. Thus, some policies might best be addressed at the state governmental level, in partnership with the communities. Another example is dealing with the ongoing impacts from climate change. Chuuk can benefit from identifying networks of reefs that are most resilient to climate-driven disturbances to create a Chuuk-wide marine protected area network. The point is that local management is excellent for ensuring food security and protecting livelihoods of individual communities. However, this must eventually be combined with state-wide approaches that establish a connected network. The good news is that the Chuuk leadership (Governor and Legislature) is currently considering a new protected areas network (PAN) legislation, which should pass in the next couple of months. This is a great step forward for Chuuk State conservation work.

The full report is available from any of the participating organizations, or by emailing to houkp@ugam.uog.edu.



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