



GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB) was created as part of the government reorganization in 1951 pursuant to Executive Order 392 entitled "Further Reorganizing the Different Executive Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, Making Certain Readjustments of personnel and Reallotments of Funds in Connection Therewith, and For Other Purposes."

Initially, the GAB was vested with supervisory authority over only three (3) professional sports, namely: Jai-Alai, Boxing and Wrestling and Racing. Section 7 of the aforesaid Executive Order 392 provided that "the powers, duties and functions heretofore exercised, vested in and performed by, city and municipal mayors over frontons and basque pelota games (the Jai-Alai), the Racing Commission and the Boxing and Wrestling Commission were consolidated and transferred to, and shall be assumed and exercised by the Games and Amusements Board."

However, in 1974, the regulatory and supervisory authority and functions of the GAB over horseracing, except for the betting aspect thereof, were removed from the GAB and transferred to the Philippine Racing Commission (Phiracom) which was created pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 420 issued on March 20, 1974. The pertinent portion of Section 8 of the aforesaid presidential decree, provided as follows: "The functions of the Games and Amusements Board with respect to horse racing, except those related to the supervision and regulation of betting in horse racing as provided in Sections 6, 11, 15, 18 and 24 of Republic Act 309, as amended, are hereby transferred to the Commission."

Then in 1976, coincident with the organization of the Professional Basketball Association (PBA), the regulatory and supervisory powers and functions of the GAB over professional sports were expanded with the issuance of Presidential Decree No. 871, dated January 6, 1976, entitled "Placing Professional Basketball Games and Other Professional Games under the Supervision and Regulation of the Games and Amusements Board."

Today, by virtue of PD 871, all professional sports and games are under the regulatory and supervisory authority of the GAB. These are basketball, boxing, wrestling, cycling, golf, billiards, tennis, table tennis, dancesports, mixed martial arts, muay thai and all sports activities where the athletes "play for pay".

More recent developments, however, as an added responsibilities and areas of concern to the GAB is the issuance of Administrative Order No. 262 on January 17, 1992 by then President of the Republic of the Philippines, Corazon C. Aquino which entitled "Creating the GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit of the Games and Amusements Board" and later on, Administrative Order No. 222 dated October 9, 1995 was issued by the former President, His Excellency, President Fidel V. Ramos to strengthen the operations of the Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU) of the Games and Amusements Board, reconstituting its composition designed to combat and prevent the existence and widespread growth of all forms of illegal gambling in professional sports and amusements games.

The GAB AIGU is headed by the Chairman and the Members are the organic personnel appointed by GAB Chairman and detailed personnel to be drawn from the

following: (1) Philippine National Police (2) National Bureau of Investigation (3) Philippine Racing Commission (4) Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (5) Other agencies involved in gambling operations and (6) Other law enforcement agencies of the government.

Also the enactment of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) presaged the issuance of Executive Order No. 149, dated December 28, 1993, streamlining certain offices under the Office of the President, which transferred to GAB the remnants of the Philippine Gamefowl Commission (PGC) pending its final abolition.

The GAB maintains offices, which it owns, at the 2nd Floor of Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City, making it highly accessible to its clientele.

The present compositions of GAB's hierarchy are: Hon. Eric R. Buhain appointed as Chairman, Hon. Angel P. Bautista and Hon. Juan Ramon R. Guanzon are appointed as Commissioners. The Board meets twice or once a month or as it needs arises.

MANDATES

Now recognized nationwide, after fifty eight (58) years of existence, the only agency in the entire governmental machinery entrusted with the responsibility of regulating and supervising the conduct of all professional sports and games in the country and raising their standards to a level comparable to those of foreign countries, the GAB exercises exclusive jurisdiction over the following:

1. **BOXING, WRESTLING and KARATE**, as initially provided for in Executive Order No. 120, Series of 1948;
2. **PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL and OTHER PROFESSIONAL GAMES**, pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 871, dated January 6, 1976, which now includes cycling, billiards, golf, tennis, table tennis and dancesports, etc.;
3. **BETTING ASPECT OF HORSERACING**, as authorized under Republic Act No. 309, as amended, and Presidential Decree No. 420 dated March 20, 1974;
4. **INTERNATIONAL COCKFIGHT DERBIES**, in accordance with Executive Order No. 149, dated December 28, 1993;
5. **ANTI-ILLEGAL GAMBLING UNIT (AIGU)**, the legal basis for which emanated from Administrative Order Nos. 262 and 222, dated January 7, 1992 and October 9, 1995, which were issued by the former Presidents, Her Excellency President Corazon C. Aquino and His Excellency, President Fidel V. Ramos, respectively, with the end in view of preventing the existence and proliferation of illegal bookie joints/dens and other organized forms of illegal gambling in professional sports and games; and
6. **JAI-ALAI**, officially known as **BASQUE PELOTA GAMES**, used to be under the aegis of the GAB in accordance with the Revised Rules and Regulations adopted under Executive Order No. 824 dated August 28, 1982. The holding of Jai-Alai games was, however, suspended at the onset of the Aquino

Administration in 1986, and at its resumption in 1999, regulation and supervision thereof were temporarily transferred by virtue of a memorandum from the then Executive Secretary, Hon. Ronaldo Zamora during the Estrada's Administration, to the **Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR)**. Presently, JAI-ALAI operations are again at a standstill.

OBJECTIVES

The paramount rationale behind its creation being the preservation of the integrity of professional sports and games and the maintenance of the faith, trust, support and patronage of the general public, the GAB is secondarily entrusted with the attainment of the following objectives:

1. Insuring complete and unrestrained protection to the interest of the betting public and patrons and aficionados of professional sports and games;
2. Raising the degree of excellence of professional sports and games in the country to make them at par with the best in the world;
3. Requiring professional sports players/athletes, game officials, officiating personnel, sports enthusiasts, the public and all concerned individuals of the need for unwavering honesty, disciplines, integrity and sportsmanship in professional sports and games;
4. Determination and computation, with exactitude, of the amounts of gross wager funds and receipts from sales of admission tickets, causing their distribution in accordance with law, rules, regulations and ordinances, and the immediate remittance of shares authorized therefrom to the government

FUNCTIONS

In line with the goals and objectives envisioned behind its establishment and pursuant to its various mandates, the GAB is provided with complete power and authority to perform the duties and responsibilities inherent in the work aspects cited hereunder:

1. **LAW ENFORCEMENT** - The GAB is empowered to fully implement and enforce laws, rules and regulations governing the conduct of all professional sports and games locally and the activities of professional athletes, game officials and officiating sports personnel.
2. **PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND SUPERVISION** - The GAB issues and grants, upon application and after full compliance with all requirements therefor, license to professional sports practitioners and monitor their performance and activities to obviate any infraction of the terms and conditions of such licenses.

3. **ISSUANCE OF PERMITS** - The GAB issues, upon compliance with requirements and payment of the prescribed fees, permits for the holding of professional sports contests and competition and regulates and supervises the actual conduct thereof.
4. **RULE MAKING** - The Board formulates, adopts and promulgates rules, regulations, guidelines and policies to govern the conduct of professional sports and games and the activities and responsibilities of professional athletes and officiating personnel who exercises his profession.
5. **QUASI-JUDICIAL ADJUDICATION** - The GAB may initiate, undertake, hear and decide any investigation for any violation of its rules and regulations concerning professional sports and games and in connection therewith, may issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum.
6. **EXAMINATION OF BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS** - The GAB or its duly authorized representative may inspect and examine the financial records and books of accounts of any professional sports associations to protect and safeguard the interest of government and the general public.
7. **BETTING SUPERVISION** - The GAB oversees the betting aspect of horseracing and computes with accuracy and exactness the total proceeds therefrom and ascertains the distribution of the prescribed shares to the winners and other beneficiaries.
8. **SUPERVISION OF INTERNATIONAL COCKFIGHT DERBIES** - The GAB issues, upon compliance with requirements therefore, permits for the holding of international cockfight derbies, accredits cockpit officiating personnel, supervises the actual holding of such promotions and prescribes policy guidelines for the issuance by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) of permits for the importation of foreign-bred gamecocks for competition purposes during such derbies.
9. **ANTI-ILLEGAL GAMBLING OPERATIONS** - The GAB conducts surveillance activities and search and seizure operations for purposes of preventing the existence and proliferation of illegal bookie joints and other organized forms of illegal gambling in professional sports and games, and apprehending and instituting criminal action against perpetrators thereof.

