



The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations Inc.

- SUNGO -

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The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations (SUNGO) **Annual General Meeting for 2021 proceeds, after weeks of the COVID 19** **Lockdown.**

Ti'afau Fale, Millennia Hotel, Sogi. - The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations and its Civil Society Members from around the country gathers for the 23rd Annual General Meeting 2021, held at the Tiafau Fale Millennia Hotel at Sogi. Registrations opened at 8:30am.

In an opening prayer conducted by Reverend Esaroma, who is one of SUNGO's Executive Council Member, and a Representative of the Atina'e Mo le Lumana'i Manuia o Lefaga Organization. Reverend Esaroma Fatilua found a word of Encouragement from the Book of Matthew chapter 17 verse 27, NKJV "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you." Reverend Esaroma put emphasis how "life can be filled with blessings if we live and follow God's ways." Adding that "We all have different talents, and we have gathered to share these talents with each other".

The agenda include the Adoption of the AGM 2021 Minutes, President's Report 2020 – 2021, Financial and Auditor's Report, Approval of Annual Work plan and Budget 2021 – 2022, Election of Office Bearers, (Vice President and Treasurer), as well as the Election of Seven Council Members.

At the end of the Annual General Meeting 2021, the newly appointed Vice President 2021 – 2023 for the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations Inc – SUNGO is Mrs Roina Vavatau, from the EFKS Piu Community. The newly appointed Treasurer 2021 - 2023 is *Pastor* Su'a Fa'afetai Kilifi from the Tama ole Sami at Salelavalu in Savaii.

SUNGO Executive Members: 2021-2022

1. Sa'ena Tialino Penaia (Samoa Federated Farmers Incorporated)
2. Peseta Malouama Afoa Arasi Tiotio (EFKS Nuufou)
3. Tofilau Raymond Voigt (Beekeepers Association of Samoa)
4. Selesele Uili Amani (Mata'itoa CBO Lepale)
5. Lavea Peseta Lua Nafu'i (EFKS Tulaele Youth)
6. Faumuina Manuia Samuelu (Teen Challenge Samoa)
7. Tualataiali'i Ropeti Paulo (Alii ma Faipule Tapueleele)

Reserves:

1. Punipuaou I'u (Vaiana Komiti Tina & Tama'ita'i Tapueleele)
2. Caroline Maria Kovati (Alii ma Faipule Foailalo)
3. Fuatino Moli (Mixed Farming Group)

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The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations National President, Tofa Taua Faamoemoe Tala acknowledged the attendance of all participants, as well as their support for SUNGO and its services.

SUNGO continues to work with the Civil Society, to ensure that its vision and mission can be accomplished by assuring that Samoa has a competent and confident Civil Society Sector, promoting sustainable Development and quality of life for the people of Samoa.

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