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BIG BEND FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

LIST OF CANDIDATES 2026-2028

Get to Know Your Candidates!

Take the time to learn about the individuals running for office. Their vision, dedication, and qualifications could make a significant difference in our community. Engage with their ideas and make informed choices for a brighter future!

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS CANDIDATES:

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE # 1



ROMEO "ROMY" AGGABAO

I have been an active member of the BBFAA since 2005, and I want to serve as your President once again. My goal is to promote the organization and encourage more Filipinos, Americans, and individuals from Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi to join us in celebrating our diverse community. I plan to develop new programs that showcase Filipino cultural events from various regions of the Philippines. I am committed to advancing equality and inclusivity for all BBFAA members and the surrounding community.

Everyone will have a voice under my presidency. Together, we can make positive changes that will benefit all of us.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE # 2



LOURDES "LALLY" MOSLEY

I am Lally Mosley, married to Joey Mosley, and we have two daughters, Joella and Lauren, lifetime members of BBFAA. Below highlights notable achievements in the last 8 years:

- Assisted in securing \$10,500 COCA grants.
- Led the Concession program, raising \$50,000 in 2002.
- Raised \$10,000 for Pista sa Nasyon

As the new Chair of the Philippine Scholarship Committee, I am committed to advancing this cause through my leadership.

I have a proven track record, and I am excited to continue achieving greater things with your support. My philosophy is "Service with a Heart – Leading with a Purpose".

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE # 1



JEFFREY MAGGAY

Jeffrey Maggay's career journey spans education, real estate, and financial services. He began as a marketing professor in the Philippines, transitioned to real estate in Dubai, and later moved to the United States, where he entered the financial industry with Transamerica. Today, as a Business Development Consultant with World Financial Group (WFG), Jeffrey is dedicated to helping families secure their financial future while mentoring agents to succeed in business.

Beyond his career, he is a proud husband and devoted father of two, driven by family values, perseverance, and service to others.



SECRETARY CANDIDATE # 1



DIVINA "VINA" LADE (Secretary)

Vina is originally from Cagayan De Oro, Philippines, and has called Tallahassee home for six years. She had the honor of briefly serving as Secretary of the Big Bend Filipino American Association and continues to be active in supporting our culture and community events.

Currently, Vina is a graduate student at Florida State University, where she focuses on community resilience and environmental planning. She would

be honored to continue serving BBFAA with dedication, organization, and heart.

TREASURER CANDIDATE # 1



ALMA TRUAX

I am highly organized and motivated, and I pride myself on maintaining a positive attitude with 30 years of experience in retail customer service. My roles have included jewelry department manager, coordinator, sales associate, and assistant manager.

Throughout my career, I have developed a range of skills that have helped me grow professionally.

These skills include customer service, reporting, inventory management, auditing, marketing, merchandising, nightly deposits, purchasing, and receiving.

I attended Tallahassee College to study business management, but I was unable to complete my studies. I am confident that I can provide excellent service to the BBFAA as a treasurer.



AUDITOR CANDIDATE # 1



LOIDA GLOVER

I work at the Department of Revenue as a Contract Manager Invoice Specialist – Child Support Program and a Florida Certified Contract Manager. I am a volunteer at St. Louis Catholic Church through the Red Cross Volunteer Connection.

My goal for the organization is to have a clear direction for members and non-members by setting a good standard for transparency, allowing them to be part of the decision-making. I think

implementing this kind of standard will ensure none of the members or non-members are left out. They can feel that they belong and encourage those non-members to be part of the organization.

PRO CANDIDATE # 1



DR. JEANETTE RANA CHANCEY

Dr. Jeanette Casitas Rana Chancey (born September 12, 1971) is a distinguished martial artist, educator, and humanitarian with over three decades of experience. An 8th Degree Red Black Red Belt Master in Kuntaw Legacy International Martial Arts (KLIMA), she excels in Kickboxing, Krav Maga, Aikido, and Won Hwa Do. Honored as the 2025 Distinguished Female Grandmaster by the International Martial Arts Hall of Fame (IMAHOF), Dr. Chancey has received multiple

global awards for her leadership and humanitarian contributions. She continues to empower individuals and promote peace, respect, and excellence within the international martial arts community.

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BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES:

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #1 EDWARD ACOFF

My wife, Siony, and I are lifetime BBFAA members committed to supporting the positive growth and advancement of Filipino culture and its community, both locally and abroad. A result oriented and transformational leader.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE#2 GLORIA PAZ AGGABAO



I have been an ER trauma nurse for 16 years and a house nursing supervisor for 7 years. I am honored to wear multiple hats as a concert producer, medical spa owner, and licensed aesthetician.