THRUST OF ACTIVITIES

The centerpieces of GAB's drive towards meeting its work targets during the past year, which were nonetheless efficiently and effectively attained, despite unrealistic limitations on its funding resources, insufficient manpower and other management constraints, involve the following:

1. Imparting greater force and momentum to its supervisory and regulatory authority over all facets of professional sports and games;

2. Adopting and enforcing adequate physical safety standards as requirements for licensing professional players, particularly those engaged in such contact sports as boxing and basketball, and as precautionary measures for the prevention of health and physical risks and injuries during actual competitions; and
3. Combating and eliminating the existence and growth of illegal bookie dens/joints and other organized forms of illegal gambling in professional sports and games.

GLOBAL COMMITMENTS

The Philippines, represented by the GAB, is a long-time member of several international professional sports bodies, the most active and most prestigious of which are those connected with professional boxing such as the World Boxing Council (WBC), the World Boxing Association (WBA), the World Boxing Organization (WBO), the International Boxing Federation (IBF), the Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF), and the Pan-Asian Boxing Association (PABA).

The Chairman of the Games and Amusements Board is now elected as the Vice-President of the powerful World Boxing Council (WBC) and at the same time, Vice-President of the Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) which entails regulating professional boxing all over the world and overseeing world title bouts held not only locally but also in 171 member-countries of the Council.

VISION

- ***** To develop promising and world-class professional athletes fit for all aspects of competition.
- ***** To establish a solid foundation of professional sports mechanisms that will determine the basic protection of today's future sports professionals.
- ***** To establish long term and consistent programs that will cater to the needs of sports professionals in the country.
- ***** To create an avenue in order to provide stability and security among Filipinos involved in professional sports.
- ***** To promote dynamism in upholding the interest of the Philippine government by way of no-nonsense regulatory authority.
- ***** To strengthen the harmonious relationship between this agency and the people involved in promoting professional sports.
- ***** To establish and foster strong diplomatic ties as a gateway of all sports professionals for their safety and protection in the global community of sporting competitions.

***** To play an active role in advocating nationalism and high regard for sports among sports professionals for their love and loyalty to our country.

MISSION STATEMENT

Enrichment of the Philippine professional sports in all aspects through competent regulation and supervision ...

Reliability in protecting the rights of every individual and their well-being in the pursuit of professionalism ...

Instill national consciousness among Filipino people the goal of our nation to produce and develop globally competitive sports professionals ...

Character building and enhancement of self-discipline to be inculcated among sports professionals for the love of their family and country ...

Broadening the new concept of professional sports direction that will provide our national its fulfillment in the map of global community ...

Unification of both public and private support and endeavor that will redound to the benefit of the Filipino sports professionals ...

Humanitarianism approach in using governmental authority of regulating professional sports

Attainment of a more active and enthusiastic community channel or professional sports in response to the demand of a STRONG REPUBLIC ...

Integrated formulation of sound policies attuned to the modern conduct of professional sports all over the country ...

Nationalistic sense as a way of encouraging the sports professionals to perform their fundamental duty to serve the country with honor and pride...

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN –

As a standard operating procedure, the Chairman of the Board initiates the formulation of policies in accordance with the objective of the Board. He, at the same time gives final approval on the programs and policies adopted by the Board. Any final approval however is based on consultation with the Board Members, Chiefs and Senior Officials of the organization's divisions and sections. Hence, regular and special meeting is held to discuss matters on policy making and other similar concerns.

Automatically, the GAB Chairman is the Board's Chief Executive and Operating Officer and as such, he attended international commitments in behalf of the government of

the Philippines in conferences and meetings of professional sports and likewise attending international professional games and sports for supervision, particularly in boxing. Provided invaluable leadership to the organization as a whole and the needed liaison between the GAB to the Office of the President and other government agencies, maintaining at all times openness, transparency, accountability and responsible reporting. The delegated functions of the two Commissioners were forwarded to his office for final approval. He also supervises regional and extension offices in Cebu City, Davao City, Cagayan de Oro City, Bacolod City and Zamboanga City.

Directly under the Office of the Chairman through the Board is the Board Secretary, who is also the Chief Administrative Officer of the Board, whose specific duties/functions are as follows:

1. To attend and take minutes of all regular and special Board meetings.
2. To keep and compile the minutes of the proceedings, resolutions and policies adopted by the Board.
3. To prepare the agenda for regular and special meetings of the Board and issue notices for the holding of such meetings through the instruction of the Members of the Board.
4. To act on such matters as may be delegated by the Chairman or any Member of the Board and implement such instructions
5. To coordinate the performance of the various divisions and sections of the Board on administration, finance and operational aspects as directed by the Board.
6. To coordinate with the Office of the Chairman and the Offices of the two (2) Commissioners on such matters that call for the cooperation of other government agencies, on matters concerning the appointments of officials and employees of the Board, with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the Commission on Audit (COA), the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), formerly, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and on matters of security with various law enforcement agencies.

Significant Policies, Rules and Regulations Promulgated by the Board for CY 2010.

1) Approving the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Presidential Decree No. 871

In order to further clarify the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 871 and to properly exercise its powers of supervision and regulation of all professional sports and games in the country, the Board created a Committee tasked to prepare an implementing rules and regulations of

Presidential Decree No. 871 which was composed of the following officials, to wit::

Atty. Raul Mandin - Assist. Solicitor General
Atty.

It is six (6) years since the professional mixed martial arts sport was recognized by the Board and approved its rules and regulations. After several committee's meetings and consultation forums with the stakeholders, the Board, then promulgated the Revised Unified Rules and Regulations governing Mixed Martial Arts in the Philippines last December 15, 2009, to take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in the official gazette.

2) Accreditation of Gym as Training Center for Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts and Other Contact Sports.

In the year 2009, there are several gyms accredited by the Board to serve as training centers for boxing, mixed martial arts and other contact sports, to wit:

- a) Tapondo Gym located at the 2nd Floor, Uni Building, 621 EDSA, Barangay San Martin de Pores, Cubao, Quezon City.
- b) Ariston Boxing and Fitness Gym located at the 3rd Floor, Romacom Building, National Road Poblacion, Muntinglupa City.
- c) Hybrid Yaw-Yan Mixed Martial Arts Training Center located at the 5th Floor, Karen Building, No. 9 Annapolis Center corner Montreal Streets, Barangay E. Rodriguez, Cubao, Quezon City.
- d) R. Biron Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Gym located at Anonas St. corner Shaw Boulevard in Quezon City.

3) Rules and Regulations in the Imposition of Disciplinary Action against those Erring Licensee/s in Horse Racing.

The Board after receiving adverse comments from horse racing aficionados with regard to the conduct and behavior of tellers and other personnel in the exercise of their duties, promulgated rules and regulations in the imposition of disciplinary action against those erring licensee/s, including managers, supervisors, cashiers, tellers, etc., in horse racing.

4) Policies, Rules and Regulations in the Supervision and Regulation of the Betting Aspect of Horse Racing, particularly in the Use of Latest Technologies.

In view of the proliferation of new technologies in communication such as internet, email, cellular phones, text messaging, satellite and other recent technologies and in order to cope with these, there is a need to formulate

new policies for GAB to adopt to the changing times and technology to effectively and efficiently perform its functions in the supervision and regulation of betting aspect of horse racing. Hence, the Board promulgated policies, rules and regulations in the supervision and regulation of the betting aspect of horse racing, particularly in the use of latest technologies.

5) New Boxing Policy in Relation to Allowable Boxing Weight Allowances.

Foremost to the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) is the promotion of boxing sports and active practice of boxing profession, particularly on the part of Filipino boxers at the heavier categories, where there are only a few numbers of them available as fighters. The Board during its Regular Meeting promulgated a new boxing policy in relation to allowable boxing weight allowances, preventing inactivity on the part of few Filipino boxers at higher boxing categories, particularly lightweight division and up. Such policy waived regular weight requirements on the condition that the promoter or boxer, who fails to comply with the fight record requirement or is in excess of the allowable weight, will submit a letter of request waiving GAB's weight requirements and a medical clearance.

