Nomination for Regional Board Members (Region: Western Pacific)

Name of nominee	Christopher L. Malco
Name of nominating voting member	Yellow Warriors Society Philippines, Inc. (YWSP)
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Reasons for nomination (By nominating members):

Chris is one of the founders and is the current President of the Yellow Warriors Society Philippines, Inc. (YWSP). He transformed the organization from an online group named "HepBCarrierPhil" to a national organization duly recognized by the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission, promoting viral hepatitis prevention and awareness among other seven YWSP core objectives. With the initiative of Chris and the other officers, YWSP was recognized by WHA as a voting member on May 2011.

Chris advocates the use of social media in his awareness campaigns and takes advantage of this to strengthen networks and exponentially expand reach to fellow Filipinos. He believes that correct information is a key to stop new infection and achieve a healthier and more productive Philippine society devoid of discrimination against Hepatitis patients, especially in the workplace.

Experience and suitability for the role, including viral hepatitis status

(By nominee):

After he was diagnosed as a healthy hepatitis B carrier on April 2009, he immediately thought of the many others who were infected with the disease and advocated to provide moral support to fellow carriers through counselling and sharing his own experiences. Like he always says, *"Hepatitis should not be the end, but rather a beginning of our purpose. That purpose is to effect societal change by transforming mindsets"*. His resilience and faith as a Catholic helped him accept his condition and be an instrument and model of strength to other fellow carriers.

As a leader and an advocate of non-discrimination against Hepatitis B carriers, he actively participated in the drafting of the guidelines on workplace policy and program on Hepatitis B prepared by the Department of Labour and Employment which was released in 2011. Chris also spearheaded the following activities in his term as the President of YWSP:

- 1st RUN for LIVER 2012, a World Hepatitis Day Activity, 27 August 2012th
- 1st YWSP General Assembly, 18 February 2012
- LRT Information Dissemination Campaign, World Hepatitis Day, 28 July 2012

Chris is a Registered Civil Engineer and Master Plumber with 3 other professional accreditations. He is currently taking his masters degree while working full time yet ensuring that YWSP is continuously growing as an organization.