

# TERRAPINOISE

*Putting the “know” back in Filipino.*

## President

As President of the Filipino Cultural Association, your main responsibility is to oversee the executive board. You are responsible for making sure all tasks, planning, and projects are completed and successfully executed. You work very closely with the Vice President to ensure the productivity of the board as a whole, and the Treasurer to handle financial logistics and accounts. You are the face of this organization. You are the one that everyone, not just those on the executive board, but all members of

FCA, will turn to for guidance and direction. It is crucial to understand that your actions represent this organization at all times. Moreover, you are the team leader. You recognize the team’s needs over your own. You give this team the motivation and encouragement it needs to carry out the mission statement of FCA. You are not right for this job if this just a resume booster. You ARE right for this job if you love FCA. You understand the work past Presidents, Vice Presidents, and E-boards have put into this organization. You have FCA’s best interests at heart. This is your family.

*-Jitter Garcia*

## From the Editor

Welcome to FCA’s annual Executive Board Nominations GBM. Today, you, as a member of the general body, will have the opportunity to show your support for your peers by nominating them for positions on next year’s E-Board.

The nomination process will proceed as follows: for each position, the current officer will offer a short description of his or her duties, which you will also find in this issue of *TerrapiNOISE*. The floor will then be opened for nominations. In order to nominate someone, simply say, “I nominate [insert name here].” Anyone can be nominated for any position, and an individual can also nominate his or her self. Next, someone else must second the nomination. At this point, the nominee will have the chance to either accept the nomination, thereby adding his or her name to the ballot for the office, or to respectfully decline the nomination.

Nominations are not final. At any point between now and the actual voting for a given position, anyone can opt to remove his or her name from the ballot for that position. However, names can only be added to a position’s ballot up until 72 hours prior to the beginning of our final GBM: Elections, which will be on April 19. Once the 72-hour window has begun, no new names can be added to the ballots. However, names already on the ballot can request removal or add themselves to the ballot for a different position. After this GBM is over, all ballot changes can be made by contacting Jason Newton ([jason.newton21@gmail.com](mailto:jason.newton21@gmail.com)).

Today, we begin to lay the foundations for the next year of FCA. I encourage you to think deeply and seriously about your role in this GBM, both as a nominator and as a potential nominee.

Your Editor,

Jonathan “J10” Reyes



*This year’s outgoing Executive Board. Could you be in this picture next year?*

## Vice President

The Vice President is the second-in-command. He/she works very closely with the President to ensure the productivity of the executive board. It is more of an internal leadership position. The VP composes and maintains the task list of each officer. The VP sends reminders of events and important information. He/She establishes and monitors committees when needed. It is encouraged that the incoming VP has served on the E-Board at least once before. The VP should be able to voice his/her opinions, especially in tough situations and making when major decisions with the President. VP, like all other officers and members, is also encouraged to be

active in all aspects of the FCA. Though this position consists of leadership duties, it must also be able to be a team player. The executive board is a team, and VP works closely with each officer. As VP, I have supported each officer and offered up my thoughts. I have also interacted with several professionals, such as the Ambassador of the Philippines, Filipino professors, and other prominent figures. It is important to maintain a good reputation and many contacts within the community. One important thing that makes a difference in having a successful year in FCA is to determine your goal/vision with the President and work towards it with each event, activity, and E-Board meeting. But most importantly, have fun! Enjoy FCA.

*-Peter Tarectecan*



## Treasurer

The Treasurer deals with all of the finances for all of FCA's programs and events by maintaining the SGA and bank accounts, creating budgets, and finding new ways to raise funds for the organization. Each year, the Treasurer fills out Primary and Secondary Budgets with the Student Government Association and constantly works with the Student Resource Office in Stamp to pay for various things. The Treasurer deals with making different kinds of payments, orders, contracts, and reimbursements. The Treasurer also starts fundraisers like concessions, bake sales, distributing flyers, or even club events, and occasionally requests funds from other departments, organizations, or companies. Though it is important to be good at math, the Treasurer does not need to be a math, finance, or accounting major. The Treasurer does need to be organized and responsible enough to make sure that money isn't overspent and everything is paid for in a timely manner. In addition, the Treasurer should be able to multitask and handle doing various tasks for

multiple programs and events as well as be able to work with everyone since she/he will have some role for each program and event. It also helps to be thrifty and creative when looking for different ways to raise and save money.