6) New Boxing Policy in Relation to "Affidavit of Undertaking".

One of the requirements for boxers, trainers, managers or promoters in going abroad is the submission of "Affidavit of Undertaking" wherein they promise or pledge and undertake to return to the Philippines right after the conclusion of the fight or within the period granted by the foreign promoter and/or expiration of visa.

However, there are some instances, wherein licensees are extending their stay abroad beyond what has been specified in the "Affidavit of Undertaking" or after expiration of their visa. The Board, in order to avoid further legal sanctions for violation of this provision on the "Affidavit of Undertaking", promulgated during its Regular Meeting, a new boxing policy, which required the licensee/s to submit clearance or approval from Boxing Body of foreign country and submit an employer-employee contract.

7) New Cockfighting Policies, Rules and Regulations in relation to the Holding/Staging of International Derbies.

In order to adopt with the present situation in elevating the standards of cockfighting and enhancement of tourism industry in the country, particularly the holding/staging of international cockfight derby in the country, the Board created a Committee tasked to formulate cockfighting policies, rules and regulations, which was composed of Commissioner Juan Ramon R. Guanzon, Ms. Ofelina C. Artugue, Mr. Dioscoro B. Bautista, Ms. Celia S. Santiago and Mr. Ernesto F. Vendiola.

After several meetings and consultations with the stakeholders, the Board promulgated during its Regular Meeting, new cockfighting policies, rules and regulations in relation to the holding/staging of international derbies which

shall be effective on January 1, 2011 and shall be applied in Metro Manila only.

8) Specific Guidelines to be Followed/Observed in Dealing with Those Licensees who have Pending Cases in the Games and Amusements Board (GAB).

The Board during its Regular Meeting, promulgated specific guidelines to be followed/observed in dealing with those licensees of this Board, who have pending cases in order to avoid confusion which oftentimes caused misunderstanding between GAB personnel and GAB licensees.

Administrative Order No. 262, Series of 1992 was issued creating GAB Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU), to address the problems and issues generated by the widespread operation of illegal bookie joints. Further strengthened, with the issuance of Administrative Order No. 222, Series of 1995, which authorizes the detailed personnel from the Philippine National Police (PNP); the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI); the Philippine Racing Commission (PRACOM); the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO); and other law-enforcement agencies of the government which stresses its supreme objective of combating and preventing the existence and proliferation of unlawful gambling dens and other illegal forms of organized gambling in professional sports and games.

Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit of this Board is likewise directly under the Office of the Chairman.

The AIGU operations focused at the following areas: Metro Manila and nearby provinces in the country. The confiscated items during AIGU operations are safely kept inside the GAB-AIGU Office in Taguig City and may be inspected and brought to the court concerned, if needed.

The highlight of the accomplishments of AIGU for this year is as follows:

Anti-Illegal Gambling Operations:

Illegal bookie joints and other illegal forms of organized gambling in professional sports/ games detected and prevented

2009

*No. of surveillance/casing activities conducted	145
*No. of searches & seizures operation conducted	77
**No. of persons arrested	24
**No. of cases filed and prosecuted	48

The reduction in the number of operations conducted by the Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU) is a result of the following:

(1) Hearings/trials of cases were attended by AIGU personnel in the different branches of courts in Metro Manila and other provinces;

(2) Change in the leadership of the Philippine National Police (PNP) bringing about changes in its policy regularly requiring PNP personnel – who are part of AIGU – to appear in other government agencies for accounting purposes and to attend to other police activities of greater priority;

(3) Rising costs of fuel limited AIGU's operational capabilities;

(4) Re-planning of operations because targets have resorted to kangaroo or guerilla-type of illegal gambling activities; and

(5) Thwarted operations as illegal gamblers were able to escape even before the conduct of operations – including due to lack of personnel..

Reduction in the number of persons arrested and cases filed and prosecuted from the previous year signaled success in the campaign against illegal gambling for the year 2009.

Office of the Commissioner for Finance and Administration

As delegated by the Chairman, the Commissioner on Finance and Administration is in-charge of overseeing the agency's overall financial position. He at the same time monitors disbursements, expenditures and outflow of finance. He also ensures that enough budget/finance will cover any planned undertaking by the agency. These tasks are actually in line with his work of managing the day-to-day organizational processes of the agency. He likewise assisted the Chairman in drawing up the agenda for Board meetings and helped draw up legal documentation thereof. He attended, upon approval of the Chairman as his representative in international meetings, conferences and fights/competition.

Under his care is the Finance and Administrative Division, which in turn is composed of various sections such as Personnel, Accounting, Budget, Records, Cashier, Supply, Medical and Information Technology working hand-in-hand to sustain the agency's daily undertakings.

Finance and Administrative Division & its Sections

In managing the daily operations, direction over manpower is important in order to ensure smooth working of the organization. Directly under the Office of the Commissioner for Finance and Administration is the Chief Administrative Officer. The Chief Administrative Officer makes sure that all personnel perform their duty well – doing this requires that the Personnel or Human Resource Management Section, including its function, be constantly monitored and controlled.

The significant matters that transpired during the year 2009 as far as administrative and finance aspects in the Administrative and Finance Division and its Sections are as follows:

A. Citizen's Charter of the Games and Amusements Board

In compliance with the directive of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) in relation to the implementation of RA 9845, entitled "An Act to Improve Efficiency in the Delivery of Government Service to the Public by Reducing Bureaucratic Red Tape, Preventing Graft and Corruptions, and Providing Penalties Therefore", the Board approved the Citizen's Charter of the Games and Amusements Board submitted by the Chief of the Administrative and Finance Division, Ms. Ofelina C. Artugue, which was forwarded to the Civil Service Commission on January 29, 2009. Copy of said Citizen's Charter has also been posted at the GAB website for easy referencing. After CSC approval, the same was fully implemented starting February 6, 2009.

B. GAB Provident Fund (GABPF)

The operation of GAB Provident Fund (GABPF) started last March 2009. For nine (9) months of operations, it is considered successful – the highlights of which can be gleaned on the following, to wit:

1) Financial Report:

The total net worth of GABPF is P225,364.77. Out of the said amount, 72% or P162,500.00 comes from the member's contributions, and 28% or P62,864.77 comes from the income realized from its operations (store operation and interest income from emergency loans). Seventy (7)) emergency loans were granted/approved by GABPF to the members amounting to P348,000.00.

2) Membership:

Out of 152 GAB employees, 93 applied and granted membership thereof. Allowable share per member is from a minimum of one (1) share to a maximum of four (4) shares at P500.00 per share. Being a member, there is a P50.00 per share monthly contribution. As of December 31, 2009, there are one hundred seventy eight (178) shares valued at the total amount of eighty nine thousand pesos (P89,000.00).

Originally, two (2) members were assigned to man the store on a monthly basis. However, in the month of December, the GABPF Board of Trustees and Committee Members decided that the tour of duty of the employees assigned in the store was shortened to two (2) weeks.

The GABPF was able to open an account with Purefoods and Coca-Cola Bottling Corporation in order to get cheaper goods from the two corporations.

The GABPF Board of Trustees together with the different Committee Members and the initiator of this Provident Fund, the Chief of Finance and Administrative Division, initially, held regular monthly meetings for seven (7) months in order to discuss operational concerns and in order to make the GABPF stable. Since the operation is stable and successful, and that there are less operational problems, meetings will be held on a quarterly basis starting the calendar year 2010.

C. Austerity Measures

In line with Administrative Order (AO) No. 228, which sought to promote energy conservation measures in all government agencies, GAB has effectively achieved tangible results in line with this objective.

Energy efficiency and conservation have been an on-going effort of the government, through the implementation of the Government Energy Management Program (GEMP), which institutionalized under AO Nos 103, 110, 110-A, 126, 183 and whose Implementing Rules and Regulations was jointly formulated by Department of Energy (DOE) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM). (DBM Circular Letter No. 2008-9)

D. Personnel Complement of the Games and Amusements Board

The personnel complement of the Games and Amusements Board as of December 31, 2009 is now as follows:

Filled up positions	-	152
Unfilled positions	-	<u>17</u>
Total Plantilla Positions	-	169

Appropriation for five (5) Emergency/Casual Employees was deleted as a result of the approval of Rationalization Plan of the Games and Amusements Board last April 3, 2008.