I am running for a board member position to unite the Filipino and American communities in our local area and surrounding cities. My goal is to expand the current scholarship program. With your support, we can create more fundraising projects that will benefit our members. We can promote a positive environment for new nurses and Filipino families migrating to this region.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #3 HOSEA BATTLES

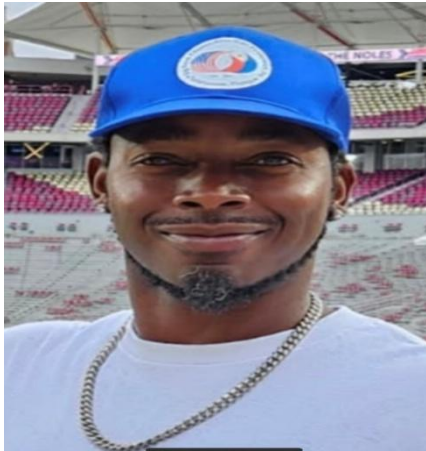


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BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #4 BYRON COLLINS



I have been an active BBFAA volunteer since 2020, working alongside Michelle Riley. As a skilled handyman and a dedicated "angel on duty," I am committed to serving the Fil-Am community with heart and purpose. As a candidate for the Board Member position, my goal is to strengthen diversity and teamwork while ensuring that BBFAA continues to fulfill its mission of unity and cultural growth.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #5 PETER ALBERT JOSEPH FOZ



With a background in pre-med and nursing, my professional journey began in the Philippines, where I became one of the youngest professors at Manila Central University at 21. In 2013, I joined the BBFAA, where I remained an active member until I was elected to the board in 2023.

I have taken part in the following initiatives:

- Chaired the first-ever Pinoy Games in 2024
- Chaired the first-ever Healthcare Gala
- Fostered great relationships by encouraging our fellow medical community members to join and stay active with the BBFAA.

I look forward to chairing groundbreaking activities with your help.

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BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #6 NELLY GUARDA



Married to Muritz and a mother of two nursing students. I currently serve as a board member of the BBFAA, work as a cardiology nurse at TMH, and am a licensed financial professional. I am dedicated to both caring for people's health and helping them build a better future.

I am actively involved in preserving and promoting Filipino American culture and traditions, showcasing our heritage and strengthening ties within our community.

My contributions include:

- Participating in the BBFAA Choir
- Involvement in the Sinulog festival
- Spearheading Healthy Lifestyle Activities
- Supports fundraising activities (volunteers in football concessions)
- Committed to advancing BBFAA's mission

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #7 DINAH JOHNSON



Dinah Johnson, a dedicated BBFAA member for 25+ years, is a proven leader with 14 years of experience as Vice President, Secretary, and Auditor. She developed and managed the BBFAA website, successfully processing \$20,116 in online payments.

As the current COCA Grants Manager, Dinah has secured over \$35,000 in funding for BBFAA. Her additional roles as Chair of U.S. Educational Grants and Election, alongside managing the email listserv and the BBFAA Facebook, highlight her commitment to BBFAA's organizational growth. Dinah works at the Florida Office of the Attorney General and is married to David, with two children: Stephen and Victoria.

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BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #8 ELEONOR GEPTTE LIPMAN



I have been a member since 2005 and am a leader of a group of women called the Kordapya of Tallahassee. With our combined experience, talents, and backgrounds, we assist fellow Filipinos who are new to this city. We also promote healthy lifestyles, and many of our members are part of the Tally Pinoy Pickleball Club.

I decided to run for office to contribute my talents and ideas to the organization's betterment. Alongside my fellow board members, we can create policies that address specific challenges that are not adequately defined within the organization. Thank you, and Mabuhay!

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #9 ROBERT MOORE



As a member of the Board of the BBFAA, I would like to focus on the organization's strategic direction, financial health and governance through activities and build upon the current established strategic plan of establishing a sound annual foundational financial plan. I would like to continue to ensure legal guidelines and ethical integrity while embracing the cultural values of the BBFAA community.

Through the years of my involvement with the FIL-AM of Bay County serving as Sergeant at Arms, I support the spirit of communal unity and core value of the Filipino community by helping our neighbors.



BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #10 ED OBERSCHLAKE



I became a member of the BBFAA five years ago when I started dating my wife, Kri. Since then, I have attended numerous events hosted by the BBFAA, and I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about my wife's culture. If selected for this position, I will leverage my knowledge and experience in public relations to advance the organization's goals. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will uphold the values of the BBFAA and dedicate myself to its mission.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #11 ARNEIL REYES



BBFAA's first lifetime member has long been committed to strengthening and elevating the Filipino community in Tallahassee. As a two-term President (2008-2011) he launched enring programs such as the Philippine Scholarship, US Educational Grant, Pista sa Nayon, Adopt-A-Street, and Member Initiative Grants- efforts that continue to benefit the community today. He also coined the motto, "Kaisahan, Bayanihan, Damayan" to inspire collective action. A longtime Board Member and current Chairman of the Board, he hopes to continue serving to share his institutional knowledge, mentor young emerging leaders, and ensure BBFAA remains strong, united, and grounded in its mission.

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BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #12 JOSIE WRIGHT



I am married to John Wright, a retired US Air Force veteran, and we have one son. I am a farmer and a retired auditor for the State of Florida. Additionally, I worked as an accountant for the Florida Department of Corrections. I also served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Jackson Marianna Hospital for 2 years, having been appointed by Governor Bush.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

-BBFAA Election 2025 Committee-

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