*-Christine Bustamante*

## Secretary

I like to think of the secretary's position as one of the most flexible on E-Board. While the constitution does outline some important duties and responsibilities for the position, it has a uniqueness that sets it apart from all others. Officially, the duties and responsibilities of the secretary include maintaining records of all official meetings of the E-Board and handling FCA's contacts with the Campus Reservations office, the UMD Department of Public Safety, and other offices on campus.

Now, I am aware that, at first glance, the secretary's position may seem a little mundane compared to others'. However, I would say there is nothing further from the truth. While secretary may not come with an exhaustive list of formal duties like

some other positions on EBoard, many unofficial functions make the position an integral part of FCA. Due to your frequent contacts with Campus Reservations (and by extension other departments and offices on campus), it is important to build a relationship with university departments and offices and their personnel. Speaking from experience, there were many occasions during my dealings with Campus Reservations that my relationship with the staff made the difference for room reservations. Therefore, I encourage my successor to make his or her best effort to get to know the staff. You will not regret it, I promise.

Wrapping up, I just want to also say that my successor will find that he/she will be asked to join many of the planning boards (someone's got to take the minutes and handle event logistics haha) that will pop up throughout the year. These are excellent opportunities to develop one's leadership and teamwork skills and I encourage my successor to take the opportunity whenever circumstances allow it.

*-Jason Newton*

## Public Relations

The Public Relations Officer main job is to handle the image of FCA to the general body, the university, and to the community. The way that I've approached it is to think about it in three prongs: publicity, recruitment, and networking. Publicity and recruitment are the most important, as networking is mostly the job of the president, but it still is important for the PR Officer to naturally think about networking especially when advertising for events requiring some of FCA's community connections with well-known individuals. Publicity entails things like creating fliers, chalking, emails, social networking, press releases, and general advertising for a specific event or FCA in general. It's important to have the philosophy that

you can never be loud enough considering how large the target audience is compared to the size of FCA. Students and professionals, both of whom FCA has extensive working relationships, have so much information that they need to process every day, and catching their eye in a sea of information is the job of PR. Recruitment is important at the beginning of semesters, when new faces come to campus and get their first impressions of FCA. This includes mainly tabling and the first GBMs of the semester, plus an outgoing personality that makes everyone feel welcome to FCA. Networking is done mainly with the

Asian American Student Union, as PR is the official FCA representative at the general assembly. With other student organizations, campus faculty, and community connections, it is important that PR always is clear about the reputation of FCA and how it represents itself. Public Relations is usually someone with previous Eboard experience, however if you show remarkable initiative, commitment and can learn quickly, you definitely should think about running. It is one of the most rewarding experiences, and I highly recommend considering Public Relations.

-Andrew Aggabao

## Community Service

Being Community Service Chair requires many of the same teamwork and leadership skills that are needed for any E-Board position. You must be willing to take the lead on the projects and events you want to organize. Because of this, you need good planning and organizational skills. Maybe you have experience in a high school service club or church groups and have learned what goes in to organizing a project. As the name implies, the Community Service Chair does a lot of work in the community, which requires outreach and collaboration. For example, Terrapinoy Day is co-sponsored by Philippine Americans for Charity so you will meet with advisors to plan the event. Then, you need to advertise through schools and youth groups to bring in the students who attend the event. Finally, the Community Service Chair should be creative and open to ideas. There is always a need for service projects, and there is always a new way to approach them. Don't do things because they are



Andrew Aggabao:  
Public Relations  
Officer (far left);  
Jason Newton:  
Secretary; Tyler  
Babich:  
Community  
Service Chair  
(below).



popular or have always been done that way, but do what you think will have the best impact.