Breakdown of employees as to level of positions:

	Male	Female	Positions	Vacant Total
First level positions	43	27	6	76
Second level positions	<u>42</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>93</u>
Total	85	67	17	169

E. GAB's Medical Section

The Medical Section of GAB has the primordial function of ensuring that players, competitors, or participants in any professional game, sports or tournament are fit and well enough to meet the physical exigencies of the competition. At the same time, the section internally attends to the health needs of the officials and employees of this Board.

The Medical Section issues clearance whether a player is to be given a license or not to participate in a specific professional competition. The attendance of the medical officer in the international and local convention, particularly in boxing helped tremendously in updating the latest boxing medicine practices and findings.

Work accomplishment resulting from actual medical examination of athletes who obtained licenses from the Board before actual participation in the competition and medical supervision in the boxing stadium can be gleaned in the following data:

For Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division:

Professional Basketball players, referees table officials, coach and support staff 330

Other Professional Games

- 1. Golf – Touring and Teaching Pros 88
- 2. Billiard - 39
- 3. Cycling - 150

For Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division:

Professional boxers, trainers, seconds promoters, managers, judges and referees 411

Professional mixed martial artists, promoters, judges, managers, referees, trainers 118

Professional muay thai 33

For Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Promotions held at:

- 1) Metro Manila 36
- 2) Provincial 16

For Boxers medically cleared to fight abroad:

- 1) Thailand 41
- 2) Japan 32
- 3) Indonesia 5
- 4) Mexico 6

5)	China	4
6)	Cambodia	1
7)	Australia	3
8)	South Africa	5
9)	South Korea	1
10)	Saipan	2
11)	Singapore	1
12)	Russia	1
13)	United States of America	2
14)	Canada	2
15)	Nicaragua	1
16)	Hongkong	1
17)	Papua, New Guinea	<u>1</u>
	Total	109

For provincial licenses 115

For Pre-bout and Post-bout medical examination. Done on boxers and mixed martial arts Fighters 580

For medical consultation conducted on GAB employees 669

F. GAB's Budget and Accounting Sections

The Budget Section of this Board is tasked not only to plan and prepare the budget but also to implement the existing financial policies of the entire agency in accordance with the existing rules and regulations promulgated from time to time by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Commission on Audit (COA). It is very essential to map out the program for revenues and expenditures of the Board in order to constantly maintain the agency's sound financial position.

Whereas, the Accounting Section of this Board provides the needed figures to put on tract the financial conditions as reflected in the Budget Section and helps in the successful achievement of the financial objectives of the entire agency.

The Board's appropriation or budget for the year 2009 as compared to the year 2008 is as follows:

Appropriation/Budget (In Thousand Pesos)

Fund 101	2009
Personal Services	P43,892
Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses	10,053
Capital Outlay	<u>376</u>
Sub-total	54,321

Fund 151

Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses	<u>5,065</u>
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TOTAL	59,386
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There is a difference in the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Five Thousand Pesos (P1,905,000.00) in GAB's budget/appropriation for the year 2009 for the reason that ninety (99) positions were abolished in relation to Rationalization Plan of GAB pursuant to EO 366.

Income Realized:

Income realized by this Board was amounted to Twelve Million Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Pesos and 68/100 (P12,858,880.68) which added to the coffers of the government for the year 2009 as compared to the year 2008 is as follow:

Fund 101**Horse Racing Functions/Activities**

	2009
(In Thousand Pesos)	
Permits & Licenses.....	P 1,038
1% share on pari-mutuel betting ...	78

Boxing & Other Contact Sports Functions/Activities

Permits & Licenses	720
Fines and Penalties	43
Miscellaneous	58

Professional Basketball & Other Pro-Games Functions/Activities

Permits & Licenses	2,113
Fines and Penalties	20
Derby Assessment	266
Miscellaneous	2

General Administration

Dividends	1
Interest	<u>9</u>
Sub-Total	4,350

Fund 151

Boxing & Other Contact Sports Functions/Activities

3% share on gross gate Receipts & TV rights 302

Professional Basketball & Other Pro-Games Functions/Activities

3% share on gross gate receipts & TV coverage 8,207

Sub-Total 8,509

GRAND TOTAL 12,859

G. Other Important Programs of the Games and Amusements Board for CY 2009

1) Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC)

GAB has complied fully with the national government’s effort – through the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) – to pursue and implement anti-corruption plans and strategies, as embodied in Administrative Order No. 255 entitled “Directing the Heads of the Executive Department to lead moral renewal in their agencies.” All this effort was encapsulated in GAB’s formulated Moral Renewal Action Program as required by PAGC.

An important objective of GAB is formation of values among its officials and employees particularly those values that are enshrined in the Preamble of the 1987 Constitution, namely, values of being; maka-Diyos, maka-tao, maka-bayan at maka-kalikasan.

Below are projects and activities, partially or fully implemented by GAB in line with PAGC’s MRAP:

Accomplished Projects/Activities

- a) Zero cases of Code of Conduct (COC) violation by GAB officials
- b) Regular Conduct of First Friday Mass
- c) Posting of Athlete’s Prayer inside GAB premises
- d) Conduct (distribution) of 3 o’clock prayer
- e) Granting of GAB Provident Loan Program
- f) Wearing of T-shirts with GAB logo during agency’s anniversary

- g) Formation of GAB PRAISE Committee to recognize Model Employees/Divisions
- h) Conduct of seminar to promote values of unity and camaraderie among GAB employees
- i) Conduct of Tree-Planting Project with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

On August 2009, PAGC held series of meetings in Malacanang, with the objective of awarding the 1st Semester 2009 Top Ranking Integrity Development Action Plan (IDAP) implementing agencies. The GAB was among the 1,166 agencies who successfully complied with the MRAP on time before its deadline. A briefing was also held on June 2009 at the GAB Office cascading the components of the anti-corruption strategy of the government to GAB officials and employees.

2. Performance Management System – Office Performance System (PMS-OPES)

In compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 07, Series of 2007 issued by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) entitled “Installation of Performance Management System (PMS)” various meetings were held at GAB by a specific committee created for that purpose.

The purpose of such meetings was to create an Office Performance System (OPES) whose output will be approved by the CSC for implementation in the GAB. Such OPES is aimed at enhancing office performance of GAB officials and employees through effective monitoring, assessment and evaluation, through this system.

3. Philippine Commission on Women

Pursuant to Circular No. 2004-01 jointly issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (now Philippine Commission on Women) the GAB has successfully submitted to the Commission various documentary requirements, including the agency’s consolidated GAD Plan.

The GAD effort is aimed at enhancing the participation and productivity of women particularly in the national workforce within government agencies.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR OPERATIONS

The Commissioner for Operations is in-charge of ensuring the sound operations of all the professional games and sports which GAB specifically regulates and supervises. He makes sure that GAB performs effectively its mandate to regulate and supervise professional sports and games in the country. He also sees to it that stakeholders or clientele get their fair share from GAB programs, which are usually aimed of uplifting the welfare of all those involve in the practice of their professions.

Under his care are the Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division, Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division and the Horseracing Betting Supervision Division, are all tasked by the Chairman of the Board through the Commissioner for Operations, to ensure the promulgation of the appropriate rules and regulations in specific games or sports under each of the aforementioned divisions.

As to his detailed functions, he reviewed all applications for licenses of professional practitioners in sports with special attention to Filipino athletes being sent to professional competitions abroad. He coordinated with consulates and embassies to help professional athletes to participate in competitions abroad. He also attends meetings and games of professional basketball leagues and associations and monitors racing events at the two (2) racing clubs (Manila Jockey Club, Inc. and Philippine Racing Club, Inc.). He supervises international cockfighting derbies. He also joins the Chairman in international conferences and meetings as part of the GAB commitments representing the Philippine government. He supervises the GAB Regional and Extension Offices in Davao City, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu City, Bacolod City and Zamboanga City.

Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division

CY 2009 was a good year for the Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division as far as income realized is concerned. There was a tremendous increase in collection of the GAB's 3% share in the gross gate receipts and TV rights coverage by 68% or Three Million Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Sixty Nine Pesos & 62/100 (P3,435,069.62). The last year income realized was Five Million Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Pesos & 30/100 (P5,073,899.30) as compared to this year's income in the total amount of Eight Million Five Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight & 92/100 Pesos (P8,508,968.92).

This can be attributed to the collective efforts of the personnel in the division in closely monitoring all professional sports activities in the country and the intensive information campaign on the authority and role of GAB in pursuant to PD 871. The division has some accomplishments as shown below:

A.	Processed and issued licenses	
		2009
	1) Basketball licenses	408
	2) Billiard licenses	63
	3) Golf licenses	163

4) Dancesports licenses	25
5) Cycling licenses	<u>252</u>
TOTAL	911

B. Processed and issued permits:

1) Basketball games	225
2) Billiard tournaments	47
3) Golf tournaments	45
4) Dancesports tournament	1
5) Cycling tournaments	<u>26</u>
TOTAL	344

C. Games regulated and supervised:

1) Basketball games	223
2) Billiard tournaments	47
3) Golf tournaments	45
4) Dancesports tournament	1
5) Cycling tournaments	<u>26</u>
TOTAL	342

There are two (2) games cancelled out of 225 permits paid and or issued, thus, it lessened the games regulated and supervised in basketball games due to two (2) typhoons “ondoy” and “peping” that hits the country.

D. Made recommendations for Filipino billiard players for participation in tournaments abroad particularly in Japan and Korea.

E. Attended Senate and House of Representatives Committee hearings, meetings and sports forum on issues relevant to the conduct of regulation and supervision of professional sports and games, particularly basketball and other professional sports and games and also the prevention of existence and proliferation of game fixing in the professional sports in the country.

GAB’s Cockfighting Activities

As to the regulation and supervision of cockfighting and cockpit operations is concerned, the function previously exercised by the defunct Philippine Gamefowl Commission (PGC) was devolved to local government units pursuant to the Republic Act No. 7160, referred to as the Local Government Code of 1991. However, concomitant with the transfer of PGC’s other functions, assets, records and personnel to GAB in accordance with Executive Order No. 149 dated December 28, 1993. GAB issues licenses and permits for the

holding of international cockfight derbies, oversees the actual conduct thereof and prescribes policy guidelines for the importation of foreign-bred gamecocks for competition purposes during such derbies. (PGC vs. IAC, 146 SCRA 294). The cockfighting functions/activities are now under the Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division which was previously under the care of the Administrative Division.

The Board during its 5th Regular Meeting held on September 3, 2009, promulgated the new cockfighting policies, rules and regulations in relation to the holding/staging of international derbies as recommended by the Committee tasked to formulate the same.

Salient policies, rules and regulations of holding/staging international derbies are as follows:

- 1) The six-day interval on the holding of international derby would be counted from the last day of activity and the duration of holding the same shall be limited only to one (1) week.
- 2) The payment for an additional derby date is Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00). The 3-day prohibition has been lifted.
- 3) Six (6) months before the January 1, season and six (6) months before the May 1, season, all stakeholders will be invited for meeting to discuss their scheduled derby dates to be held at the Office of the Games and Amusements Board. The stakeholders shall bring all requirements to hold/stage an international derby. In case there is a conflict of schedules dates, only stakeholder with complete requirements can participate in the drawing of lots scheme.
- 4) The requirements for the holding/staging of an international derby shall be:
 - a) Application Form, accompanied by a letter-request, to be filled-up and filed at the Professional Basketball and Other Pro-Games Division.
 - b) Copy of the Mayor's Permit to operate.
 - c) Cockpits/venues, where the international derby will be held shall be registered with the Games and Amusements Board.
 - d) Cockpit personnel, who will exercise their professions shall be licensed by the Board. (Pit manager; Referee (Sentenciador); Bet Manager (Kasador); Bet Taker (Kristo or Taga-Pusta); Gaffer (Mananari); and Promoter)
 - e. Payment of the derby assessment fees from the previous international derby. The Derby Assessment Fee (DAF) shall be Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) per "sultada".
 - f. List of expected foreign participants (at least 8 foreign participants)

- g. Performance/Cash bond in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000.00).
- 5. The payment for the corresponding permit fee shall be in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P18,500.00).
- 6. Fines and penalties for violation of these cockfighting policies, rules and regulations range from payment of license fee with 100% penalty to suspension of one (1) year to hold/stage an international derby.

For CY 2009, six (6) international derbies were held with the Philippine Mental Health Association (PMHA) as their beneficiary organization. The derbies were held at the following venues:

- 1. Ynares Multi-Purpose Stadium Pasig City - January 12, 14 & 16, 2009
May 19, 21 & 23, 2009

Promoter:
Mr. Ernesto Austria
- 2. San Juan Coliseum San Juan City - January 26, 28 & 31, 2009
June 1, 3, 6 & 8, 2009

Promoter:
Ms. Emeraldalda Pineda
- 3. Araneta Coliseum Quezon City - January 20, 22 & 24, 2009
May 12, 14, & 16, 2009

Promoter:
Mr. Manuel Atacador

2009

The total number of licenses issued	98
The total number of permits issued	6
The total number of sports and games and cockfights supervised	1,797

Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division

Pursuant to the powers vested on the Games and Amusements Board under Section 7 of Executive Order 392, s. 1950 in connection with Executive Order No. 120, series of 1948, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 871, the rules and regulations issued and adopted by the Board with subsequent amendments shall apply to Philippine Professional Boxing.

Professional Boxing Year-End Report

Seven-time world boxing champion Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao was the undisputed headline-maker in the sports for the year 2009. His status as the Universal No. 1 pound-for-pound fighter paved way for the most ever title bouts involving Filipinos during a 12-month period in history. He is also scheduled to receive the prestigious Boxer of the Decade Award by the internationally renowned American Sportswriter Association.

Pacquiao figured in only two (2) bouts in 2009 but both were monumental. He knocked out England’s Ricky Hatton in two rounds to wrestle the IBO lightwelterweight crown in Las Vegas last May, then halted Puerto Rico’s Miguel Cotto in the 12th to capture the WBO welterweight title, also in Las Vegas last November.

Pacquiao emerged as the only fighter ever to win seven world titles in seven weight divisions, breaking out of a tie with Oscar dela Hoya, Tommy Hearn, Hector Camacho and James Toney who collected six.

For the year, there were sixteen (16) world championship bouts with Filipino protagonists. Filipino fighters won nine, lost five and drew two. Six Filipino world titlists reigned during a highly productive year – Pacquiao, WBO minimumweight Donnie Nietes, IBF lightweight Brian Viloria, WBC lightweight Rodel Mayol, IBF flyweight Nonito Donaire and WBO superflyweight Marvin Sonsona.

Pacquiao’s influence opened the window for Filipino fighters to display their wares in the undercard of his two Las Vegas bouts this year. In the Pacquiao-Hatton undercard, Bernarbe Concepcion pounded out a six-round decision over Colombia’s Yogi Herrera. In the Pacquiao-Cotto undercard, Eden Sansona stopped Israel’s Eilon Kedem while Richie Mepranum outpointed Colorado’s Ernie Marquez.

These achievements of Filipino boxers under the supervision and regulation of GAB have become inspirations to local boxers aspiring for international competitions, to give their best in the exercise of their professions as well as a way of improving their financial status.

