Forty-three years ago, the United Architects of the Philippines was conceived out of the dreams of our fathers and mothers in the Profession, towards a dynamic, sustainable and homogenous association of Filipino architects, striving to meet the challenges of trends and time.

From hundreds of charter members who tirelessly pioneered the existence of an Organization with promising objectives came thousands and tens of thousands of members, whose the passion to serve is responsive, being at tune with the goal of uplifting and strengthening the profession.

The challenges were not a mere hindrance to the Profession, but serving as a mold to which the Organization is taking its shape. Through this that the UAP is gaining ground to help reinforce the Profession, and back the Filipino Architect in taking his course.

Forty-three years on, the fight ensues. As days go by, rules, and roles keep changing, but the game is still on. The challenges to the Profession is taking our feet through different places. There’s still a load of work to be done. Tedious it could be, for as long as the needs will be met as possible. Valuable plans and programs were passed on through diligent and hardworking leaders, giving much of their time for the Organization at par with service to the nation.

The message of our founding fathers in the Organization is clear and resounding. A unified group would streamline the action and carry out the plans with one goal and one direction. The UAP was formed, not only to bind all the Filipino Architects nationwide and the world over, but to engage every member bring the substantial advocacy for the endowment of the Profession. From this standpoint, the young are not just witnesses of a battle, but as torchbearers of the ever-kept strategies on how the fight will be won. Successions go on, as long as the successors are poised to carry on the flames, ensuring that it won’t die down amidst the howling winds besetting Architectural Profession.

Go forth and strive to be better, not only as individual craftsmen of Architecture, but as part of a thriving community with a common cause, through which, the Organization is the strong institution we can all have.

Tread the formidable steps leading to the goal of a stronger, more cohesive organization whose members are competitive enough in ensuing the challenges foreseen and even the unforeseen—a very timely stance of a Filipino Architect in these unpredictable times of our Profession.

"Go Forth, Tread the Formidable"
Today, we have more than 3000 members in attendance. It is indeed again, my honor and privilege to welcome you all to the 44th National Convention of the United Architects of the Philippines, the only Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects in the Philippines.

This year will be both remarkable and of a different measure as we appreciate the strength of being UNITED in mind, in heart, and in soul and for the special love of so many of us have for our beloved Organization.

Your presence throughout this convention is truly appreciated. I would like to personally thank you for your unrelenting support and confidence from the start when I was elected as National President and two months now, another administration will take over, and with great anticipation that our humble success will be continued. Indeed, the UAP has been blessed, by good and noble leaders who have been working fervently and selflessly to serve the best interest of our Organization and keep up the value and standard from its beginning.

I am certain that this event will serve its great purpose to ignite our desire for continuous self-improvement, persist our vision despite of adversity, and motivate oneself for personal and professional excellence, thus this is what “SIGASIG” connotes.

I am convinced that all the delegates from local and international chapters will greatly benefit from the wealth of ideas, wisdom, knowledge, and experience that will come out of this convention guided by the principles of Unity, Accountability, and Professional Excellence.

I will not take this too long, but, my heartfelt gratitude to our Executive Director for Commission on Convention, Exhibit, and Assembly, ARCH. TONY VALDEZ, Organizing Committee of Natcon 44 headed by ARCH. FLORENCIO ROMARIO T. SEBASTIAN, III, to our partners and friends in the industry, and all the dedicated volunteers behind this event, without your concerted effort, time, and resources, this would not have been again a resounding success.

At this moment, DEAR COLLEAGUES IN THE ARCHITECTURE PROFESSION, I invite YOU all to be present for the duration of the convention and always remember, we are here for continuous learning, for moments to be treasured, for celebration of our humble beginning.

Mabuhay ang UAP!
Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!
SERVICE and the SOCIAL MEDIA

The will to serve by architects in various positions in government, in private sectors, in NGOs and even in professional organizations is a daunting task worth emulating as these professionals go out of their way to reach out to various sectors spending precious time, believing in the visions and missions of their causes, and working out their services so as to contribute to the development of these entities they join in.

This is where service to these various positions in government, in private sectors and even in our professional organization should be well recognized and understood by critics in the social media.

People in general are grouped into three types as far as social media is concerned 1) those who are recognized in the social media as people who want to serve or serve positively and make a difference, 2) those who do not want to serve but support positively the efforts of those who serve, 3) those who do not want to serve yet negate the efforts of others who serve to uplift the organization.

There will be critics in everyday life. There will be positive and negative comments, complaints, criticisms and even words that encourage, that uplift and that honor works of people, especially of architects or the architects themselves. Seldom in Filipino culture are our people, and it follows architects for that matter, are expressive in emulating others positively. Seldom. Seemingly, this looks like a Filipino trait or character imbued in us which we should change for the better.

Look at most national and local newspapers, tri-media networks and even radio stations. Everyday, the culture of negative presentation of stories just to attract viewership and sponsorship is imbued in our culture and frame of mind. You do not even have to look far. Just look at some architects in our professional organization using the social media (e.g. Facebook). Those who do not want to participate or serve in various positions, much more, those who look up on others high up in the totem pole doing something (and I say something not necessarily good or bad) are people who negatively portray them and bring them down. It is as if they have the authority to criticize, ridicule and downgrade those who want to serve. Yet these people who ridicule do not want to serve! And at what expense do they do these things just to make them look good in the eyes of others? On the contrary, have they exerted efforts to do services also on a larger scale, much larger than the scale of people who serve, and produce anything good? These are things to ponder clearly for an apple that can only be compared to an apple. Service done by others cannot be compared to those who do not do services for others.

A few months back, I was a witness to the negativity of architects who have used the social media as their means to bring down those who have served and continue to serve their beloved organization. The crab mentality of Filipinos came out to shine. There were a lot of fabricated stories and just a few positive stories to compare. There were architects hiding in the shadows, even as far abroad, and there were architects lurking behind the skirts of competent professionals, using them to present not issues but the negative side of personalities.

Even today, we still read negative issues on architects who serve or want to serve. Shouldn't those who write or speak about other people negatively start writing on the positive side so that they, in fact can encourage other professional architects to serve or want to serve? They can even be contributory in promoting and protecting the profession and the architects positively. Or better still, should not these negative architects start to or try to serve their organization so that the mission and vision of the organization will be instilled in the minds of these professionals? Much better, they will know how the organization works. It is different if they see the perspective from within and not from afar. Who knows, great ideas start to come out when there are harmonious relationships with other people. There are actions that will be produced as expressed priorities. And eventually, we will see in them positive actions and not just humiliating and degrading words that put down others.

