

existing. Such an election has the advantages of providing a prompt outcome and allowing individual eligibility and enrollment problems to be resolved as they arise.

Voting by Members on Other Issues. As indicated below, we believe that the final decision regarding return of the public lands to a post-Trusteeship government of the Marianas should be made in a general vote of the membership. Perhaps there are other policy determinations of such magnitude that they should be made only by the members and not by the directors. Insofar as these issues can be identified in advance, the appropriate requirements may be made a part of the articles of incorporation. In addition, the directors may be given the power to submit other issues to the members.

Nomination of Directors. Because of the number of members and the form of election, attention must be given to the mechanism by which directors would be nominated. We believe that at least two mechanisms should be provided. A nominating committee of distinguished non-partisan citizens, chosen by the Board -- but including no members of the Board -- should be required to nominate at least two qualified candidates for each directorship. Further, any member obtaining a specified number of signatures of members residing in his district should also be recognized as a candidate. The nominating committee could be required to publish a brief biographical description of each candidate, whether nominated by the committee or by petition.