If you can manage all of this, you'll find your time on E-Board to

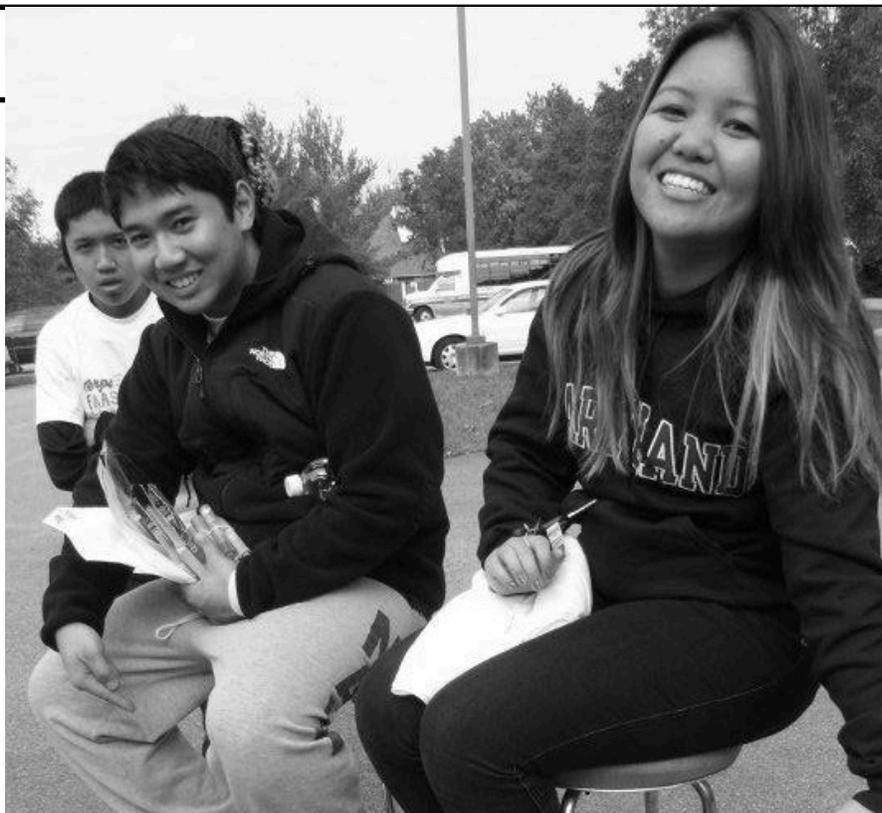
be especially rewarding. Not only will you help FCA and all of its members through your efforts, but you will also help people and communities in need.

-Tyler Babich

## Cultural Co-Chairs

As one of two Cultural Chairs, one is given the opportunity to share his/her knowledge about Filipino and Filipino American culture with FCA. Whether it is planning events such as Cultural Retreat during Filipino American History Month in the Fall, or coordinating Camp PCN in the Spring, or encouraging others to engage in Philippine Culture Night, the role of Cultural Chair is a truly rewarding experience. It takes a person who is willing to learn more about his/her Filipino American culture and who will inspire others to learn about that culture to thrive in this position. Other tasks include coordinating cultural dance practices, workshops regarding Filipino culture (food, language, etc), and maintaining cultural costumes. In its debut year, the cultural chair position has put the "C" back in "FCA." It's a bit of a challenge, but are you up for it?