How they can help is up to them to be pro-active and reach out. Respect is earned by not putting others down.
A Sequel to Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence

The Journey Continues: serbisyo garantisado

For two consecutive fiscal years from FY 2016 to present, the Office of the Secretary General focused on the main duty entrusted to them that is to enhance tools for better communication and dissemination of updates, news, information and other relevant issues to all UAP members. Part of it is also to properly handle record management, staff management, regular reporting and constant over-all supervision.

COMMUNICATION. Several milestone projects and continuing some projects that has been introduced by past administrations had been implemented to strengthen delivery of communication. Reliving the KEEPING YOU POSTED (KYP), an online electronic daily publication from the Office of the Secretary General features news of architects, UAP Chapters, UAP National and other professional related topics. KYP has issued hundreds of posts to maintain the corporate communication program updated on a daily basis. Another mode of communication is the UAP new website which has been launched to keep anyone informed with the latest data, events and schedule. Additional features of the new website is the list of roster of UAP chapters and its members, Documents on RA9266, UAP Chapter Reports, Forms and other pertinent downloadable; and recently the most talked about necessity for Continuing Professional Development Programs featured in the website. A page is dedicated for the CPD schedule of UAP and its Chapters’ seminars with CPD points accredited by PRC, speakers, topic, venue and other information is properly tabulated.

In line with this, UAP ARKITEXT, the very first mobile text blast messaging through an official UAP mobile number has been introduced just last April 2018 during the UAP National Convention. This is for urgent and immediate information dissemination for all architects nationwide.

UAP telephone hotline communication system and online chat messaging through the Official Website are presently being used as another tools of communication. This is to maximize the use of information technology to connect to all UAP chapters and members in the Philippines and even if they are in other countries.

RECORD AND STAFF MANAGEMENT, REPORTING AND SUPERVISION. Included in the core function as UAP Secretary General is to build a competent and dynamic workforce at the UAP National Office to install confidence among employees in that way we can serve the general membership efficiently. This is through conducting a Secretariat and Staff regular meeting after a mass which is held every 1st Friday of the month. Occasional training and development program for the Office has been also delivered to attain the teamwork within the UAP Office.

To keep the UAP records, photos, documents and other important data, a Server accessible to all UAP personnel has been acquired and kept under the care of the Office. Aside from this, the technology support program at the UAP National Headquarters has been organized through comprehensive structural cabling installation, data cabinet which also consists of local area networking and VOIP system (for the IP phone). All these contribute significantly to promote faster, effective and advanced communication through Record Management.

SERVICE TO MEMBERS.

In the span of a year, we have developed the UAP Privilege Card to be more useful to members by making it a UAP RFID CARD.

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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR). Through the UAP Bayanihang Arkitektura which is headed by Arch. Rene Richie Corcuera, the ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc., the Philippine Army, Professional Regulation Commission among other partners, a Proposed Two-Classroom and Rehabilitation of Bito Elementary School in Marawi City is now on its way to be constructed. This is after the conceptualization, coordination with the locals, officials of the School and other professionals who are voluntarily providing a helping hand either through pro-bono services or financial or product donation. A memorandum of agreement signing and launching of this project has been held last April 6, 2018 at UAP Headquarters. At present, we are preparing for the bidding of the construction of this project.

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The UAP College of Fellows (COF), through the COF Jury Resolution 17-18 No. 01, has submitted the list of successful nominees for elevation to the College. This was later confirmed by the National Board of Directors through the UAP Board Resolution no. 105, series of FY 2017-2018, last February 10, 2018.

For this Fiscal Year, twelve (12) successful nominees were to be elevated, including our very own Arch. Ericson Europa, Associate Editor for Area D. The twelve successful nominees, to be enumerated alphabetically per category, were as follows: Architects Marie Stephanie Magdalena Gilles (UAP Diliman), Haydyn Hernandez (UAP Manila Metro), Paul Emmanuel Mauricio (UAP New Manila), Joan Therese Marie Villamor (UAP Diliman) for Architectural Practice: Private Practice; Architects Jose Ricardo Adrian (UAP Diliman), Rene Richie Corcuera (UAP Cavite), Leandro Dave (UAP Del Pilar Bulacan), Manuel Macaranas Jr. (UAP QC Capitol); Jose Generoso Mascardo (UAP Negrense) for Architectural Practice: Design Build; Architect Rosario Roxas (UAP San Juan Pinaglabanan) for Architectural Practice; Architects Rafael Balicano (UAP Sorsogon) and Ericson Europa (UAP North Davao) for Architectural Education: Teaching.

The successful nominees were to be conferred the title of Fellows during the first day of the 44th National Convention, April 12, to be held at the SMX Convention Center. They will also be presented to the delegates during the Honor Dinner hosted by the College, that evening.

COF Announces New Fellows

The UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha (Seated, 5th from Right, and the College of Fellows Chancellor Arch. Ma. Liza Santos (Seated, 5th from Left) join the new Fellows (Standing, 2nd Row), along with the Officers and the members of the Jury of College of Fellows. LEFT-RIGHT-Front Row: Architects Luis Montes, Jr., Bursar; Iluminada Fajardo, Scribe; Richard Garcia, Chancellor-Elect; Tobias Bonaobra, Vice Chancellor; Prosperidad Luis, Chairperson of the Jury of Fellows; Ana Mangalino-Ling, Ma. Benita Regala and Ka Kuen Chua, members of the Jury of Fellows.
The UAP-CIA Report for FY2017-18

by Arch. Corazon V. Fabia-Tandoc,
FUAP, EUAP, ASEAN CTO
Executive Director, Commission on Internal Affairs

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS (CA)
Rebecca Vanessa DL. Rellosa, UAP, Chairperson

The committee is at present evaluating the submittals on: First, “The UAP National Awards for Members, Chapters and Districts” (including the Hall of Fame Awards); and “The UAP Meritorious Awards”. These Awards will be given during the 44th UAP National Convention on Day 2: Awards Night at SMX Convention Center; Second, The UAP PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS for UAP National Board of Directors and UAP Standing Committee Chairs will be awarded during the Turn-over Ceremony on June 30, 2018; and Third, The UAP DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS (DEA), to be given to an existing project of UAP members in good standing and a Registered License Architect (RLA) in active practice for at least ten (10) years.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS (CB)
Rossanno G. Baradi, UAP, Chairman

The approved UAP 2009 By-Laws will still be the official document to be followed by the UAP. The UAPSA & UAPGA By-laws are presently reviewed and updated with the respective advisers.

