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Since our first Triannual Meeting in June 2025, I am pleased to share with you the progress we have made together as a Chapter. Guided by the commitment of our Board and committees, PATA Micronesia has taken meaningful steps to strengthen our foundation and move forward with renewed purpose.

Over the past three months, we have:

- Completed all legal requirements to update PATA Micronesia's nonprofit status.
- Re-opened our Guam Post Office Box mailing address.
- Advanced active management of our official PATA Micronesia websites.
- Initiated action toward establishing a Micronesia Cruise Line.
- Conducted our first training in Yap, thanks to the work of the Education Committee.
- Welcomed 16 new/renewed members through the efforts of the Membership Committee and the Chuuk Visitors Bureau.

These milestones show our collective resolve to build a stronger regional tourism network. More work still lies ahead, but with your support and participation, we are shaping a strategy to drive Micronesia's tourism recovery.

It is with great pleasure that we also welcome the following new/renewed members to our Chapter:

- **Yap State:** Esa Family Corporation – dba Bayview Hotel; 7 D Rental Company; WAAB Transportation Company – Pine Club Bar & Grill; Pacific Mission Aviation; Yap Chamber of Commerce; Manta Ray Bay Hotel & Yap Divers. I would like to acknowledge the great work of Mrs. Lourdes Aguon-Schulte who assisted our partners in Yap.
- **Guam:** Joint Region Marianas MWR Programs.
- **2026:** United Airlines.
- **Chuuk State:** Pissar Beach Resort; Blue Lagoon Resort; 7-Island Mart; Truk Stop Hotel; L5 Hotel; Rachel's Beach Resort; Airport Hotel all who are going through the formal registration/admission process.

Your membership and partnership are critical to our mission, and we look forward to the opportunities we will create together and welcome more members.

I warmly encourage all members to attend our upcoming **Second Triannual Meeting**, to be held in **Yap from October 19–21, 2025**, under the theme: **“Cultivating Connectivity.”** This theme reflects our commitment to building stronger links with our transportation partners and embracing digital connectivity with the worldwide web.

During the meeting, we will hear from United Airlines, representatives of the Micronesia Cruise Association, Kloppenburg Enterprises on ground transportation issues, and I-Boom on digital connectivity. We are especially grateful to United Airlines for extending discounted airfares for PATA Micronesia members, the Membership and Public Relations Committees for coordinating and communicating details for the upcoming meeting, and to Yap State and the YapVisitors Bureau for graciously hosting our gathering.

Together, we are writing the next chapter of Micronesia's tourism story. I thank each of you for your dedication and look forward to seeing you in Yap.

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Chairman
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