

## Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Zamboanga Peninsula, Region IX Division of Zamboanga del Norte Dipolog City 7100



### MEMORANDUM

To

All Public Schools District Supervisors

Education Program Supervisors Elementary/Secondary School Heads

Heads of Private Schools School Paper Advisers

From:

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Subject:

2019-2020 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

Date

July 17, 2019

- 1. The Division of Zamboanga del Norte announces this year's conduct of the Division Schools Press Conference with the theme, "Strengthening Freedom of Information through Campus Journalism" on October 29-30, 2019 at Polanco I District, Poblacion Polanco, this province.
- 2. As usual, this conference shall consist of lectures, discussions, workshop sessions and various aspects of newspaper work and individual writing contests in English and Filipino of both the (elementary and secondary levels) of the eight (8) categories such as: News Writing, Copy Reading and Headline Writing, Editorial Writing, Photojournalism, Editorial Cartooning, Feature Writing, Sports Writing and Science and Health Writing.
- 3. Maximum participation as well as submission of school papers of the schools which consistently submitted tabloid or newsletters for the previous years are encouraged to keep up the good work. Those trained (English group) last April 2018 at Mibang Hotel are all expected to come up with tabloid (schools with enough funding) and only newsletters for school beginners and without enough funding. This is a MUST (Refer to inclosure no. 3 for the list of 78 newly trained school paper advisers and the corresponding elementary and secondary schools).
- 4. This conference is free of charge. Meaning, NO REGISTRATION FEE shall be collected from the participants. Therefore, the management will NO LONGER provide the participants with the following: t-shirts, kits, snacks, etc. (Purchase of t-shirts with print shall be decided later after the proclamation of winners to come up with our division uniform during the regional level). However, same amount of membership fee shall be collected, twirty pesos (P30.00) for the pupil/student journalists and (P50.00) for the school paper advisers. (Refer to inclosure no. 2 for the justification).
- 5. Everybody is expected to bring his/her own sets of bedding, and they shall be billeted at Polanco I District as well as in Polanco NHS. Specific billeting quarters will be announced later. Arrangement of the billeting quarters shall be agreed by the HOST Districts c/o Dr. Antonina D. Gallo, PSDS, Polanco I and the school principals of Polanco NHS, Isis Extension and Lingasad National High School.
- 6. Participation of teachers designated as coaches and school paper advisers shall be subject to the NO-DISRUPTION-OF-CLASSES policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2015 entitled, "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" Initiatives for make-up classes are very much appreciated. In addition, the host schools are expected to conduct Saturday classes in lieu of October 29 and 30, 2019.

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- 7. Expenses relative to the attendance of all delegates to the DSPC (travel expenses, per diem and other incidental expenses) shall be charged against school/PTCA funds and other sources EXCEPT from MOOE subject to the usual accounting, auditing rules and regulations. While travel expenses of the management team, honoraria of the speakers and judges as well as meals and snacks of the judges, working committees and the management team shall be charged to Division Funds subject to the usual accounting, auditing rules and regulations. Private schools may have their own arrangement regarding the expenses of their delegates.
- 8. Dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is highly desired.

PEDRO MELCHOR M. NATIVIDAD, Ph. D. CSEE Schools Division Superintendent

- 1. The TOP SEVEN (7) contestants in all the individual categories in the elementary and secondary levels English and Filipino (Junior and Senior High School) shall be awarded. However, only the contestants from the schools with school papers can join in the individual contests and the schools that cannot yet produce the tabloid, may just submit copies of their newsletter as passport to the individual competitions. Each participating school shall have ONLY ONE contestant per category and such contestant can compete in ONLY ONE (1) individual category. Therefore, the school paper adviser has to select the potential contestant per category and exhaust all efforts in coaching/mentoring the journalist.
- 2. As regards the individual competition, all the contests shall be done simultaneously. Lectures shall be done in their assigned examination room for each category the same thing that happened last year. Meaning, 32 contest rooms must be available for the following categories:

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Category	English	Filipino	Category	English	Filipino
News Writing	1 room	1 room	News Writing	1 room	1 room
Feature Writing	1 room	1 room	Feature Writing	1 room	1 room
Sports Writing	1 room	1 room	Sports Writing	1 room	1 room
Editorial Writing	1 room	1 room	Editorial Writing	1 room	1 room
Editorial Cartooning	1 room	1 room	Editorial Cartooning	1 room	1 room
Photojournalism	1 room	1 room	Photojournalism	1 room	1 room
Copy Reading	1 room	1 room	Copy Reading	1 room	1 room
Science and Health Writing	1 room	1 room	Science and Health Writing	1 room	1 room