Committee on CHAPTER ORGANIZATION (CCO)
Maribel M. Collado, UAP, Chairperson

The Committee updated the 2005 “UAP POLICY MANUAL ON CHAPTER ORGANIZATION” based on the 2009 By-Laws. This is one of the National President Guillermo Hisancha’s commitment to ensure the highest standards of corporate governance and to provide a detailed information on Chapter Organization formation (before and after); governance structure, duties and responsibilities, geographical location, and other related information to ensure that the Chapters operate in accordance with best practice. The Chapters are required to have this Manual for their reference starting on the Chapter Presidents Assembly on April 10 onwards at a minimal cost.

The following Chapters Chartered (July 1, 2017 to present) were: Sinluyan Dubaw (Chapter No. 150) from District D1 on August 22, 2017; Angeles City-Alaya (No. 151) from District C2 on August 27, 2017; Batangas Lakeshore (No. 152) from District B4 on October 8, 2017; Camarina AB Bantayog (No. 153) from District A4 on November 18, 2017; and Guam USA (No. 154) from District B3 on December 30, 2017.

As of this writing, we have 154 Chapters nationwide and in the United States, Canada, and Asia. Meanwhile, the Chapters in Good Standing as of 30 August 2017 were as follows:

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Out of 154 Chapters: GS = 142 / NGs = 12

DENTAL AWARDS for UAP National Board of Directors and UAP Standing Committee Chairs will be awarded during the Turn-over Ceremony on June 30, 2018, and District C2 on August 27, 2017; Batangas Lakeshore (No. 152) from District B4 on October 8, 2017; Camarina AB Bantayog (No. 153) from District A4 on November 18, 2017; and Guam USA (No. 154) from District B3 on December 30, 2017.

Committee on GENERAL WELFARE (CGW)
Roger M. Victorino, UAP, Chairman

For the general welfare of the UAP members (in good standing), the Committee came up with three (3) projects: First, the UAP Handbook on Rule III: Schedule of Fees on all Types of Architectural Services; Rule IV, General Provisions; and supplementary documents namely Proforma of “Architect-Owner Agreement”, “Owner- Contractor Agreement”. The former documents are taken from the approved “Handbook on Standards of Professional Practice (SPP) & Architects Guidelines for SPP Compliances” (Pursuant to RA 9266), in compliance with PRBOA Resolution No. 3 s. 2010, and PRBOA Resolution No. 06 s. 2016. The Handbook will be presented to the Chapter Presidents Assembly this coming 44th National Convention, Second, the Architects’ Virtual Office/Co-Working Space. This is to provide an open working facilities for UAP members who have no office space, and those from the provinces to be able to meet their clients. To be located at the second floor of the UAP Headquarters. It has an approximate area of 120 square meters. The space is ready to accept furniture and equipment and will be operational by May 2018. This project will be in coordination with the Ways and Means, Membership and Chapter Organization Committees of the CIA; and third, the UAP Fun Run, which was already accomplished. It coincided with the celebration of the Nationwide Architecture Week (NAW) 2017, jointly with the Marikina Valley Chapter.

Committee on Information Technology (CIT)
Francis D. Frigillana, UAP, Chairman

The projects were: 1. The UAP Data Project. Contract approved in 2016-Y term and expired last February 18, 2018. The project is now under UAP Administration which is ongoing; 2. The Proposed Training for UAP Members: Auto CAD Fundamentals (2D and 3D), a 3-day Training Program which
The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), celebrated its 43rd founding anniversary in a simple yet symbolic commemoration of the Organization’s feat in strengthening the foothold of the Filipino architects in terms of professionalism and competitiveness. This was held at the UAP Headquarters, 53 Scout Rallos street, Diliman, Quezon City, March 26, 2018.

Attended by the key officials of the Organization, headed by National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, various guests and officers from different chapters and districts were also present in the Monday morning celebration. A flag ceremony commenced the program, followed by a holy mass held at the UAP Headquarters lobby. By midday, a press release and open forum was held, which was spearheaded by the UAP national officers. Among those discussed were the Senate hearing about the Continuing Professional Development (CPD), as well as the plans for the 44th UAP National Convention. By noontime, lunch was served to the guests, and were treated by musical entertainment, held at the ground floor of the UAP headquarters (Tower Restaurant).

The UAP National also called on all the Chapters nationwide and overseas to hold their respective simultaneous activities, such as General Membership Meetings (GMM), CSR or outreach programs, architectural clinics, and others.

The United Architects of the Philippines was founded in 1975 as a merger of three existing professional organization of architects at the time, namely, the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA), the League of Philippine Architects (LPA) and the Association of Philippine Government Architects (APGA).
UAP Inks MoA with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya for the Marawi School Rehab

The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation, Inc. (ALKKFI) for the rehabilitation of the Marawi City. The partnership aims to rehabilitate the Bito Elementary School which was badly devastated because of the conflict. Bito Elementary School is near the temporary shelters. It is expected that the number of student enrollees will increase.

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On the other hand, Trillanes cited a “non-practicing” Architect, who gained his license 10 or 20 years ago and decided to work again. The senator raised: how can the Client be assured of professional competency if the Architect, aside from non-practicing, has never been undergoing continuing professional education.

Thus, Trillanes encouraged all professionals to help support the CPD Law and pursue short courses or even doctorate studies. On 14 February 2018, Trillanes called for a dialogue among stakeholders, which included representatives from the national government, the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) and 14 different professional organizations (PO).

Aside from UAP, who expressed concerns and proposals to the amendments of the CPD Law, the POs who expressed support to the CPD Law included the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE), the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers of the Philippines (IEEEP), the Philippine Association of Landscape Architects (PALA) collaborated with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya Foundation Inc. for the rehabilitation of Bito Elementary School complex in Marawi City. Through this partnership, ALKKFI and UAP believe that the rehabilitated school will give hope and encouragement to the children of Marawi. Courtesy: UAP-KYP, Leonard Christopher Clapano, Edrian Pimentel

Trillanes urges Filipino professionals to pursue CPD but will be open to concerns

By Arch. Felicissimo Tefuco, Jr.

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Arch. Alberto Dumlao, Chairman of the UAP Special Committee on CPD, during the Senate Hearing led by Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, Feb. 14, 2018 (C/o UAP-KYP)
PHOTO gallery
UAP Emergency Architects continues to move up
UAP-EA AND ACCORD ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING (ASAP) WORKSHOP

Manila, Philippines – The UAP Emergency Architects (UAP-EA), in partnership with Assistance and Cooperation for Resilience and Development (ACCORD), Inc., conducted the Assessment and Planning (ASAP) Workshop last February 24 and 25, 2018 at Epic Parc Rainforest Camp, Tanay, Rizal.

