



# PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

## San Diego Chapter

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2016 is coming to an end. This year has been challenging year for our profession with various legislative measures being initiated that may negatively affect our role as laboratorians. *\*\*\*One of these is the Veterans Affairs' (VA) proposal to expand the role of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN's) to include "ordering, performing, supervising, and interpreting laboratory studies."* As of December 14, 2016, according to ASCP, the US Department of Veterans Affairs released a Final Ruling indicating that APRN's would NOT be authorized to perform and supervise laboratory testing. "It was not the VA's intent to have APRN's take over the role of laboratory specialists." This was a major issue that PAMET- USA have strictly monitored with the help of ASCP, and recently had a joint signature campaign effort to request the VA to reconsider its ruling. This was a victory for all Laboratory professionals nationwide. We thank ASCP for spearheading the effort to help protect both the Laboratory professionals and our patients most specially our veterans.

I would like to personally thank all those who supported and attended our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium last October 15, 2016 at the San Diego County Health Services Complex. We are very thankful to all the speakers. I hope you would support our 7<sup>th</sup> Symposium in 2017 as well.

Next year, we will hold our Election of New Officers of PAMET San Diego. All active members are qualified to be nominated in all positions. We will have an open nomination process. PAMET San Diego will have an Election Committee that will disseminate the nomination and election process as soon as the details become available. I encourage all of the members to participate, nominate and be nominated. The success of this organization rely on the active participation of all the members. Please be involve in the process.

Finally, from all the officers and Board of Directors of PAMET San Diego Chapter, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Better New Year to all of us. Cheers to our profession. Go PAMET Go!!!

Sincerely,

Roger Mark Lariosa  
President  
PAMET San Diego Chapter