



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 21-25
FSM CONGRESS

June 11, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twenty-First Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the enclosed resolution confirming the nomination of Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen to serve as member of the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM, representing the State of Pohnpei. Mrs. Gallen is presently the Northern Pacific Programme Coordinator, responsible for managing several UNDP programmes in FSM. She has vast experience in public service, including deputy assistant secretary of Foreign Affairs, Assistant Director for Compact Management and Chief of Statistics for FSM NORMA. Her educational qualification includes Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Hawaii and Post-Graduate Certificate, Diplomatic Studies, from Oxford University. Attached CV is for your reference and consideration.

In view of Mrs. Gallen's educational and professional experience, I have no hesitation in nominating her to the position of member of the COM-FSM Board of Regents. She will be an excellent addition to that board. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David W. Panuelo', written over a horizontal line.

David W. Panuelo
President



A RESOLUTION

To confirm the nomination of Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen to serve as member of the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM, representing the State of Pohnpei.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 706 of title 40 of the
2 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), the
3 President nominated Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen to serve as
4 member of the Board of Regents of the College of
5 Micronesia-FSM representing the State of Pohnpei; and

6 WHEREAS, this nomination is subject to the advice and
7 consent of the FSM Congress pursuant to section 706(1)(b)
8 of title 40 of the Code of the Federated States of
9 Micronesia (Annotated); now, therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the
11 Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session,
12 2019, that the Congress hereby confirms the nomination of
13 Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen to serve as member of the Board of
14 Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM as aforesaid; and

15 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, Secretary of Department of Education,
18 Secretary of Justice, Board of Regents of the College of
19 Micronesia-FSM, and to Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen.

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1 Date: _____

Introduced by: _____

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Date of Birth: 2 May 1979
Children: 3

Marital Status: Married
Residence: Saladak, U

EDUCATION

University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji – in progress

Master's Degree, Development Studies

Thesis: "The Mis-trusteeship: the case of disunity and the secession movement in the FSM"

University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji – 2015

Post-graduate Diploma, Development Studies

Oxford University, Oxford, England UK – 2008

Post-graduate Certificate, Diplomatic Studies/Foreign Service Programme

University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji – 2006

Certificate, Pacific Diplomacy

Chinese Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China – 2004

Certificate, Diplomacy

University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI – 2003

Bachelor of Arts degree major in Political Science, minor in English

Xavier High School, Chuuk, FSM – 1997

High School Diploma (Salutatorian, Volunteer Service Award)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United Nations Development Programme – Pohnpei

Northern Pacific Programme Coordinator / January 2019 – present

- Ensure implementation of Strengthening Legislatures in the Pacific Project strategies
- Manage UNDP programme in parliamentary development and women's political participation
- Provide policy advice and guidance to Government partners
- Support effective processes including quality assurance, MEL and risk management
- Analyze and research political, social and economic situation in-country
- Identify areas of support for human-rights based approaches
- Collaborate with relevant donor agencies and partner organizations
- Provide local intervention and coordination of UNDP programs in the North Pacific

Australian Embassy – Pohnpei

Senior Program Manager / June 2017 – June 2019

- Manage and implement development assistance programs in FSM, RMI & ROP
- Maintain bilateral program development aid in government aid database (Aidworks)

- Draft, implement aid agreements, development partnerships and investment plans
- Maintained program fund plan and funding reports
- Network with and coordinate implementation of Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development Program across North Pacific FAS
- Develop/draft/update terms of reference, work plans and implementation strategies for advisers
- Monitor situational awareness of development aid across the Pacific and in collaboration with donor agencies across the North Pacific
- Assist with public diplomacy planning and implementation
- Receive, review/assess and respond to requests for development assistance

FSM National Oceanic Resource Management Authority

Chief of Statistics, Compliance & Technical Projects / January 2016 – June 2017

- Developed a strategic policy framework for FSM's bid to become a competent authority for market access purposes
- Formulated standard operating procedures for transshipment monitoring, catch certification and detection of IUU fishing
- Maintained database of statistical information on fisheries
- Developed appropriate budget and workplan for division
- Networked with and coordinated quarterly working group meetings for relevant monitoring, control and surveillance agencies
- Coordinated access to fisheries information via various media outlets and organized fisheries awareness program for the FSM
- Monitored and analyzed compliance of over 200 vessels licensed to operate in FSM
- Coordinated and organized first ever FSM World Tuna Day
- Managed a staff of four (VMS Manager, Statistics/IT Manager, Data Entry clerks)

FSM National Government

Consultant / November 2013 – February 2015

- Formulated and drafted FSM Amended Compact Annual Report
- Coordinated and drafted Employee Engagement Survey for FSM Office of S.B.O.C.