The UAP Emergency Architects - ACCORD Assessment and Planning (ASAP) Workshop, part of Phase 2 of MOVE-UP (Moving Urban Poor Communities towards Resilience), was attended by UAP EA Core Group Members and representatives from ACCORD, a partner organization of UAP EA that focuses mainly on creating disaster resilient communities.

MOVE UP Phase 1, a joint collaboration between the UAP EA and ACCORD, led to the development of the Alternative Temporary Shelter (ATS) models, which aim to provide innovative temporary housing during critical situations of post-disaster evacuation.

Currently, partner cities and local government units (LGUs) are adopting the designs of the ATS models applicable to their conditions, such as those of Navotas, Malabon, Caloocan, Quezon City, and Valenzuela.

On the first day of the workshop, the group conducted a preliminary review of the updates and accomplishments of MOVE UP Phase 1. Apart from the expectation setting, it was identified that a stronger partnership between the two organizations continues to develop, thus allowing it to move to the next phase of the project.

Significant highlights of the workshop included further points of improvement for the ATS models, which were successfully presented in various symposia and conferences, and currently undergoing series of evaluations such as technical testing for lateral movement, pilot on-site testing, and exploring the possibility of acquiring a design patent.

A more rigorous and structured evaluation of the ATS models was conducted on the second day. Comments and feedback from end users and potential evacuees were collated, which became critical inputs for the design improvement of the ATS models. A more comprehensive approach is framed to adapt inputs from various stakeholders.

The event was concluded with an active engagement from all participants that public awareness and advocacy play a significant part in increasing communicative visibility, as well as promoting strong advocacy planning. Architects are invited to engage in planning towards disaster preparedness, in which the UAP Emergency Architects collectively plays a fundamental role.

For membership inquiries, feel free to contact Ar. Matthew Chua, Membership Head at uapemergencyarchitects@gmail.com and log onto our FB community page - UAP Emergency Architects.

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Electricians, and the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers (PIID).

From the field of sciences, supporters of RA 10912 included the Philippine Society of Laboratory Scientists, Inc., the Philippine Medical Association (PMA), the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists, Inc., the Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), the Integrated Philippine Association of Optometrists (IPAO), the Optometric Association of the Philippines (OAP), the Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPA), the Association of Respiratory Care Practitioners (ARCP), and the Philippine College of Veterinary Public Health (PCPVH).

Other organizations which also indicated their support of the law were the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), the Philippine Criminologists Association of the Philippines (PCAP), and the Philippine Society of Criminologists and Criminal Justice Professionals (PSCCP).

Regarding the possibility of repealing the law, Trillanes stressed that this is already “water under the bridge.” Thus, Trillanes also urged everyone to be open to suggestions and recommendations. During the consultation, the stakeholders have identified the need for better information dissemination, more affordable and quality CPD seminars, and cooperation of professionals and their POs.

UAP has previously questioned and sought clarification/amendments to certain issues on the CPD Law, which did not sit well with their members. These include the mandatory provisions, excess credit units, inclusion of higher academic post-graduate professionals, and major categories. Unfortunately, it is indicated in the CPD Law crafted, that maximum flexibility should be applied or changes have to be amended.

One of the resource persons, PRC Commissioner Yolanda David-Reyes discussed the improvements of her office, which include the online schedule for renewal of PRC license. Eventually, she said the system will also include the centralization of the system to include the documentation of the CPD points of the professional.

Evaluation of documents, especially transcript of records and certificates of post-graduate professionals, has also been reviewed and improved by the PRC following the UAP letter request among others. For professionals, who cannot complete the required units for the license renewal, they can still claim their license upon an undertaking. Through this, the professional commits to complete the required CPD units on the next license renewal.

It has also been noted that all professionals are encouraged to pursue masteral or even doctorate studies, which may take three to even seven years. However, completion of any higher studies will only be credited to one cycle (or three years) which is seemingly equivalent only to 45 CPD points. In line with this, the stakeholders suggested PRC to review and consider adding more credit to this.

Albert Dumlao, chairman of UAP Special Committee on CPD, reiterated the policy of the organization on “accessibility, affordability, and appropriateness.” He reported that the IAPOA is doing its share by providing CPD seminars through its area assemblies, district assemblies and chapter general membership meetings (GMM) and in partnership with other professionals like the Philippines Institute of Environmental Planners (PIEP). Presently, free CPD seminars are also being organized with industry partners such as Davies Paints, Metrobank Foundation among others. Dumlao also encouraged other POs like PIA, an accredited CPD provider, to help Filipino architects in conducting CPD events.

Despite their harshest or “keyboard warriors” in social media, Mr. Bryan Posadas of the Philippine Pharmacists Association (PPA) said they are still encouraging support from its members through constant updates of their website.

One of the best practices, the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers’ shared “passport” scheme, where all CPD points of the professional is documented in a small pamphlet. Upon renewal of license, the applicant only needs to bring the PIIID passport to PRC. Carlo Mandu, UAP Committee on Legislation and Codes, said his chapter, Quezon City, is also implementing the same system.
includes, introduction to BIM, Revit Architecture & Revit Structure Fundamentals, Revit MEP & Networking Management Fundamentals. This will include training on certificate and CPD Points. The proposal was already coordinated with the CPD Committee for finalization of contract and scheduling.

Committee on Library/Archives (COLA)
Leiron Mark S, De Guzman, UAP, Chairman

Projects were: 1. One Book- One Book – A hold over Project: Collection of Architectural book/s for the repository improvement of books and other archival materials. Still ongoing; 2. Improvement Library/Archives, in coordination with the Building Administrator. The space is now ready for occupancy; 3. Hiring of Full-time encoder and Part-time Librarian Archivist is the immediate need of the Library/Archives to make it operational effective immediately; 4. The second part of NAW-CPD Seminars to be scheduled during the National Convention this April 2018.

