APCDA 2026 Annual Member Meeting Minutes

June 15/16, 2026

President's Welcome

Dr. Elisabeth Montgomery, APCDA President, welcomed members, and confirmed the purpose of the Annual Member Meeting. She explained how voting, chat, questions, and discussion would work. She provided a brief reflection on APCDA's 2025–2026 year, the conference success, inclusion theme, hybrid access, and member contributions.

2026 Conference Video

The 3-minute video created by the Universiti Malaya team recapping the 2026 conference was played for the attendees.

Approval of Minutes of 2025 Member Meeting

Mrs. Effrosyni (Sini) Parampota, APCDA Secretary, presented the Minutes from the 2025 Annual Member Meeting, which were moved and seconded for approval by the members body.

September 30, 2025 Financial report

Dr. Nila Urrea presented the Treasurer's report, which included last fiscal year's financial statements and information about our financial progress in the current year.

Introduction of the APCDA Leadership

The current Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Area Representatives were introduced.

President's Report

Dr. Elisabeth Montogomey mentioned highlights from the past year, which are explained in her written report.

Approval of Bylaws Changes

Each of the proposal Bylaws changes were explained and approved. This included creating a new entity responsible for CDCP (Career Development Credentialing Programs) Accreditation, a new entity called the "Circle of Wisdom" to continually engage past APCDA leaders, and changing the name of the "Country/Area Council" to "Area Council" to reflect current usage.

Nominations for the 2025-2026 Elections

Four candidates for the position of President-Elect were introduced: Mr. Baktiar Hasnan, Dr. Baixiao (Claire) Ouyang, Ms. Effrosyni (Sini) Parampota, and Mr. Bismi Saif. No new candidates identified themselves, so the election was ready to proceed.

Discussion Question: *What do you resonate with in the graphic? What would you like to change?*

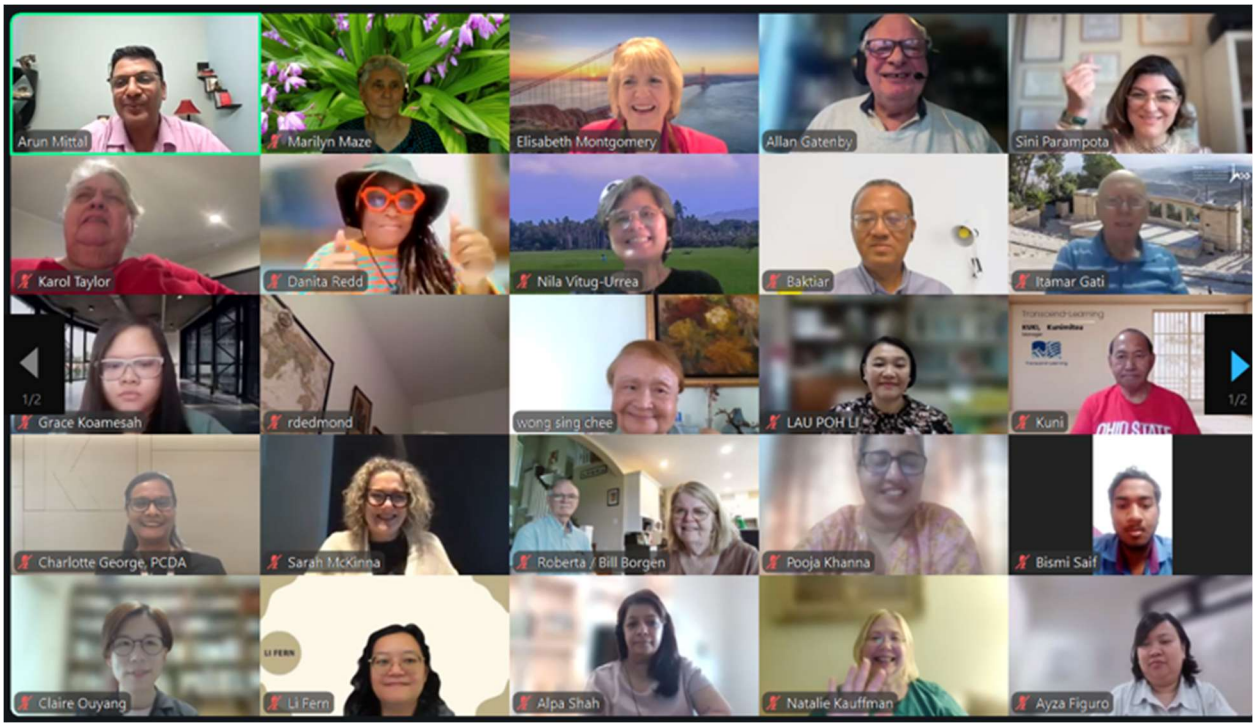
The annual Board Retreat led to a collaborative portrait that is now referred to as "APCDA DNA".



The Leadership Retreat Facilitators, Sini Parampota, Allan Gatenby and Elisabeth Montgomery, clarified the Portrait's three elements: the shared metaphor of "climbing together," the guiding statement "Connect, Reflect, Inform, Grow," and sixteen core values that define APCDA's identity and purpose. Members were requested to reflect on the graphic through discussions, and breakout groups. A dedicated online consultation session for APCDA members is scheduled for August 21, 2026 to refine our "APCDA DNA" further.

President-Elect's invitation to the 2027 Conference

Dr. Poh Li Lau, APCDA President-Elect, introduced the 2027 APCDA Conference which will be held a Temasek Polytechnic in Singapore. The first week (April 6-9, 2027) will be In-person and the second week (April 12, 14, 16, 2027) will be virtual.



Screenshot of those willing to turn on their videos.

Sini Parampota

Mrs. Effrosyni (Sini) Parampota
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