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Members of the PATA Micronesia Chapter held their first Tri-Annual meeting in Pohnpei, FSM. In attendance were representatives from the region: MIVA (Marshall Islands), MVA (CNMI), PVA (Palau), PVB (Pohnpei), KVB (Kosrae), CVB (Chuuk), and GVB (Guam). PATA Chapter Members from Guam in attendance: Mr. & Mrs. Monty McDowell-Advance Management, Jae Medina -PDN/PATA Secretary, Diane Collins-MDA, Jim Pinson-GMI Scuba Wholesale,, Pilar Laguana- GVB Marketing Manager and Regina Nedlic-Marketing Officer II.

PATA Micronesia Chapter 1st Tri-Annual Meeting in Pohnpei, F.S.M.

(Friday, April 10, 2009; Tumon, Guam) The Guam Visitors Bureau participated in the PATA Micronesia Chapter's 1st Tri-Annual meeting held in Pohnpei, FSM from March 29-31, 2009. Other chapter members from the region joined, including the Federated States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Palau Visitors Authority, Chuuk Visitors Bureau, Kosrae Visitors Bureau and Marshall Islands Visitors Authority.

Guam chapter members in attendance of the meeting included representatives from MDA Guam, Advanced Management, GMI Scuba Wholesale and GVB.

The PATA Micronesia Chapter meeting was very productive as members shared upcoming programs and promotions, including the PATA Travel Mart in September 2009, activities in April such as the Marine Dive Fair, Asia Dive Expo 2009 and Saipan's Flame Tree Festival. In addition, the chapter



discussed ways to increase membership to the organization, and maximizing each region's local products by utilizing the www.marketplace.com .

The chapter members had a brief time to take part in the activities of the Pohnpei Cultural Day Celebration after a hosted breakfast by the Pohnpei Visitors Bureau on March 31, 2009.

This was the first tri-annual meeting of the PATA Micronesia Chapter since the decision to change from quarterly to tri-annual meetings was made in December 2008. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2009 in the Marshall Islands.

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