Committee on Membership
Vanessa Lagman Ledesma, UAP, Chairperson

1. The Conferral of Member Emeritus (EUAP) this coming 44th NatCon to the following: Francisco V. Alcain of QC–Elliptical Chapter, Erlinda Tan Hui Giok of New Manila Chapter and Eric Aguigre of QC-Central Chapter. Roster Embalsado from San Pablo Chapter was given a Posthumous Membership last December 9, 2017 due to his sudden demise. From 2016 to present, 30 members were already given Member Emeritus. 2. UAP Membership Card: a new card will be issued during the 44th NatCon with RFID feature; 3. Membership Marketing and General Information: The Membership, Chapter Organization and By-Laws Committees attended the Outh Taking of New Architects to promote the UAP and the different Chapters in the Philippines and abroad; 4. Image of UAP and Members to become Dignified Professional Organization and Professional; Series of seminars with CPD points to initiate Personal Development; Effective Communication and Public Speaking; Leadership Skills; Knowledge and Proper Implementation of the Parliamentary Procedures, Roberts Rule of Order, Protocol; Professionalism and Ethical Conduct; 5. Policy Manual on Membership: Total Members of UAP in good standing by Chapters; Members Survey Forms; Information dissemination; Activation of inactive through Chapters and Membership kit; 6. Upliftment of the UAP Secretariat. 7. The increase in the Members in Good Standing (MGS) from September 30, 2017 to March 26, 2018. (See table on Rights.)

Committee on Ways and Means
Dante T. Aguigre, UAP, Chairman

Completed and ongoing projects were: 1. The National President’s Suite at the 4th Floor, UAP building: Completed; 2. Funds/Sponsorship: 2017 Inaugurals/President’s Suite at the 4th Floor, UAP building: Completed; 3. Ongoing improvement of the UAP Main Lobby, designed by Toni Vazquez, daughter of the late Topi Vazquez (MoA under process). Construction status: For bidding (at least 3 Contractors, Class A) Target Date: 15 April 2018; 5. Seminar on Building Technology by Davies Paints during the 44th NatCon; 6. Movie Premiere by May 2018; 7. NBD and Christmass Party last December 9, 2016; 8. Recognition Night 2018 Funding: 9. The 5th Floor Reception – cabinet for trophies project; 10. GMA-7 Kapuso Foundation Marawi joint project with UAP, May 2018; 11. ABS-CBN Foundation Marawi Project with UAP, April 2018.
IDIAY-A: AREA A HOLDS ASSEMBLY

by Arch. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP

The first quarter of the year became a period for holding of UAP Area assemblies nationwide. Area A, the largest of the four UAP Regional areas, held their own assembly. Entitled IDIAY-A, this referred to Ilocano word which literally means “There at (Area) A”, also stood for “Inter-District Innovation Assembly of Youthful Architects”. The assembly was held at the Vigan Convention Center and Safari Hotel and Villas, both in Vigan City, Ilocos Sur, February 23-24, 2018.

Day one of the event comprised the opening ceremony, the first-part CPD Seminar and the fellowship dinner. Hon. Juan Carlo Medina, the mayor of Vigan City, led the ribbon-cutting and keynote speech. UAP National officers, led by National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, also graced the event. Arch. Jessie Avila, the UAP Area A Vice President, delivered the Pananggasanghay address to all the delegates. He also outlined the CSR-projects concerning the said two-day area assembly. The day proceeded with a CPD Seminar about the Introduction to Construction Management. UAP National Auditor Arch. Cesar Eldred Tan was the resource speaker. By the late afternoon, the participants assembled for the fellowship night. Clad in safari-inspired outfits, delegates were treated to an evening of entertainment and Ilocano dinner, as the grounds of Safari Hotel in the outskirts of the city, were lit and adorned by aquamarine accents.

Former Ilocos Sur Governor and current Chair of the Philippine Councilors’ League, Hon. Luis “Chavit” Singson was the event’s Guest of Honor and delivered the keynote speech. While UAP National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, National Executive Vice President Arch. Benjamin Panganiban Jr. and Vigan City Council Arch. Rey Florentino delivered inspirational messages, respectively. The University of Northern Philippines (UNP) Dance Troupe entertained the guests and delegates for the said night.

Meanwhile, the second day of the event was composed of the second-part of the CPD Seminar, Heritage Tour and Fellowship/Raffle. The CPD Seminar featured Sustainable Architecture and Landscape Architecture. UAP Secretary General and a registered Landscape Architect himself, Arch. Renato Heray was the resource speaker. By the afternoon, delegates trooped to the renowned Sta. Maria church. In 1993, it was designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, which featured Baroque-styled edifice from the Spanish era. Later that day, a fellowship with raffled entertained the delegates, which also signified the closing ceremony of the Assembly.

Boysen Paints was the major sponsor for the said two-day event. (With photos courtesy of Arch. Christine Borleo Patino)
LEGAZPI CITY - A gathering of almost half-a-thousand Architects across half of Luzon, the UAP Area B Summit 2018 was held last February 15–17 at the Legazpi City Convention Center with the theme, “Bunyog” a Bicolano vernacular term which literally means “unity”. The Summit offered five (5) CPD Seminars on various areas of the program, with a total of 10.75 CPD Points. The Speakers were Architects James Jao, Rino Fernandez, Eldred Caesar Tan, Jonathan Manalad and Hernandez Advento, who selflessly shared their respective presentations.

The Day 0 was held at The Oriental Hotel, one of the City’s finest hotels rested on top of a hill giving a full view of that time erupting Mayon Volcano showing its gleaming lava flow as well as the panoramic view of the City lights at night. The Chapter Presidents’ Assembly and the College of Fellows General Membership meeting were held on that day, while a fellowship night sponsored by Davies Paints.

UAP National President Guillermo Hisancha, NEVP Benjamin Panganiban, Area C Vice President Moises Abella, Secretary General Renato Heny, National Auditor Eldred Tan and College of Fellows Chancellor Maria Lisa Santos were among the members of the National Board who came over and graced the occasion, together with three National Executive Directors namely: Cesar Aljama of the Commission on Professional Practice, Virgilio Andres Jr, of the Professional Development Commission and Benedict Hermoso of the Secret ng Arkitekturang Filipino. District Directors Samson, Manolo Merhan and Marlon Oco of B2, B3, B4 and B5 respectively, were also actively present for this event.

One of the unique highlights of the Area B Summit is that the Organizing Committee (OrCom) has partnered with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) to set up a service station booth within the venue. In two days’ time, the PRC was able to process 102 PRC ID renewals, while 50 queries were acted upon to the UAP members. Hon. Noel E. Rosal of Legazpi City hosted a Mayor’s Welcome Dinner during the first night for the delegates. It was an evening full of entertainment, songs and dance as well as the traditional Chinese New Year’s Dragon Dance Presentation as it falls on the Chinese New Year’s Day. The Second Night was the Awards Night and Fellowship sponsored by Boysen Paints Philippines. It was another exciting event of music and dance until late midnight – a celebration of camaraderie among the Area B Architects.