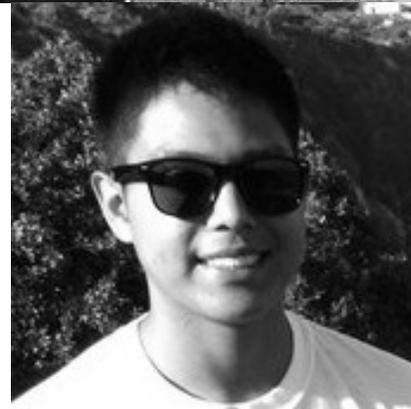
*-Krystle Canare  
and Christian Enguillado*



## FIND D6 Rep

As D6 representative, I serve as FCA's liaison to a larger umbrella organization, known as FIND, and its localized component, District VI. Through this position, I met with other Filipino organizations and their members. At our monthly D6 meetings, Peter and I worked with the DMV-area Filipino organizations to find ways of building camaraderie amongst our groups. We informed them of our events that we put on throughout the year. In turn, we encourage our general body to participate in events like D6 picnic, Semi-formal, FIND Dialogue, and FIND Conference. At all these events, you become an FCA point person.

Like every other position on Eboard, your job does not end at your job description. We are all actively involved in each FCA event. Every Eboard member is designated our



## Male/Female Sports Coordinator

The role of male/female sports coordinator is to manage the Turkey Bowl and D6 basketball teams. He and she must also form intramural sports teams that correspond to the interest of the general body. The sports coordinators are not limited to said duties; he or she may also

organize other sport activities for the general body. He and she must exhibit strong leadership and organizational skills. He and she do not necessarily need to have any athletic background, but one may be useful.

*-Ryan Toledo*

own responsibilities that help the event run smoothly. For example, I was part of the Camp PCN planning board and in charge of PCN Pre-Show. Peter, Christine, and I were

also charged with designing and ordering the FCA apparel from one of our supporters, AiReal Apparel (contact us if you're looking to buy!).

*-Brandon Bartolome*



## Historian

The historian is in charge of taking visual documentation of events held by FCA: everything from Turkeybowl to the bi-weekly general body meetings. Visual documentation includes photographs and videos. The historian then uploads the photos to the FCA Facebook page and Photobucket; videos are uploaded to FCA's Youtube account. The historian also keeps in touch with the FCA alumni through email. Additionally, the historian is in charge of keeping track of each families' points

-Deema Alfadl Miranda

## Publication Editor

As Publication Editor, my most regular duty is that which you currently hold in your hand. It is my responsibility to produce FCA's newsletter for distribution at each GBM. This means that I must find stories and writers, delegate writing assignments, edit written articles, and create the layout for each issue of the newsletter. Then, I submit the newsletter to the Treasurer, who sends it to Printing Services. The methodology for creating the newsletter is not set in stone, however. It is up to the current Editor to have a vision of how the newsletter should appear.

The position also has a number of other duties, as well, though. The Publication Editor is also responsible for creating event programs and for overseeing all FCA literature, including letters, speeches, etc.

As previously stated, the Publication Editor works with the Treasurer. The Editor also works with the Historian, who provides pictures for the newsletter, and with the Webmaster, who uploads the newsletter to the FCA website.

In order to fulfill these duties, the Publication Editor must be organized, as layouts often take longer than

## Upcoming Events

April 7:  
**District VI Basketball**  
8AM @ Towson University

April 9:  
**International Night**  
7PM @ Nyumburu

April 10-13:  
**Modern/PCN Practice**  
6PM @ Chemistry Atrium

April 14:  
**Philippine Culture Night**  
7PM @ Grand Ballroom,  
STAMP

April 19:  
**Last GBM: Elections**

expected, but deadlines must be met. The Publication Editor should also have an eye for interesting stories, an interest in journalism and current events, both here and abroad (specifically in in the Philippines), and be able to pay attention to minor details during the editing process. Experience with desktop publishing



## Webmaster

The Webmaster acts as e-board's resident nerd. Duties include maintaining the website and sending out the e-mail listserv, but can extend to anything technologically or graphically related.

-Mariel Bartolome

software is definitely useful, but also not necessary. Lastly, although the Publication Editor need not be an English major, he or she must have a firm grasp on the English language and its grammar. And if that grasp just so happens to be a passion: even better.

-Jonathan Reyes