

THE PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE ADVOCACY

Background

The Philippine Councilors League ADVOCACY was institutionalized under Article XIX, Section 2 and 3 of the **PCL Constitution and By-Laws as Amended , Adopted and Ratified** on March 10, 2011 National Congress at the Mall of Asia, Pasay City.

In 2013, the 1st appointed and confirmed Chairman of the Advocacy Committee was former Councilor Ramon Tabor of Cagayan de Oro City. During the AdCom chairmanship of former Councilor Raul Corro of Muntinlupa City, the Advocacy Committee spearheaded several programs:

Legal Mandate of the Advocacy Programs and Projects

I Policy and Advocacy

National Board Directive to work on the Approval of the following:

- on Sanggunian Member Eligibility;
- on Salary Step Increments for Elective Officials;
- on optional premium contribution to the GSIS for the three termers elected local elected Officials.

II Capacity Building

The Strategic Planning conducted on May 14-16, 2014 by BLGS-dilg at the Lancaster Hotel. Mandaluyong City, adopted the **Mission Statement** output “ *the Philippine Councilors League shall pursue sustainable capacity developments, strong policy advocacies and other initiatives that promote the general welfare of its members, camaraderie, transparency and professionalism*”.

Goal 3: To continue advocacies on policies and programs

Strategy 1: Improvement of the Advocacy Center with clearly defined functions and programs

Objective : To strengthen the advocacy and lobbying capability of the League

Activity/Project: (among others)

- Development of electronic database/tracking system on status of advocacy actions/initiatives
- Capacity Building

The Strategic Planning Output was approved by the PCL National Board during the 2nd Quarter NEO-NB Meeting in June 2014 at Cebu City.

In compliance with the above Capacity Building mandate, the PCL Advocacy Committee implemented the following:

- Seminar-Workshop on the ‘ *Capacity Assistance to Local Legislators’ Initiatives Needed in Governance*” (**CALLING**) in partnership with RAF Consultancy conducted in Cebu, Davao and Manila from October 2015 to January 2016, approved during the 2nd Quarterly NEO-NB Meeting on June 11, 2015 in Davao City.
- **Local Legislation 101:** “*Building Your Roadmap for Governance*”, a Joint Training Program by the Local Government Academy (LGA), the Training Arm of the DILG conducted in September 2016 to November 2016 in 8 clusters in Manila, Cebu and Davao attended by almost 3,000 participants mostly Councilors under the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Program. Approved during the 2nd Quarterly NEO-NB Meeting June 13, 2016, Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City.

INVESTMENTS OF ADCOM IN THE FIELD OF CAPACITY BUILDING

As preparatory to the conduct of Local Legislation 101, the Local Government Academy (LGA) required the following activities:

- 1. Workshop on Harnessing Capacities of the PCL Advocacy Committee Members for Greater Heights**
January 7-8, 2016 LGA Teamwork Room, Ortigas, Pasig City **7** participants
- 2. Formulating the Competency- Based- CAPDEV Agenda for the PCL**
February 17, 2016 LGA Conference Room. Ortigas, Pasay City **18** participants
- 3. Training of Trainers (ToT)**
August 24-26, 2016 The Winford Hotel, MJC Drive, Sta. Cruz, Manila **18** CoC holders

In adherence to the principle that the best teachers of the trade are the tradesmen themselves, ToT, provided an opportunity for experienced incumbent and former Councilors who are willing to share their expertise to newly elected Councilors and at the same time earn.

This is the 1st time that LGA delegated to an Association a Capacity program that is mandated to them because the NEO Program is LGA managed. The PCL thru the Advocacy worked hard to earn this trust and confidence under LGA’s supervision and guidance for the LL101 Program Partnership which is Component 2 of the NEO Program: “*Jumpstarting Local Governance*”.

(Participants and ToT Certificate of Completion Holders attached)

For the 3 Trainings above, Advocacy invested no less than Half Million Pesos (**P500,000**)

Guidelines under the under the New Leadership

Policy Advocacy

- GSIS Continued Optional Premium Contribution;
- Congress Legislation on the Contempt Power of the Local Sanggunian;
- Policy Guidelines in the Representation and Transportation Allowance of the PCL Provincial Federation Presidents;
- Research on future PCL advocacies when instructed by the National President and the AdCom.

Capacity Building initiatives with the LGA

To continue with the NEO Program Partnership with LGA on **Component 3: Looking Forward to Better Governance “Building Capacities for the Members of the Local Sanggunian Committees”**.