In his concluding report during the last day of the Summit, Arch. Reynaldo Acosta, Vice President for Area B and the Summit chairman, said that 32 out of 46 Chapters of Area B were represented in the event. It also included one (1) foreign-based Chapter which is the Singapore chapter. The host chapter, UAP-Legazpi, has the highest number of registered delegates at 101, while the UAP-Batangas has the highest number of registered delegates at 42 for a visiting chapter.

“We’re impressed! Most of us are”, said Arch. Robert Salinas is also the UAP Area B Emergency and Linkages Head. UAP-EA is a socio-civic disaster-response arm of the UAP which aims to help rebuild lives and support local communities in the Philippines affected by disasters and calamities.

UAP Regional District B2 is composed of 7 local chapters and 2 foreign-based chapters led by the following chapter presidents: Irma Bernardo (Manila Architects for Government Service-MAGS), Donnae Edusada (Manila Maharlika), Honest Uy (Manila Maynilad), Joy Villar (Manila Corinthian), Perry Sanga (Manila Intramuros), Ariel Tabang Jr. (Manila Alcaldia), Cesar Teodoro (Manila La Solidaridad), Alvic Doctoro (Ontario-Canada), and Felix Tan (British Columbia).
The UAP Regional District B2, in cooperation with Philippine Red Cross-Batangas Chapter, held its District Assembly on 10-11 February 2018 in Tanauan, Batangas. The highlight of the District Assembly was the 16-hour Occupational First Aid and Basic Life Support - CPR/AED Safety Service Training Course, a very practical way to address the need to be ready for any emergency, disaster, calamity, accident or injury that can occur at any time and usually without warning in or out of the workplace.

The First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training is in compliance with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Order No. 13 s. 2013, and is equivalent to the 16-hours annual construction and health continuing training for the certification of full-time safety personnel. The newly-certified First Aiders of the District B2 also became Philippine Red Cross by Arch. Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabilao, FUAP

The UAP College of Fellows (UAP-COF) warmed up its gears of regionalization and started to touch base with its members outside Metro Manila when it held a special membership meeting in Cebu City last March 23, 2018.

It was a rare COF meeting since it was not part of any on-going UAP conference, area or district assembly. The meeting was also significant since all members of the UAP-COF, led by Chancellor Maria Lisa Santos, FUAP, flew to Cebu for the gathering at St. Mark’s Hotel, Queen’s Road, Kamputhaw, Cebu City. UAP National President Guillermo Hisancha, FUAP, a Visayan himself, led the 13 other Fellows from Cebu, Bohol, Negros, and Cagayan de Oro who joined the meeting.

Among the prime issues discussed is the plan to establish a “regional network” for the COF which would keep provincial COF members in the loop with the monthly meetings and main activities of the College. Chancellor Santos and the officers took note of the concerns raised by the members during the meeting. Also discussed was the need to promote the COF to the membership as a consultative body, encourage qualified members to become UAP Fellows themselves and the updates on the amendments of the UAP -COF By Laws and mechanics for elevation to Fellow.

The UAP-COF closely coordinated with Margret Rosario, FUAP of UAP Cebu Chapter for the successful holding of the meeting in Cebu.

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units, was attended by more than a hundred architects from Cebu and neighboring cities.

The seminar follows three other successful CPD seminars organized by the chapter since October 2017, when UAP Sugbu held its first seminar on community architecture with architect Danilo Ravina as speaker. It was then followed by a seminar on construction management in November, with no less that the chapter’s first president and incumbent UAP national auditor Eldred Caesar Tan, FUAP. The third one in December 2017 was a “Christmas gift” for those who attended the second CPD seminar, as they were free of charge for their registration.

All seminars of UAP Sugbu had a very minimal registration fee ranging from PHP400-700, proof that architects can gain CPD points without necessarily burning a huge hold on their pockets. Amidst all the rants against CPD, the chapter looks forward to continue making the avenues clear and available for the architects’ much-needed professional growth.
Beyond Traditional Zoning: UAP Sugbu’s 4th CPD Seminar

By Arch. Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabitao, FUAP

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‘ART MADE PUBLIC’ GOES TO MINDANAO

By Arch. Ericson P. Europa, FUAP, PIEP, RMP

AROUND two hundred architects from different Mindanao chapters of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) were in attendance during the start of the Mindanao leg of the 2018 Art MADE Public exhibit and lecture series held at the atrium of SM Lanang Premier. This year’s edition of the annual Metrobank Art and Design Excellence event, “Masjid/Mosque Architecture: Jewels of the Philippine Islamic Faith,” ran from March 1 to 3, 2018.

Formally opening the exhibit were special guests who took part during the ceremonial ribbon-cutting. They were Philippine Women’s College of Davao Head of Fine Arts and Interior Design Brenda Barba, University of Mindanao College of Architecture & Fine Arts Dean and UAP Davao Alpha Chapter President Iluminado Quinto Jr., SM Lanang Premier Mall Manager Engr. Jonathan Nick Santos, Metrobank Area Head & Vice President Alexander Untal, UAP Executive Director for Professional Development Virgilio Andres Jr. and UAP National Executive Vice President Benjamin Panganiban Jr. The exhibit, featuring more than 30 mosques found all over the country, attempts to elucidate the anatomy of Islamic architecture as well as explain the aesthetic principles behind it.

The free CPD lectures that followed had two distinguished speakers, Mr. Abdulmari Imao and Dr. Gerard Lico, talk about “Shaping Culture Through Installation Art” and “Masjid/Mosque Architecture,” respectively. Imao is a multi-media artist who is the Special Citation recipient of the 2017 MADE Sculpture Recognition program while Lico is a professor in the UP Diliman College of Architecture and is the project director of the Metropolitan Theater Rehabilitation and Conservation Program.

The 2018 Art MADE Public is a travelling exhibition and lecture series on Philippine arts and culture. It is a joint initiative of the United Architects of the Philippines and the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. through its Cultural Heritage Education Program (CHED). Its main objective is to provide students, heritage enthusiasts and architects with valuable insights relating to different heritage practices as well as raise public awareness about Philippine art and culture.