FSM Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Management (S.B.O.C.), Palikir, Pohnpei FSM

Assistant Director for Compact Management / March 2009 – August 2013

- Drafted briefings, speeches, key policy papers and reports for Amended Compact
- Monitored and evaluated implementation of key FSM development assistance including analysis of political, social and economic trends
- Formulated and maintained FSM health and education indicator scorecard
- Oversaw drafting and proof-reading of press releases, reports and other official documents for publication
- Administered and managed resource mobilization and technical tasks required for the review, preparation and execution of over \$100 million annual budgets and quarterly performance reports across the FSM
- Maintained strategic partnerships and coordinated with relevant authorities at the national and state level in the development, implementation and monitoring of Amended Compact annual budget in line with the FSM National Development Plan

- Managed a staff of four (legal counsel, grant manager, advisor, administrative assistant)

FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, Palikir, Pohnpei FSM

Deputy Assistant Secretary for American Affairs / March 2006 – February 2009

Foreign Service Officer / April 2004 – March 2006

- Coordinated internally and with the appropriate overseas missions on matters relating to diplomatic recognition, establishment of and general diplomatic relations, accreditation of ambassadors, economic diplomacy and international trade
- Organized and attended meetings on key policy issues on behalf of the FSM
- Maintained an awareness of and researched background/emerging issues in the regional and international arena and analyzed their implications for the FSM
- Coordinated schedules and facilitated logistical arrangements for FSM state and national leadership, VIP and other international and regional foreign dignitary visits
- Coordinated regularly with relevant state/national officials on matters of foreign affairs

Domestic Violence Clearinghouse & Legal Hotline, Honolulu, Hawaii

Paralegal / October 2003 – April 2004

- Drafted legal and court documentation for 4 attorneys and oversaw caseload of 20-30 domestic violence clientele
- Coordinated with and referred cases to social workers and family advocates
- Represented clients at Family Law Court for Temporary Restraining Order Cases
- Manned domestic violence hotline for 1 hour twice a week and provided counseling and advice on victim support

US Census Bureau, Honolulu, Hawaii

Enumerator / May 2003 – July 2003

- Surveyed over 100 FSM residents on Oahu and managed overall collection of surveys from Pohnpeian Community
- Spearheaded with two other staff the compilation and transcribing of survey data

Family Law Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

Paralegal / October 2002 – March 2003

- Drafted legal documentation and oversaw caseload of 60-75 family law clientele
- Developed, researched and maintained database on military benefits and family law

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Well-versed in matters of FSM national interest, including priorities for economic development and Overseas Development Assistance policy
- Expertise in public sector program/project management
- Exceptional management and administrative capabilities including coordination of major office functions and activities
- Outstanding oral and written communication skills, including public speaking
- Excellent networking, communication, problem-solving and negotiation skills
- Strong and efficient research and analytical skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint
- Fast learner, people-person, client-oriented, priority-driven, results-focused

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Presentations:

November 2014 Micronesian Sub-regionalism, University of the South Pacific-Fiji
July 2013 Compact Impact, Micronesian Presidential Summit-Koror, Palau
June 2013 Employee Engagement in the Pacific, US Graduate School-Hawaii
May 2013 Results of Survey of FSM Migrant Households in the US, IOM
Migrant Resource Center Launch-Pohnpei

Publications:

Dec 2015 (authored) "Micronesian sub-regional diplomacy" Chapter in *The New Pacific Diplomacy*, (ANU Press)
July 2013 (co-edited) Survey of FSM Migrant Households in the US
Dec 2010 (co-edited) FSM Report on Millennium Development Goals

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Island Food Community of Pohnpei
Member, Pohnpei Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library (Fundraising Chair, 2017-present)
Member, Pohnpei Catholic School Board (Chair, 2016-2018)
Member, Micronesian Student Organization of Fiji, 2014-2016
Member, FSM President's State of the Nation Drafting Committee, 2009-2013
Member, FSM President's Inauguration Committee, Co-Chair Protocol Com., 2007 & 2011
Member, FSM Millennium Development Goals Task Force, 2009-2010
Founding Member, Friends of Xavier-Pohnpei Alumni Association (Secretary 2008-2010)
Member, Organizing Committee 19th Annual SPREP Meeting, Subcom. on Protocol, 2008
Member, Conservation Society of Pohnpei Board (Board Secretary 2007-2013, Board 2016)
Member, Lien Kolonia Town (Secretary 2007-2009)
FSM Representative, US/FSM JCM and FSM Government Military POC, 2006-2009
Member, Manoa Pre-Law Society, 1999-2003 (Secretary 1999-2002, President 2002-2003)
Founding Member, FSM Student Association of Hawaii, UH-Manoa, 1999-2003

OTHER VOLUNTEER WORK

Organizer/Volunteer at Fundraising Drive for Typhoon Maysak Victims, 2015
FSM Embassy - Suva (FSM Delegation to 2nd Pacific Island Development Forum), 2015
Volunteer at the Annual Hawaii Food Bank Drive, 1999-2003
Volunteer at Institute for Human Services, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1999
SHIP/HOOPS, Chuuk, FSM, 1997
Volunteer at Pohnpei State DHS Substance Abuse & Mental Health, 1996
Volunteer during First FSM Games, FSM Department of HESA, 1995

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Sustainable development, human development, education, sub-regionalism, poverty-alleviation, gender equity, climate change, inclusivity, peer-learning, localized capacity-building, good governance, fisheries

REFERENCES

Upon request