Financial Assistance Extended to Professional Boxers (Active and Inactive)

The Board approved financial assistance to professional boxers whether he is active or inactive in the exercise of his profession, chargeable against the Boxer’s Welfare Fund, to wit:

1.	Elmer B. Marpe	-	P 5,000.00
2.	Leon Maratas	-	15,000.00
3.	Jose S. delos Reyes a.k.a. Rey Miller	-	P25,000.00
4.	Z Gorres	-	50,000.00
5.	Renante E. Abalos	-	2,500.00
6.	Roberto Peque	-	5,000.00
7.	Remigio Aguilar	-	<u>5,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	-	P107,500.00

In Calendar Year 2009, other accomplishments of the Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division are as follows:

A. Boxing - Licenses Issued:

** Promoters	-	64
** Managers	-	60
** Referees	-	33
** Stadium Physicians	-	19
** Timekeepers	-	10
** Announcers	-	16
** Trainers	-	4
** Seconds	-	11
** Matchmakers	-	13
** Judges	-	41
** Boxers: 10 rounds	-	206
8 rounds	-	69
4-6 rounds	-	429

Mixed Martial Arts – Licenses Issued:

** Fighters	-	78
** Promoters	-	4
** Referees	-	4
** Judges	-	10
** Announcers	-	3
** Trainers	-	6
** Matchmakers	-	3
** Stadium Physicians	-	2
** Timekeepers	-	2

Muay Thai – Licenses Issued:

** Fighters	-	2
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B. Permits Issued:

1) Boxing	-	154
2) Mixed Martial Arts	-	16
3) Boxer-Manager's Contract	-	45

C. International License Issued - 46

D. Bouts Supervised:

** Boxing	-	1,061
** Mixed Martial Arts	-	157

- E. Continuous deliberation on the monthly ratings of boxers held every 2nd Monday of the month.
- F. Continuous supervision of the training of professional boxers at the different GAB accredited gymnasiums in the following areas/places:
- 1) Tiger Gym at Mandaluyong City
 - 2) Shock Punch at Pasay City
 - 3) Ringside Gym at Quezon City
 - 4) Wildcard Gym at BF Hones, Paranaque City
 - 5) Aljoe Jaro's Gym at Binangonan, Rizal
 - 6) De Sagun Gym at Trece Martirez, Cavite
 - 7) Elorde Gym at Sucat, Paranaque, at different places in Mandaluyong City, at different places in Manila, at different places in Makati City, at different places in Quezon City, etc.
 - 8) Jun Sarreal Gym at Banawe St. Quezon City
 - 9) Tapondo Gym located at the 2nd Floor, Uni Building, 621 EDSA, Barangay San Martin de Pores, Cubao, Quezon City.
 - 10) Ariston Boxing and Fitness Gym located at the 3rd Floor, Romacom Building, National Road Poblacion, Muntinglupa City.
 - 11) Hybrid Yaw-Yan Mixed Martial Arts Training Center located at 5th Floor Karen Building, No. 9 Annapolis Center corner Montreal Streets, Barangay E. Rodriguez, Cubao, Quezon City
 - 12) R. Biron Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Gym located at Anonas St. corner Shaw Boulevard in Quezon City.
 - 13) Top Contender Gym at Bayani St., Taguig City
 - 14) Charlie Contender Gym at Balibago, Angeles, Pampanga
 - 15) Binan Gym at Binan, Laguna
 - 16) Del Rosario Gym at Sta. Rosa, Laguna
 - 17) Sambo Asia Gymkata at Pasay City for mixed martial arts training. - new

- 18) Philippine Sambo Association, Inc. for combat sambo sports training
- new
- G. Recommendations to the international organizations/federations of the services of our professional licensees, particularly, boxing referees and judges to officiate in international competition
- H. Recommendations to the world organizations like the World Boxing Council (WBC); World Boxing Association (WBA); World Boxing Organization (WBO); Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation (OPBF) and Philippine Asian Boxing Association (PABA); International Boxing Federation (IBF) to upgrade and include our professional boxers in the world ratings.
- I. Strict imposition of the guidelines adopted by the Board in relation to the issuance of GAB authorization and endorsement to licensed athletes particularly in boxing to fight abroad.
- J. GAB's Boxer's Relief Fund was established by the GAB, which is derived from donation, fund raising activities authorized by the Board, and contributions by the professional boxers representing 1% of their fight purse and in no case more than P10,000.00. The outstanding balance (Cash in Bank) of the above fund as of December 31, 2009 was One Million One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five Pesos and 64/100 (P1,175,465.64). However, the outstanding balance (Cash in Bank) of the Board's Mixed Martial Arts Welfare Fund is in the amount of Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight Pesos and 50/100 (P71,558.50)
- K. Attendance in the annual conventions of different international organizations as an international commitment and representations in the boxing fights as follows:
- a. 22nd Annual Convention of the World Boxing Organization (WBO) held on November 10 – 14, 2008 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort, Florida, USA.
 - b. 46th World Boxing Council Annual Boxing Convention held on November 1 – 8, 2008 at Chengdu, China.
 - c. Fight of Mr. Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for WBC Superfeatherweight Championship held on March 15, 2008 at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.
 - d. Fight of Mr. Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao for WBC Lightweight Championship held on June 29, 2008 at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.
 - e. Non-Title fight of Mr. Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao held on Las Vegas, Nevada, USA.

- f. Supervised the WBC Bantamweight World Fight by Chairman Eric R. Buhain held on January 8 – 11, 2008 at Kobe, Japan.
- g. Supervised the WBC Female Strawweight Interim Championship by Chairman Eric R. Buhain held on May 30 – June 2, 2008 at Guru, Korea.
- h. 25th IBF/USBA Annual Convention held on May 26 to June 2, 2008 at SAS Radison Marseiller Strasse 2 Humburg, Germany.

Horseracing Betting Supervision Division

Republic Act No. 309 entitled “An Act to Regulate Horse Racing in the Philippines,” dated June 18, 1948 and its various amendments were the original foundation of GAB’s power of supervision over horseracing. Under the said law, the Board was vested with the exclusive authority to supervise and regulate all aspects of the sport, most important of which, were the issuance of permits to hold races to the racing clubs, licensing of jockeys, race officials, and management of wager bets. With its broad power, the GAB had the power to suspend and revoke permits and licenses for cause, conduct investigation and meted out appropriate penalties to erring licensees.

Presidential Decree No. 420 dated March 20, 1974 otherwise known as the decree “Creating the Philippine Racing Commission,” divided the jurisdiction over horse racing between the Philippine Racing Commission and the Games and Amusements Board. The former over the sports aspect and the latter over the betting aspect. The Decree reserved to the GAB the betting aspect evidently in deference to the sound principle of check and balance. It is to be noted that the principle of check and balance had always been the effective deterrence to the commission of anomalies.

It has been the unwavering commitment of the GAB to give the betting public, beneficiaries and all other parties concerned fair and honest betting free from anomalies and irregularities. The Board checks and verifies ticket sales report, computes dividends and determines the shares of the various entities entitled the share in the gross wager funds with dedication since 1951 as mandated by RA 309. Through the GAB, the government discharges a vital role not only to promote the welfare of the participants but more so to prevent and remedy abuses which could be detrimental to the public in an activity where betting is a component of the sport.

The primary role in the betting function is for the GAB to protect the interest of the betting public and other beneficiaries of horse racing, more so the taxes that are due to the government. Through the years, the GAB’s Horse Racing Betting Supervision Division has conscientiously carried out its objectives and functions with resolute dedicate. As a result, it has strengthened the trust and confidence of the public.

The function of GAB with respect to horse racing, except those related to the supervision and regulation of betting in horse racing as provided for in Sections 6, 11, 15, 18 and 24 of Republic Act No. 309, as amended, are hereby transferred to the PRACOM.

The Chief of the Horse Racing Betting Supervision Division submitted its reports/accomplishments for the year 2009, as can be gleaned below:

1. Total Government Shares from Horse Racing for the Year 2009:

Philracom Shares	77,023,717.28
GAB Shares.....	103,093.83
Tax on Winnings	344,368,569.00
Science & Documentary Tax	771,646,446.60
Philracom Shares (Breakages).....	6,240,676.09

2. The total number of licenses issued:

Manila Jockey Club, Inc.:

Tellers	221
TSD Department Head	1
TSD Operations Manager	1
TSD Supervisor	<u>1</u>
Total	224

Philippine Racing Club, Inc.

