



The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations Inc.

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National President:
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National Treasurer:
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Mataafa Faatino Utumapu

Chief Executive Officer
Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia

1st December 2023

PRESS RELEASE

SUNGO and its member organizations approved all resolutions submitted at the 25th Annual General Meeting.

Friday, 1st December 2023, Ti'afau Fale, Millenia Hote, SOGI

- All resolutions approved.
- Appointment of Mr Saena Penaia as Vice President
- Election of Executive Council Members

The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations' 25th Annual General Meeting took place on the 1st of December 2023, at the Millenia Hotel's Ti'afau Fale at Sogi.

The Meeting was officially opened with a word of encouragement by Pastor Luteru Junior Luteru, who highlighted Psalms 23, emphasizing the importance of patience no matter how far or how long it will take, but the Psalmist guaranteed that there will be greener pastures for the herd.

The Meeting was chaired by SUNGO's National President, Tofa Lavea Peseta Lua Nafo'i. With a quorum of 51.28%, the meeting approved all the resolutions submitted.

These resolutions pertained in particular to the adoption of AGM Minutes for the financial year 2022, approval of the President's Report 2022 – 2023, approval of the financial and Auditor's Report 2022 – 2023, as well as the approval of the annual workplan and budget for the 2023 – 2024 financial year.

Mr Saena Penaia from the Samoa Federated Farmers Incorporated's Nomination is appointed as SUNGO's Vice President. And for SUNGO's Executive Council 2024, we welcome Ms Amituana'i Dr Cecilia Alailima from the Independent Water Scheme Association, Mr Tofilau Raymond Voigt of the Beekeepers Association of Samoa, Mr Leatinuu Sylvester Hagerdorn from Vailoa Faleata's Projects Committee, Mr Papalii Su'a John Ryan from the Samoa Cancer Society, Ms Naomi Eshrahgi from the Goshen Trust Mental Health Services, Ms Mary Collins from the Samoa Social Welfare Fesoasoani Trust and Ms Funemalafai Ono from the Samoa Institute of Directors.

SUNGO is hoping to work collaboratively with its member organizations, to ensure that our mission to deliver capacity building research, opportunities, information sharing, advocacy and support for civil society in Samoa. is accomplished through the work that we do.

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