

It Is Now Time to Start the Redemption Process for the NaFFAA

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Thus Ms. Jelly Carandang e-mailed her fellow regional officers nationwide. She is the chairperson of the Illinois chapter of the National Federation of Filipino-American Associations (NaFFAA). The e-mail showed what a brave lady she is by using strong but truthful words in her reaction to an online memorandum of NaFFAA National Chairman Greg Macabenta about his proposal to amend the federation's constitution. In other words, to paraphrase Ms. Jelly's reply, she is virtually telling the NaFFAA national leaders to go jump into Lake Michigan

. Or off a bridge in

San Francisco

, as a NaFFAA cofounder, Apo Ernie Gange of Pennsylvania

said. He is quoted in Romeo P. Marquez's

Aug. 13, 2009

, article,

[NaFFAA Cofounder Tells Ruling Clique Members to "Jump Off the Golden Gate Bridge"](#)

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Therefore, the NaFFAA ruling-clique members have now the option of jumping into the water presumably to drown themselves either off the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California , or into one of the Great Lakes

Here is Ms. Jelly's e-mailed reply, excerpts of which are quoted in the lead paragraph of this article, and which was sent to this writer by several of his friends in the NaFFAA circle of leaders:

QUOTE.

From: Jelly Carandang

To: (Snipped)

Sent: Sun, Aug 8, 2010 11:43 am

Subject: Re: [NaFFAA_R3] Fwd: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAFFAA BYLAWS [1 Attachment]

I recall I spent hours before the Seattle conference working on the amendments to the constitution and by-laws. Sorry, but I am not wasting any of my time again. It is clear

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that those up there, already have their minds set on what they want accomplished. If it is not their idea, it is never good enough. Let's just leave this subject to the lawyers in the group. They are the ones they only listen to. It appears that our only responsibility as far as the leadership is concerned is to raise money to sustain the national, forget about our ideas and thoughts. Why do we have to revisit this a couple of months before each national conference? One would think that this matter should have been examined, as soon as new administration comes in.

My 2 cents worth.

Jelly

UNQUOTE.

{xtypo_quote} I echo Jelly's sentiments. I had the same experience the last time the Bylaws were amended. None of my suggested amendments or recommendations were ever addressed, acknowledged or considered (and I also spent quite a bit of time on it).—Dr. Joy Bruce {/xtypo_quote}

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Jelly Carandang is not a solitary brave voice among the regional leaders of the NaFFAA. Another friend in the NaFFAA circle forwarded to me a copy of an e-mail sent by Dr. Joy Bruce, the NaFFAA's Florida chairperson emeritus. It echoed Ms. Jelly's opinion. The above quote was taken from Dr. Bruce's e-mail.

The present leadership is headed by Greg Macabenta, who is called affectionately by his critics in the NaFFAA and in the Filipino press as the "Lagareng Hapon." The need to replace the federation's present national leaders and infuse "fresh faces" is long overdue. In fact, this writer has been critical of the corrupt clique that has been running the federation since 1997. He has written many constructive articles about the need to obtain redemption for the NaFFAA. Here are some of the articles, as found in this section <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/naffaagate/> :

[Greg Macabenta Has to Resign as National Chairman of the NaFFAA](#)

[The NaFFAA Is Bankrupt Not Only Financially But Also Intellectually](#)

[Rodis Exemplifies the Arrogance, the Avarice and the Abusive Conduct of the NaFFAA Leadership](#)

Finding “Replacement” Leaders for the NaFFAA

There should be no problem at all in finding highly-qualified and honest Filipino-American community to replace the NaFFAA crooked leaders. But the good leaders are too bashful in confronting the rotten national leadership of the federation. This writer identified some of the “good leaders” that can preach and practice the ATIC (accountability, transparency, integrity and credibility) slogan in the federation, and their identities are found in this article:

[There Are Good People in the NaFFAA Who Can Put the House in Proper Order](#)

Perhaps now that Ms. Jelly Carandang and Dr. Joy Bruce have come out in the open, the “Lagareng Hapon” and his fellow NaFFAA national-executive midgets—yes, dwarfs from the intellectual and/or moral viewpoints—may be sent packing into eternal retirement. The next 60 days will prove crucial whether the NaFFAA can find redemption. Otherwise, very-few Filipino Americans will want to have anything to do with the federation, as described in this article,

[Why Filipino Americans Are Avoiding the NaFFAA Like It Were a Plague](#) # # #

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