Tellers	410
Managing Betting Operations	1
Telebet Supervisor	1
Global Versatech	<u>9</u>
Total	421

Operational Off-Track Betting Stations

Manila Jockey Club, Inc.	233
Philippine Racing Club, Inc.	<u>314</u>
Total	547

4. **Betting supervised by the personnel of the Division for CY 2008**

a. Pari-Mutuel sales supervised.....	4,767
b. Pari-Mutuel sales reports examined & verified	4,767
c. Daily-Double sales supervised	5,071
d. Daily-Double sales reports examined & verified	5,071
e. Quartet sales supervised	2,602
f. Quartet sales reports	

	examined & verified	2,602
g.	Forecast sales supervised	3,011
h.	Forecast sales reports examined & verified.....	3,011
i.	Trifecta sales supervised	2,929
j.	Trifecta sales reports examined & verified	2,929
k.	Winner-Take-All sales	416
l.	Winner-Take-All reports examined & verified	416
m.	Pick-6 sales supervised	397
n.	Pick-6 sales reports examined & verified	397
o.	Daily-Double Plus One sales supervised	2,381
p.	Daily-Double Plus One reports examined & verified	2,381
q.	Super 6 sales supervised	522
r.	Super 6 sales reports examined & verified	522
s.	Pentafecta sales supervised	1,090
t.	Pentafecta sales reports examined & verified	1,090
u.	Pick 5 sales supervised	312
v.	Pick 5 sales reports examined & verified	312
w.	Magic 9 sales supervised	35
x.	Magic 9 sales reports examined & verified	35
y.	Pick 4 sales supervised	339
	(new betting scheme)	

z.	Pick 4 sales reports examined & verified	339
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LEGAL DIVISION

An important division closely connected to the Office of the Chairman, Office of the Commissioners are other divisions of the Board is the Legal Division. The Legal Division is in-charge of pursuing cases or complaints against any player or athlete or official in professional sports and games who may be found guilty of violating of the Board's applicable laws, rules and regulations. The division also puts resolution to cases of erring employees within the organization.

The Board reiterates the procedures or workflow on how to file a complaint, to wit:

- a. The complainant who may be an individual or a juridical person may file a complaint with the Board stating clearly and specifically, the cause of action, the name of the respondent/s and the present address, among others.
- b. If the Board finds that the allegations made by the complainant are meritorious, the Board shall provide the respondent/s a copy of the complaint, requiring the latter to answer within 15 days from receipt of the complaint. If the Board is convinced that there is no merit of cause of action, the Board may motu proprio dismiss the complaint.
- c. After the Board has received a copy of the answer, the Board will set a pre-trial meeting on the date and time convenient to the calendar of the Board and at a place which the Board may determine.
- d. The parties involved shall be served with copies of the pleadings at the present address.
- e. In the event that any party fails to submit the required pleadings at their present address.
- f. In the event that any party fails to submit the required pleadings on time, the Board shall decide the case based on evidence presented.
- g. During the pre-trial, the Board will encourage the parties to settle their differences amicably or enter into a compromise agreement. Otherwise, the Board shall ask the parties to limit the issues to be resolved and set the case for trial.
- h. At the trial, the complainant will be given first the right to present its evidence. Each witness presented by the complainant may be cross examined by the respondent at the option of the latter. In the same token,

witnesses presented by the respondent may be subject to cross-examinations.

- i. The parties may appear personally for themselves or through a representative or an attorney. The representative or an attorney must be equipped with the Special Power of Attorney to appear and stating the extent of his authority to represent the party, particularly the right to stipulate and enter into a compromise agreement.
- j. Once the evidence are already adduced and admitted and the parties have already close the presentation of their respective evidence, the Board may require the parties to submit simultaneously, their respective memorandum and thereafter, the case is deemed submitted for decision.
- k. Motions and other pleadings that would delay the proceedings and adjudication of the case are discouraged.
- l. The Board shall render its decision within 30 days from the submission of the case. Only one motion for reconsideration involving issues not yet raised and not passed upon by the Board be entertained.

Below are cases filed for the year 2008 and attended by the Division and its corresponding status:

- a. GAB Case No. 01-08 - Professional Boxer Florante Condes vs. Boxing Manager Alice Jaro. For rescission of Boxer-Manager's Contract (Set for further investigation after the failed mediation)
- b. GAB Case No. 02-08 - Professional Boxer Arden Diale. For rescission of Boxer-Manager's Contract (Refer for mediation)
- c. GAB Case No. 03-08 - Professional Boxer Roberto Rubillar- (Administrative Case – Disciplinary action for investigation)
- d. GAB Case No. 04-08 - Boxing Manager Arlene Elorde (Administrative Case – for investigation)
- e. GAB Case No. 05-08 - Pio B. Castillo, Jr., Boxing Manager vs. Professional Boxer Rey Orais – (For violation of Boxer-Manager's Contract – Case withdrawn by the boxing manager).
- f. GAB Case No. 06-08 - Professional Boxer Rey Labao vs. Boxing Manager Arlene Elorde – (For rescission of Boxer-Manager's Contract – For investigation)
- g. GAB Case No. 07-08 - Boxing Manager, Arlene Elorde vs. Boxer Raymond Sermona – (Administrative Case – For investigation)
- h. Racing Case - Commissioner of BIR vs. GAB (Entry of Judgment)

- i. Queries:
 - 1) Financial capability of boxing manager, trainer and promoter
 - 2. Golf – Criteria for the issuance of license accredited teaching golf professional (training)
- j. Proposed House Bill No. 1146 entitled “An Act Granting the Southeast Asia Greyhound Racing Club, Inc., A Franchise to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Racetrack for Dog Racing in the Philippines” - Approved in Committee level.

Finally, calendar year 2009 proved to be a success, as a whole, in attaining the Board’s target as compared to last year. These can be attributed to the Board’s adherence in exercising its mandate in implementing its policies, rules and regulations. Each division has exceeded their target, showing a substantial increase in remittance to the coffers of the government. Likewise, each division adhered to its commitment to maintain professional standards and embark on measures to improve the same for our licensees to be at par, if not better with the rest of the world. A collective efforts on the part of the Board’s personnel, particularly, the sports and games regulation officers and inspectors, in monitoring sports and games activities in the country and of course intensive information campaign on the authority of GAB pursuant to PD 871 and other related laws are contributory aspects or factors to the good accomplishments of this Board.

March 11, 2009.

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GAB Accomplishments for CY 2010– its Highlights:

In Boxing

The year 2010 is considered as one of the most successful year for our Filipino professional boxers. Boxing became more popular because of Manny “Pacman” Pacquiao who brings pride and glory to the Philippines by fighting his way to the top of the boxing history. His achievement paved way for him to win the hearts of his constituents who put him into victory as representative of the lone district of Sarangani Province.

Even now that he is a Congressman, Pacquiao continues to make boxing history as he won his 8th world title, the WBC Super Welterweight Championship, after a 12-round unanimous decision against Mexican Antonio Margarito last November 13, 2010 at the Cowboys Stadium in Texas, U.S.A.

Pacquiao has also been champion in the following divisions: Flyweight, Bantamweight, Featherweight, Super Featherweight, Lightweight, Super Lightweight and Welterweight. With this, he earned many awards such as the prestigious Ring Magazine’s Pound-for-Pound boxer in the world, the Fighter of the Decade award and Fighter of the Year award by the Boxing Writers Association of America, the latter of which he won 3 times, which he now shares the distinction with boxing icon Muhammad Ali. By all accounts, Pacquiao’s record is one that is hard to beat and unlikely to be repeated by anyone, Filipino or not, anytime soon. The popularity of boxing and Manny Pacquiao have encouraged many aspirants, beginners and experienced, to try and to strive hard in boxing, hoping to become world champions someday.

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB) through its Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division has always been extending its hand to assist these boxers. Last year, the Division conducted several gym inspections to monitor the trainings of boxers in preparation for local and international fights. Gym inspection is necessary to monitor their weights, particularly boxers who have title fights here and abroad, to evaluate their progress and to see if they really are preparing for their fights.

