

SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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June 26, 1985

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Jesus T. Attao
FROM : President
2nd Constitutional Convention
SUBJECT: Request for Payment
(Delegates Honorarium)

In conformance with the Attorney General's 6/11/85 legal opinion, transmitted herewith is a request for payment for the delegates honorarium for the week of (6-18-85 thru 6-22-85).

I. NON-GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

A. Rota Delegation

- 1. Delegate Vincent Calvo: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .
- 2. Delegate Paul A. Manglona: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .

B. Tinian Delegation

- 1. Delegate William B. Nabors: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .
- 2. Delegate Estevan M. King: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .

C. Saipan Delegation

- 1. Delegate Maria T. Pangelinan: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .
- 2. Delegate Felicidad Ogunoro: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .
- 3. Delegate Lorenzo I. Guerrero: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .
- 4. Delegate Karl Reyes: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .
- 5. Delegate Ramon Villagomez: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$375.00 .

II. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

A. Tinian Delegate David M. Cing: 5 days X \$75.00/day - - - - - \$ 375.00.
Weekly Salary - - - - - \$ 261.60.
Difference of: - - - - - \$ 113.40.

TOTAL PAYMENT REQUESTED: - - - - - \$3,488.40

Your cooperation in disbursing and charging the sum against our Account No. 1711-_____ is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Herman T. Guerrero

MEMORANDUM

TO : Chairman, Pre-Convention Committee
Constitutional Convention of the Northern
Mariana Islands

FROM : Attorney General

SUBJECT: Compensation of Delegates on Weekends

DATE: 6-11-85

You have asked for our opinion whether government employees who are delegates to the Constitutional Convention are entitled to \$75 per day compensation on weekends. We believe that a delegate is entitled to \$75 per day for any day that he works and that if his government salary is insufficient to cover this amount, then the Constitutional Convention funds will have to cover the difference.

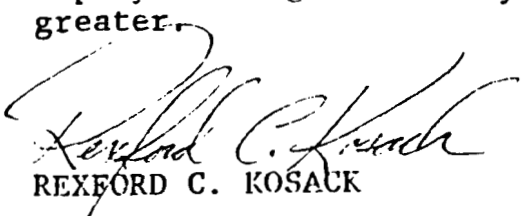
The basic principle is that all delegates are entitled to \$75 per day compensation. For appropriation and paperwork convenience, those delegates who are already receiving pay from government shall continue to receive their same compensation. The only possible problem is if their bi-weekly pay is less than they are entitled to under the \$75 per day rate. In that event, the law provides that they shall:

. . . be paid out of the funds of the Convention only the difference between their pro-rated daily salary and seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per day if their salary is less than the latter amount . . .

Section 18(a), P.L. No. 4-30.

We believe that any confusion caused in this section by the words "pro-rated daily salary" is eliminated by simply looking at the bottom line. For example, if the delegate works for 12 days in two weeks, he should receive at least \$900 in his government paycheck. If he receives \$800, he is entitled to \$100 of Constitutional Convention funds. This is true even though he receives \$80 per working day normally. Here, he is working two more days, so he is, in fact, only receiving \$66.66 per day at his government rate. The Constitutional Convention is, in effect, picking up \$8.34 per day of his pay for that bi-weekly pay period.

So, we believe the Legislature intended the limited Constitutional Convention appropriation to only pick up the difference in an employee's regular salary and a \$75 per day work rate if the latter is greater.


REXFORD C. KOSACK

Ref: AG85-052

MEMORANDUM

TO : All Department and Activity Heads

DATE: JUN 12 1985

FROM : Governor

SUBJECT: Constitutional Convention

On Tuesday, June 18, 1985, the Constitutional Convention will convene and commence its deliberations. Due to a lack of financial resources, the Constitutional Convention will operate on a very limited budget. Effective immediately, I strongly urge all of you to extend your fullest cooperation to the members of the Constitutional Convention and the Pre-Convention Committee by making the staff and resources of your respective offices available as needed. I fully realize that this request may temporarily cause inconvenience to your operations but it is a matter of utmost importance. The Constitutional Convention is an extremely important milestone in the Commonwealth's development and I, again, urge your cooperation.


PEDRO P. TENORIO