

Issues to be Considered in
Preparing Agenda for the Committees
of the Constitutional Convention of
the Northern Mariana Islands

I. Order of Briefing Papers

- A. Presentation in subject matter priority.
- B. Presentation in order from those issues that may be most easily decided to those that will require further discussion.
- C. Presentation in order from those issues that will require extensive discussion to those that will not so require.

II. Presentation of Briefing Papers

- A. Thorough review of papers by consultants.
- B. Availability of consultants to receive and pose questions about issues raised in the briefing papers.
- C. Presentation of outlines of the briefing papers by the consultants.

III. Scheduling of Discussion Raised by the Briefing Paper Topics

- A. Calendar days assigned to each briefing paper topic.
- B. Completion of a briefing paper topic with the other topics to follow in order.
- C. Construction of a general time framework within which the briefing paper topics are completed.
- D. Initial summary review of the briefing papers with subsequent detailed analysis.

IV. Public Hearings

- A. Necessity and purpose of the hearings.
- B. Number of hearings.
- C. Place of hearings.
- D. Timing of hearings.
 - 1. One early and one later in the Convention's sessions.
 - 2. One early in the Convention's sessions.
 - 3. One in the middle of the Convention's sessions.
 - 4. One late in the Convention's sessions.
- E. Relation to upcoming elections.
- F. Relation to the Committee of the Whole.

V. Minutes and Reports

- A. Necessity.
 - 1. Information to the Convention.
 - 2. Legislative history.
- B. Administration.
 - 1. Recording resources.
 - 2. Transcribing resources.

VI. Daily Agenda

- A. Daily provision to the Convention by the consultants.
- B. Review by the Committee on Organization and Procedures.

VII. Schedule of Reports to the Committee of the Whole