The outgoing PCL Advocacy Committee earnestly request the PCL National Leadership and the incoming Advocacy Chairman Coun. Oliver Owen Garcia to allow the PCL Advocacy to continue its existing NEO Program partnership with the LGA.

THE PCL ADVOCACY WORKING FOR YOU!

Major Accomplishments

Policies

Initiated and worked for the approval of:

- “ An Act Conferring upon members of the Local Councils, the appropriate **Civil Service Eligibility” (Republic Act 10156** dated Dec. 20, 2011).
- “ Rules and Regulations on the Grant of **Step Increment to Elective Officials Based on Length of Service” (Joint Circular No. 1 s 2016** dated Jan 27, 2016).

Capacity Development Programs for Members for 2015-2019

- **Capacity Assistance to Local Legislators Initiatives Needed in Governance (CALLING)** that focuses on capacity building and internalizing principles, frameworks and tools on policy development, policy advocacy, budgeting, policy communications and policy evaluation and monitoring. Implemented from **October 2015** to **January 2016** in **Manila, Cebu** and **Davao**.
- Series of Capacity Development Interventions for **Newly Elected Officials (NEO) Program** for Councilors in partnership with the **Local Government Academy (LGA)**,- this is a term-based capacity development program that aims to build strategic leaders out of the newly-elected local officials, both the **executive and legislative** who would lead their local governments in becoming competitive, efficient and responsive institution for development. After a **Training of Trainers (ToT)** that produced 17 competent local legislators-facilitators,“ **Local Legislation 101: Building Your Roadmap for Governance**”, was implemented in **eight (8) clusters** from **September-November,2016** in **Manila, Cebu** and **Davao** participated by **2,896** elective and some appointive officials.

Publication

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on **Eligibility** of Members of the Sanggunian, **Step Increment** of Elective Officials and Allowable **Cost of Participation** by Government Officials Elective or Appointive.

WORKSHOP ON HARNESSING CAPACITIES OF THE PCL ADVOCACY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR GREATER HEIGHTS

ATTENDANCE

January 7 & 8, 2016

NAMES	LGU
1. Raul Corro	Muntinlupa City
2. Elmer O. Datuin	Baguio City
3. Rogelio Montesclaros	Carcar City, Cebu
4. Jaime Cembrano, Jr.	Butuan City
5. Jesus Cruz	Mandaluyong City
6. Arvin Tolentino	Pasay City
7. Esther T. Cuadra	

FORMULATING THE COMPETENCY-BASED CAPDEV AGENDA FOR THE PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE (PCL)

ATTENDANCE

February 17, 2016

NAMES	LGU
1. Arvin Tolentino	Pasay City
2. Raul Corro	Muntinlupa City
3. Rogelio Montesclaros	Carcar City, Cebu
4. Jaime Cembrano, Jr.	Butuan City
5. Jesus Cruz	Mandaluyong City
6. Charisse Marie Abalos	Mandaluyong City
7. Mila Arroyo	Naga City
8. Kirby Salazar	Tres Martires, Cavite
9. Lourdes Berces	Tabacco City
10. Betty Lou Tabanda	Baguio City
11. Nilo Caballa	Pangasinan
12. Eduardo Cuizon	Lapu-lapu City
13. Carmelino Cruz	Naga City, Cebu
14. Beethoven Bermejo	Catbalogan City, Samar
15. Wilson Uy	Palo, Leyte
16. Jerry Uy	Tacloban City

17. Myrna Ortiz
18. Ariel Anghay

Davao City
Iligan City

Local Legislation 101 “Building Your Roadmap for Governance”

ToT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION HOLDERS

August 24-26, 2016

NAMES	LGU
1. Raul R. Corro	Muntinlupa City
2. Rogelio Montesclaros	Carcar City, Cebu
3. Jaime M. Cembrano, Jr.	Butuan City
4. Mila SD Raquid- Arroyo	Naga City
5. Lourdes B. Berces	Tabacco City
6. Betty Lourdes F. Tabanda	Baguio City
7. Carmelino N. Cruz, Jr.	Naga City, Cebu
8. Ariel P. Anghay	Iligan City
9. Ariel S. Arceo	Bulacan
10. Alfredo R. Busico	Iligan City
11. Ruben R. Capahi	Ormoc City
12. Isabelo B. Cosalan, Jr.	Baguio City
13. Elmer O. Datuin	Baguio City
14. April Marie C. Dayap	Davao City
15. Lucille Y. Lagunay	Tagbilaran City
16. Psyche Sucaldito	Tacurong City
17. Leandro B. Yangot, Jr.	Baguio City
18. Allan D. Zulueta	Tagum City