DECONEX 2018: THE FIRST DECADE

By Arch. Sherwin O. Ramosa, UAP
UAP Cagayan de Oro Chapter

The 10th Design and Construction Exhibit, popularly known locally as DECONEX, jointly organized by UAP-Cagayan de Oro and Gold CDO chapters, was launched last March 1 to 4, 2018 with the theme, “Celebrating a Decade of Collaborative Partnership.” This annual event was participated by various building and construction suppliers from Cagayan de Oro and elsewhere in the country. All 52 booths in the activity center were fully occupied. Major Sponsors were Holcim Philippines, Inc., A-Plus Paints and Centrio Mall, our venue partner for several years now.

Highlights of Day 1 were the opening ceremony attended by the organizing committee with Guest Speaker Ar. Albert Rosel, District D3 Director and followed by the Magic Show in the afternoon. For Day 2, a photoshoot competition was conducted by the Oro Photographic Society, wherein the winners for Best Photo, Best Pose Model Exhibitor and Best Booth are selected and announced during the awarding ceremony on the final day of the exhibit. The afternoon was reserved for DECONEX Idol, a singing competition among representatives of the exhibitors. The evening was spent with another partner, BCI-Asia, with its Interchange 18 Session City Series held at Pearlmont Hotel.

A full-packed activity was set for Day 3, starting with a design competition for architecture students participated by UAPSA members of the two architecture schools in Cagayan de Oro namely, PHINMA-Cagayan de Oro College and University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines. This was followed by a Variety Show by A-Plus Paints, the major sponsor; and Family on the Ramp, with this year’s theme: Four Seasons and joined by organizing committee’s families and relatives. Capping the third day was the highly-
organized by UAP Davao Chapter last February 23 to 25, 2018. Dubbed as “Mindanao’s Best Architectural Showcase,” the three-day construction and architecture exhibit featured 58 booths of various suppliers in the construction industry promoting their products and services.

Jumpstarting the annual event on day one was a motorcade, participated by architects, suppliers and exhibitors, though the major thoroughfares of the city. The Opening of Exhibits had guest of honor Davao City Vice Mayor Hon. Bernard Al-ag lead the ceremonial ribbon-cutting. He was assisted by UAP Davao Chapter President Imelda Canaday and Immediate Past District Director Concepcion Dy. Past presidents of the chapter were also on hand to grace the occasion, namely: Flora Lumuyo, William Yong, Wilfredo Policapio, Noel Chavez, Alvin Alladin, Ericson Europa, Evito Salac, Agatha Ang.

The four-day Design and Construction Exhibit (DECONEX) is the first of its kind in the region and the organizers hope that this event will be of service to consumers in the design and construction industry for decades to come.

anticipated Fellowship Night, a fun-filled activity for both exhibitors and architects alike. Then there came Day 4, where a mass cutting of the ribbon by UAP National Executive Vice President Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., who was assisted by District D-1 Director Elwyn Bananes. Other UAP officers gracing the program were Area A Vice President Jessie Avila, Secretary General Renato Heray, National Treasurer Pamela Amador, National Auditor Eldred Caesar Tan, College of Fellows Chancellor Ma. Lisa Santos, Executive Director for Conventions Conferences & Assemblies Tony Valdez, District D-3 Director Albert Rosel, and District D-4 Director Anacleto Tamoso, among others.


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“Sun, sand and sea” was the order of the day as architects from all over Mindanao gathered together in the beautiful Island Garden City of Samal for the UAP Conference of Mindanao Architects (CMA) held at the Cavanico Il Mare Beach Resort on January 26 to 27, 2018. Hosted by UAP Regional District D-1, the event garnered the theme, “Sidlak Mindanaw”, which underscored the aim of the event of empowering Mindanao architects to meet the demands of the rapid progress in this island cluster and celebrate the promise of a rising Mindanao. Close to five hundred architects attended this year’s edition of the confab, which was started in 2009.

It mainly featured relevant seminars delivered by competent resource speakers. The delegates truly found the seminar topics very interesting and educational aside from earning mandatory CPD (Continuing Professional Development) units necessary for the renewal of their professional licenses.

Kicking off the opening program in Day One was the parade of delegates by chapters led by a local marching band around the resort premises. The assembly was formally opened by UAP Area D Vice President Trinidad Saligumba following the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon by UAP National Executive Vice President Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., who was assisted by District D-1 Director Elwyn Bananes. Other UAP officers gracing the program were Area A Vice President Jessie Avila, Secretary General Renato Heray, National Treasurer Pamela Amador, National Auditor Eldred Caesar Tan, College of Fellows Chancellor Ma. Lisa Santos, Executive Director for Conventions Conferences & Assemblies Tony Valdez, District D-3 Director Albert Rosel, and District D-4 Director Anacleto Tamoso, among others.


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On April 13, 2018, during the second day of the 44th UAP National Convention, Chapters nationwide and overseas will cast their votes for the new set of officers for the National Board of Directors, Fiscal Year 2018-2019. This democratic procedure, being practiced from the early years of the Organization, proves that the General Membership has the real power in selecting leaders of the UAP. The Committee on Nominations (NomCom) was tasked to accept and screen candidates, while the Commission on Elections (ComElec) mainly organizes and monitor the electoral process, until the new officers are proclaimed before the delegates.

After a thorough screening and evaluation of candidates, the UAP-NomCom, under the leadership of Arch. Ma. Lisa V. Santos, the concurrent Chancellor of the UAP College of Fellows, released a list of qualified candidates through the Memorandum Circular No. 26, S. 2018. This was signed by Arch. Santos, together the members of the Committee representing various Regional Districts nationwide. This article shall give you a glimpse of the candidates and their service to the Organization:

For NATIONAL PRESIDENT

BENJAMIN KIMPO
PANGANIBAN, JR.

Service to UAP:
- UAP National Executive Vice President, FY 2017-Present
- UAP Executive Director, Commission on Professional Practice, FY 2016-2017
- UAP Committee Chair on Professional Practice, FY 2015-2016
- Chairman, National Board of Directors, District Director D-1, FY 2013-2014
- Chairman, UAP College of Fellows, National Board of Directors, District Director D-1, FY 2012-2013
- Chairman, UAP College of Fellows and MAB D-1 in District D-1, FY 2012-2013
- Member of the UAP Board of Directors, Chairman, Committee on Directors, FY 2011-2012
- UAP Member, FY 2011-2012
- Organizer of the National Convention of Architects, 2018-2019
- Vice President, UAP National Convention of Architects, 2012-2013
- Chairman, General Information and Newsletter, UAP, FY 2010-2011
- Vice President, UAP College of Fellows, FY 1999-2000
- Commissioner, National Conference of Architects, 1998-1999
- Reporter, Regional Conference of Architects, 1998
- President of the UAP College of Fellows, 1995
- President, Architectural College Student Organization, 1982 – University of Mindanao

