Resolution No. 53-BOD-03

"Expanding on APIL Resolution No. 31-GA-12 to provide that the status reports and communiqués required by that resolution be issued in an effective and timely manner by the Office of the APIL President."

WHEREAS, at the 31st General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures held in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23, 2012, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 was adopted by the General Assembly acknowledging that the “Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) is an assembly of representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands who meet periodically to consider matters of mutual interest in areas where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange and assistance would help individual governments achieve their goals through collective action, and to address in depth the substantive regional and international issues facing the emerging Pacific governments”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 further acknowledged that the “APIL has undertaken bold, innovative, and progressive initiatives designed to strengthen the economies of our region; preserve and promote our respective and unique island cultures; and preserve and promote our indigenous, natural, and human natural resources for the mutual benefit of our Pacific peoples”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 went on to reason that the “APIL acknowledges and appreciates the need to follow-up, report, and further act on initiatives adopted by APIL in order that we may advance our common agenda, account for, and disseminate such information for the mutual benefit of our respective member jurisdictions”; and
WHEREAS, in consideration of these factors, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 resolved that the “Association of Pacific Island Legislatures requests that each member entity, during the opening of its Board of Directors Meetings, submits to the APIL President, a written report and oral report on the status of previously adopted resolutions during the General Assembly Conference and Board of Directors Meeting, that were applicable to the member country”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 further resolved that “the APIL Central-Secretariat shall compile a comprehensive report based on each of the members’ country reports and post such reports on the APIL website for information purposes”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures is in full support of the intent of Resolution No. 31-GA-12, but is of the mind that the subject matter of the resolution should be expanded upon to more fully achieve its purpose; and

WHEREAS, this opinion is predicated on the sense of the Board members that because a significant number of resolutions adopted by the APIL are directed to parties other than the APIL member jurisdictions, the responses to those requests for action are more easily monitored by the Association itself rather than the individual Legislatures, and that the comprehensive reports requested by Resolution No. 31-GA-12 to be formalized following each General Assembly and each Board Meeting of the APIL would carry more weight and authority if the communiqué emanated out of the Office of the APIL President, rather than the Central-Secretariat as set forth in 31-GA-12; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 53rd Board of Directors’ Meeting, State of Pohnpei, FSM, December 5-6, 2012, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby authorizes and directs the President of the APIL, with the assistance of the APIL Central and Member Secretariats, to submit a written report to each Member Legislature of the APIL on the status of previously adopted resolutions and other directives of the APIL at least two weeks preceding each General Assembly and Board of Directors Meeting of the APIL; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the APIL, with the assistance of the Secretary of the APIL and the APIL Central and Member Secretariats, is authorized and directed to compile a comprehensive report, in the form of an official APIL Communiqué, of all actions taken at each General Assembly and each Board of Directors Meeting, inclusive of the acknowledgement and actions taken with respect to previously adopted resolutions and directives, which communiqué shall be submitted to each Member Legislature of the APIL and posted on the APIL website for information purposes within one month following the respective General Assembly or Board of Directors Meeting of the APIL; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the APIL President shall certify, and the APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D. PRESIDENT

CHANG B. WILLIAM SECRETARY