- 3. For the group categories. TO FIFTEEN (15) school papers in every PAGE SECTION are entitled to awards and shall be the division entries to the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) which shall be conducted by the Regional Office. The host division will be announced later. Each participating school in group categories is expected to submit eight (8) copies of this year's issue to the division office on or before September 20, 2019. This is a MUST, so as to give ample time for the judges to peruse and to rate. It is expected that NO SCHOOL PAPERS SHALL BE SUBMITTED DURING THE START OF THE CONTEST in Liloy, considering that there are only two days set for the conference, awarding shall be done on the second day.
- 4. Arrangement of the billeting quarters must be agreed upon by Polanco I inclusive of all its high schools. If possible, each district inclusive of the secondary will stay in one or two rooms with available CRs, ventilation and enough water supply and of course, door padlocks to ensure the safety of the journalists personal belongings.
- 5. The expected arrival date of all the delegates is on October 28, 2019 (Monday). Registration shall start at 1:00 P.M. on this day. At 6:30 P.M. after dinner, all the coaches/school paper advisers are directed to join the briefing/orientation at Polanco Municipal Gymnasium.
- 6. All the coaches are expected to be present in the whole duration of the event so that they will all go home with their certificates of appearance, participation and awards.
- 7. Deadline for submission of the confirmation for participation is on or before September 1, 2019. This will be forwarded to the host districts.

### WHY IS THERE A MINIMAL MEMBERSHIP FEE OF P20.00 FOR ELEMENTARY LEVEL JOURNALIST AND P30.00 FOR THE SECONDARY LEVEL JOURNALISTS DURING THE DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)?

(During the conduct of the Regional Schools Press Conference (RSPC) the officers of the Regional School Paper Advisers' Association (RSPAA) collected P50.00 each from the journalists and P100.00 from the School Paper Advisers (SPAs).

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- This minimal amount serves as a membership fee of the journalists to the association, named, "ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS'ASSOCIATION, INC". This is for both English and Filipino (elementary and secondary levels). This association is duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) per dated: July 13, 2011
- Disbursement of the proceeds and progress report is taken care of by the ZNSPAA, Inc. officials. All these were documented and were discussed during the SOLIDARITY MEETING before the conduct of the Division Schools Press Conference annually.
- Part of the amount collected was used in the purchase of materials (e.g. kits, trophies, medals, official receipts, etc.) in instances where the exact number of participants exceeded with what we expected.
- A chunk of the amount was utilized as honorarium or professional fee to DepEd teachers tapped as speakers/lecturers because they have the expertise on specific categories. They were not allowed to receive honorarium from DepEd except for those media practitioners or outside DepEd.
- The association also took certain amount from the proceeds for the purchase of tokens for the host districts and schools during the conduct of the DSPC. Last year the association bought DVD players, in the previous years they bought electric fans, etc. as a token of gratitude.
- They also initiated their BEST PRACTICE which was the giving of incentives to the division's regional winners during the RSPC. Each individual category winner (English and Filipino) was given CASH PABAON before their departure for the NSPC - a payroll was prepared for this, exclusively intended for the journalists. Coaches were not included. These were done for three (3) consecutive years.
- The Regional Office gave P200.00 incentive for each regional winner during Dir. Borres' time, our division School Paper Advisers' Association has done this ahead and they doled out P500.00 per regional winner.
- For a tragic loss of their co-school paper advisers, specially officers, the association also took an amount for the purchase of wreath, etc.
- During the Region 9's NSPC hosting the Schools Division of Zamboanga del Norte was assigned to pick up from the airports (Ozamis & Pagadian) the regional directors of Regions IV-A, IV-B & V. The association (ZNSPAA, Inc.) donated and ordered native leis for them.
- All these were properly documented and were subjected to resolutions prepared by the association with the following officers:

President

Ellen A. Olario (Polanco NHS)

Vice President-Michael Alibangbang (Kipi Agro-Fishery HS) Secretary Luzbella G. Moay (Sergio Osmeña NHS)

Treasurer Merelyn M. Aranas (Rizal NHS), Etc.

- This year, the association plans to purchase T-shirts for the regional qualifiers after the conduct of the DSPC in Poblacion Polanco, Z.N. (if the savings would warrant).
- The remaining amount was deposited at Katipunan Bank, in the name of the Association (ZNSPAA, Inc.). (Nobody can withdraw any amount without the consent/just approval of the association and the advisers).



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# LIST OF NEWLY TRAINED SCHOOL PAPER ADVISERS (ENGLISH)

(Trained last April 26-28, 2018) at Wilbang Hotel, Dipolog City

(Note: Each trained teacher is expected to come up with school paper (tabloid or newsletter). Your school papers will be accounted. Submission of these is a MUST)

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