For NATIONAL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

REY SOLIS
GABITAN

Service to UAP:
- Vice Chairperson, Board of Consultants, NDC Development Committee, ENPH, FY 2011-2012
- Vice Chairperson, NDC Development Committee, ENPH, FY 2010-2011
- National Executive Vice President (MEVAP), FY 2010-2011
- National Secretary, National Board of Directors, National Building Code Development Committee (NBCC-DD), FY 2008-2009
- Chairman, National Board of Directors, FY 2006-2007
- National Executive Vice President, FY 2004-2005
- Chairman, National Board of Directors, FY 2002-2003
- Chair, UAP Specialty Council, FY 2005-2006
- Chair, UAP Manual of Practice, FY 2005-2006
- Chair, UAP Ten-Year Long Range Plan, FY 2013-2014
- Member, UAP/ASID Committee, FY 2013-2014
- Member, UAP/ASID Committee, FY 2005-2006
- Member, City of Mandaluyong, Board of Architects, FY 2002-2003
- Event’s Program Manager, UAP Region 7, FY 2002-2003
- Chairman, Committee on Professional Practice, UAP, FY 2002-2003
- Chairperson, National Convention of Architects, 2002

ROBERT BENEDICT CRUZ
HERMOSA

Service to UAP:
- Executive Director, UAP Service to Architecture (Filipino), Year 2015-Present
- Chairman, UAP-PH Architectural Design, Philippines, Year 2014-Present
- UAP National Vice President for Area D, FY 2015-2016
- UAP Internal Affairs Committee, FY 2013-2014
- UAP District Director for Area D, FY 2012-2013
- UAP Executive Director, FY 2009-2010
- Chair, UAP/ASID Council of Architecture, FY 2003-2004
- Architect, UAP Domestic Affairs, FY 2002-2003
- Architect, UAP Foreign Affairs, FY 2002-2003

For AREA A VICE PRESIDENT

CONRADO LUZ
KISON

Service to UAP:
- Chairperson, ENPH, FY 2007-2008
- OC Capitol Chapter President, FY 2001-2002
- Member, Nominations Committee, Year 2014
- Member, Committee on Competitions, Year 2007
- Honorary President as Chapter Officer, Year 1996-1998

RODOLFO QUAMBAO
ROXAS

Service to UAP:
- Chairman, Committee on Professional Practice, FY 2017-Present
- Regional Director, District A-1, FY 2016-2017
- Charter President, UAP San Juan Pag-asa Chapter, FY 2010-2011
- Coordinator, UAP-Luzon Chapter, FY 2008-2009
- Secretary, UAP Domestic Affairs, FY 2006-2007
- Secretary, UAP Foreign Affairs, FY 2006-2007
- Chair, UAP/ASID Special Project, FY 2003-2004
- Member, UAP/ASID Committee on Expositions, FY 2001-2002
- Treasurer, UAP – District 6, FY 2010-2011
- Charter President, UAP San Juan Chapter, FY 2006-2007
- Charter President for Plans and Programs, UAP San Juan Chapter, FY 2003-2004

For AREA B VICE PRESIDENT

CHONA ELVAS
PONCE

Service to UAP:
- Vice President, UAP National Convention of Architects, FY 2016-2017
- COMELEC Vice Chairman, Cavaness, FY 2014-2015
- UAP-ISU, Socio, FY 2015-2016
- UAP Member, Since 1994
- UAP, Fellow, Since April 2013
- Director, Manila Centrum Chapter, Date June 2012 to May 2014
- UAP National Convention, Chairperson, Protocol Committee, Davco City, Mindanao, Date October 2008
- National Executive Director, Professional Development Commission, FY 2005-2007
- National Executive Director, Commission on Architects, FY 2000-2004
- Chapter President, Manila Centrum Chapter, FY 2003-2004

For AREA C VICE PRESIDENT

ROLANDO VILLARRUZ
IGNACIO

Service to UAP:
- Capi Chapter President, FY 1996-1998
- District Director C-2, FY 2004-2005

For AREA D VICE PRESIDENT

TRINIDAD GARCIA
SALIGUMBA

Service to UAP:
- Vice President for Area D, FY 2017-Present
- Director for Accessibility, Iligan City Chapter, FY 2005-2006
- Member, Nominations Committee, FY 2015-2016
- Member, Nominations Committee, FY 2014-2015
- District Director, D-4, FY 2009-2011
- Deputized Member, RD-4, Task Force R.9266, Office of the National President, FY 2009-2010
- President, Iligan City Chapter, FY 2004-2006
- Secretary, Iligan City Chapter, FY 2003-2004
- Board of Director, Iligan City Chapter, FY 1996-1997
Salamin-Valencia, Ace Mark Clapis and Sweet Casas.

In keeping with the affair’s theme, “Designing for Life, Safety, Health and Efficiency”, Vice Mayor Al-ag challenged the architects in his speech to be ambassadors of the city by promoting Davao as a safe and healthy haven and at the same time by designing safe and healthy structures. Capping the first day was the Tandiwan Mindanao Architectural Research Forum 2018 organized by the Department of Architecture of the University of the Philippines Mindanao.

Day 2 was UAPSA and UAPGA Day with various skills and talent contests lined up for Architecture students and graduates, such as: Manual Rendering, Digital Rendering, Photography Contest, Sayaw Arki and Trivia Nights. Three interesting lectures were also held on the second day. These were “Understanding Bamboo, Its Management and Its Benefits” by Ar. Maria Lourdes Onozawa, “Daylight in Buildings” by Ar. Harold Delima and “Smart Design with BIM and Parametricism” by Ar. Neil John Bersabe.

Lectures continued on the following day with Dr. Kim April Pascual and Ar. John Immanuel Palma speaking on “Disaster Resiliency” and “Green Space = Safe Space,” respectively. The much-awaited Defining Spaces Fashion Show was not to be missed, as Architecture students from various Davao universities walked on the catwalk while modelling different products featured in the exhibit. The highlight on the final day was the performance of Nairud Sa Wadab band who serenaded the architects, exhibitors and exhibit guests with its reggae renditions.

This year’s edition of the Defining Spaces can be regarded as the most successful by far in terms of activity lineup, involvement of the architecture and construction community and participation of the construction retail sector. Credit goes to the hard-working organizing committee headed by Chapter Vice President Gilbert Forthich, with the assistance of the UAP Graduate Auxiliary and UAP Student Auxiliary and support of Davies Paints, as major sponsor.