

private, non-profit membership corporation. The members -- who would be entitled to elect the directors and vote on certain fundamental policy questions -- would be either the people of the Marianas or their elected representatives in the Legislature.

A broadly-based, representative group would be designated to organize the corporation; perhaps the Marianas Political Status Commission could fill this function. This group, in consultation with the District Legislature and representatives of major segments of the Marianas society, would make the final decisions as to organization, limitations and powers of the corporation, and would draft articles of incorporation and bylaws. At the same time, the group -- with such staff or consulting assistance as might be necessary -- would take the first steps toward dealing with operational questions. It would investigate staffing and financial requirements; study the existing public lands, including present leases; negotiate for sufficient resources to accomplish the transition; and prepare initial recommendations with respect to personnel and budgets. It would consult with the United States so as to ensure a mutual understanding of the legal and operational questions involved.

Acting as incorporators, the organizers would actually charter the corporation. If it is decided that the people of the Marianas should constitute the membership,