The continuous communication with the different world boxing organizations have fostered harmonious relationships between GAB and these organizations and widen the venue of our local boxers in international competitions. Aside from Pacquiao, we have other world and regional champions who made it big last year. They are:

1. Donnie Nietes – WBO World Minimumweight Title
2. Nonito Donaire Jr. – WBC Continental Americas Bantamweight Title
3. Drian Francisco – WBA Interim Super Flyweight Title
4. Edrin Dapudong – WBC Silver Flyweight Title
5. Denver Cuello – WBC International Minimumweight Title
6. Silvester Lopez – WBC International Super Flyweight Title
7. Ryan Bito – WBC International Flyweight Title
8. Jonathan Taconing – WBC International Light Flyweight Title
9. Al Sabaupan – IBF Pan Pacific Lightweight Title
10. Sonny Boy Jaro – IBF Pan Pacific Light Flyweight Title
11. Arden Diale – WBO Oriental Flyweight Title
12. John Mark Apolinario – Oriental Super Flyweight Title
13. Dayer Gabutan – WBO Oriental Bantamweight Title
14. Jessie Albarracin – WBO Oriental Jr. Featherweight Title
15. Aj Banal – WBO Asia Pacific Bantamweight Title
16. Rey Labao – WBO Asia Pacific Jr. Lightweight Title
17. Lorenzo Villanueva – WBO Oriental Featherweight Title
18. Rocky Fuentes – OPBF Flyweight Title
19. Michael Landero – OPBF Minimumweight Title
20. Malcolm Tunacao – OPBF Bantamweight Title
21. Jonel Alibio – OPBF Featherweight Title
22. Randy Suico – OPBF Super Lightweight Title
23. Allan Tanada – OPBF Super Featherweight Title
24. Roli Gasca – PABA Bantamweight Title
25. Dan Nazareno – PABA Light Welterweight Title

Filipino boxers are now recognized and have high demands all over the world. Last year, the Division has processed and issued 190 Letter of Authorizations to boxers participating abroad, both in sparring and in competitions. Countries like Korea, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, South Africa, china, Mexico and America are among those that Filipino boxers are in-demand. Their participation in these international competitions is very important in maintaining their rankings in international boxing organizations. It is also helpful to GAB in our recommendation of professional boxers for upgrading and inclusion in the rankings of the WBC, WBO, WBA, IBF, OPBF and other international boxing organizations.

The year 2010 has blessed GAB with the influx of licensees. GAB has issued 1,061 licenses for boxing : 685 for boxers; 53 for promoters; 64 for managers; 139 for trainers; 9 for seconds; 16 for matchmakers; 14 for stadium physicians; 9 for timekeepers; 27 for referees; 33 for judges; 12 for ring announcers and 175 licenses has issued for MMA where 125 for fighters; 3 for promoters; 10 for referees; 12 for judges; 2 for ring announcers; 10 for trainers; 1 for second; 3 for matchmakers; 5 for stadium physicians and 4 for timekeepers). Likewise, the Division processed and issued 161 permits for boxing and 12 for MMA. The Division collected the corresponding 3% share of GAB for TV rights and gate receipts and the 1% mandatory contribution to Boxers and Mixed Martial Arts Welfare Funds and its 50% penalties for late renewal of licenses.

Chairman Juan Ramon R. Guanzon initiated the move to re-organize the existing membership of the Ratings Committee to improve the national standard of rating of all our

Filipino professional boxers. The Ratings Committee shall be composed of the following: 1) GAB-licensed Promoter; 2) GAB-licensed Manager; 3) GAB-licensed Referee; 4) GA-licensed Judge; 5) GAB-licensed Matchmaker; 6) Member of Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA); 7) Member of Sports Communicators Organization of the Philippines (SCOOP); 8) Representative/Consultant from the Office of the Chairman; and 9) Representative from the Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division. The said Committee is chaired by Commissioner Mohammad Aquil Tamano.

Last but not the least; GAB has also started the revision of the Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing Professional Boxing in the Philippines and as part of due process, a meeting/forum for the stakeholders was scheduled on the following dates, to wit:

1. CY 2011 Boxing Summit – Luzon - March 19, 2011
2. CY 2011 Boxing Summit – Visayas - April 29, 2011
3. CY 2011 Boxing Summit – Mindanao - May 27, 2011

In jai-alai operations

The sector to which the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) belongs is sports. Initially, GAB was vested with supervisory authority over Jai-Alai. Section 7 of Executive Order No. 392 provided that “the powers, duties and functions hereto exercised, vested in and performed by city and municipal mayors over frontons and Basque Pelota Games (the Jai-Alai), the Racing Commission and the Boxing and Wrestling Commission were consolidated and transferred to, and shall be assumed and exercised by the GAB”.

Until the Revised Rules and Regulations adopted under Executive Order No. 824 dated August 28, 1982, Jai-Alai, officially known as Basque Pelota Games, used to be under the aegis of the GAB. However, the holding of Jai-Alai games was suspended at the onset of the Aquino Administration in 1986. But its resumption in 1999, regulation and supervision thereof were temporarily transferred by virtue of a memorandum from the then Executive Secretary, Hon. Ronaldo Zamora during the Estrada’s Administration, to the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR). Since then, the franchise was suspended and hence, Jai-Alai operations are again at a standstill.

The operation of Jai-Alai was resumed when the Meridien Vista Gaming Corporation through the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA) law began its jai-alai games. The legality of its operation, however, remained to date in question.

In December 15, 2010, the Board issued Resolution No. 2010-04, Series of 2010, approving the creation of Ad Hoc Committee on Jai-Alai to gather information/evidence that may be used against the illegitimacy of jai-alai operation in the country and then in the preparation for the re-activation of the Jai-Alai Division of the Board. The Committee was composed of the following:

- Commissioner Mohammad Aquil Tamano - Chairman
- Atty. Ermar U. Benitez – Member
- Atty. Joey Baluyut – Member
- Ms. Ofelina C. Artugue – Secretary of the Committee

Technical personnel:

Mr. Noel Santos
Mr. Arthur Mallilin
Mr. Albert Taccad
Mr. Pacifico Reyes
Mr. Allan Campanero

The Committee was tasked to handle matters relating to the expected re-activation of the jai-alai and to carry out the regulatory and supervisory of GAB over jai-alai operations.

In GAB Provident Fund.....

With just about 2 years of operation starting last March 2009, the performance of GAB Provident Fund (GABPF) for CY 2010 could already be considered at high success – the highlights of this success can be gleaned in the following, to wit:

a) financial report:

The total net worth of GABPF for CY 2010 is P509,160.95, which is 126% increase from the previous year. Out of the said amount, 65.41% or P333,050.00 comes from the member's contributions. Additional funds from members amounted to P170,550.00. Net income for the said year was P181,800.18, which is broken down into: (1) 87% or P158,120.18 consisting of profit from store operations and (2) 13% or P23,680.00 consisting of interest from loans.

b) Loans granted:

A total of 158 approved loan applications were granted to GAB Provident Fund member-employees as well as to some non-member employees worth P713,963.34, which was broken down as follows: 12% or 18 new loans and 88% or 140 renewals. Highlight of the positive accomplishment of the fund was also the 118% increase in borrowing for the present year compared to the previous year. Other than monetary credits, in-kinds such as groceries and other supplies are also granted to members as part of the fund's program.

c) Membership:

Out of 152 GAB employees, 89 are bonafide members of the fund. Total shares increased by 29% from 178 to 231 from the previous year.

Income realized.....

The total income of the GAB reached P16,766,000.00 for Calendar Year 2010, exhibiting a substantial 30% increase amounting to P3,908,000.00 compared to last year's income of P12,858,000.00. Of the total income of GAB, about 72% or P12,004,000.00 comprises the

agency's Special Fund 151, while 28% or P4,761,000.00 covers the agency's General Fund 101.

These figures demonstrate the continuous patronage and interest of the general public to various professional games in the country. By and large, the Special Fund 151 of GAB amounting to P16,766,000.00 for CY 2010 exhibited an increase of 97% compared to last year's P8,508,000.00.

For General Fund 101, bulk of the income came from the payments of licenses. Increasing number of licenses is a testimony to the growing interest of many of our countrymen to professional sports, particularly boxing. This also shows how effective programs including the holding of sports seminars have nurtured the interest of enthusiasts and stakeholders. In particular, the General Fund 101 of GAB amounting to P4,761,000.00 for CY 2010 exhibited an increase of 9.4% compared to last year's P4,350,000.00

Overall, the above figures indicate the earnest efforts on the part of all GAB's personnel to fulfill their mandate in the effective supervision and regulation of professional sports in the country.