

**Post Convention Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 1995
Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Center**

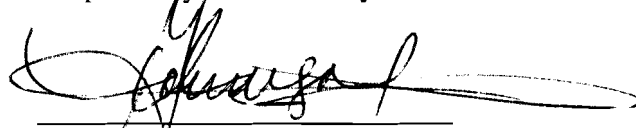
1. Call to Order -- Chair H.T. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 10:05 am
2. Ascertain Quorum -- Quorum was ascertained with all members present, in addition to Delegates M. Ada-Sirok and J.P. Villagomez.
3. Approval of 8/17/95 Minutes -- minutes was adopted unanimously w/ no changes.
4. Reports
 - a. Proposal for media public education (see attached report) -- discussion ensued about Pamela Mathis' controversial assumption that the public perceives obvious 'biasness' on the part of the Post - Convention Committee in its approach to present all the proposed amendments to the public. In her marked words, " The bottom line goal is the public does not think the Delegates should now promote or defend the proposed amendments." Members were somehow uncomfortable with this 'mere assumption' so much so that they clarified that the "understood role of this post - convention committee since the beginning is to present all of the proposed amendments to the public in as much clarity as possible without any biasness." Members clearly understand their role since the beginning and concensus was that in educating the public and presenting the proposed amendments to them, bias has no place in the work of the Post - Convention Committee and in fact, as Richard Relyea of Saipan Cable T.V. said, the word 'bias' is being used incorrectly or in the wrong context. The right word should be 'special interests', which was eventually clarified to Pamela.

Further, to the extent that the Post - Convention Committee has to publicly present its own products, it is only proper that it presents them as impartial as possible so that the public will make an informed decision on their own come election time -- this is and should be the overall goal of the Committee. After all, members plainly understand their critical role here and they do not intend to compromise the integrity of the whole public education campaign process.

b. as per the report, print media establishments made it clear that there will not be any free public education inserts in their newspapers if the Post Convention Committee will be biased in their public education approach. So far, only the Saipan Tribune has offered free inserts for all the proposed amendments and their respective analysis.

- c. for consistency and coordination, Frank Rosario, the official public information officer for the Third Convention, will continue to issue the periodic press releases.
 - d. concensus was that there will be a Press Conference next week, Tuesday, August 29, 1995 at 10:00 am on the Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Center.
5. Old Business -- none.
 6. New Business
 - I. Attachments (see attached)
 - a. Chair's August 21 letters to all news, print and radio media outlets in the CNMI requesting their pro-bono assistance, if not, quotations to help the Committee in its public education campaign efforts.
 - b. Chair's August 21, 1995 letter to Saipan Chamber of Commerce regarding an invitation to appear to discuss the proposed constitutional amendments to their members.
 - c. Chair's August 21, 1995 letter to the Governor requesting additional funding for the Post - Convention Committee's expenses in the amount of \$130,000.
 - d. Chair's August 23, 1995 letter to the Governor, which provided a summary of constitutional amendments affecting the executive branch.
 - e. August 18, 1995 letter to the publisher of Saipan Tribune regarding the Committee's public education campaign.
7. Announcements -- in order to accomodate other Delegates who want to be present at the Post Convention Committee's meetings, members decided that starting next week, Thursday, August 31, 1995, their meetings will start at 3:30 pm.
 8. Adjournment -- there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

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Attachment No. 1

1. Chair's letters of August 21, 1995 to Jeanie Kadin, General Manager of KPXP Power 99; Hans Mickleson, General Manager of KCNM/KZMI; Patrick Williams, General Manager of KRSI "Hot 98"; Patrick Murphy, General Manager of KSAI; Wayne Gamblin, General Manager of Marianas Cable Vision; Richard Relyea, General Manager of Saipan Cable TV; Abed Younis, Publisher of Marianas Variety; and Zaldy Dandan, Editor of Marianas Observer; regarding the public information campaign for the Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention.
2. Chair's letter of August 21, 1995 to Saipan Chamber of Commerce concerning invitation to Chamber meeting and to discuss of the proposed constitutional amendments to the Constitution as amended by the Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention.
3. Chair's letter of August 21 to Governor Tenorio requesting additional funding for Post Constitutional Convention Committee in the amount of \$130,000.00
4. Chair's letter of August 23 to Governor Tenorio, providing the Governor with a summary of constitutional amendments affecting the Executive Branch.
5. Pamela Mathis' letter of August 18 to Mark Broadhurst, Publisher of Saipan Tribune regarding the public information campaign for the Third Northern Mariana Islands Constitutional Convention.

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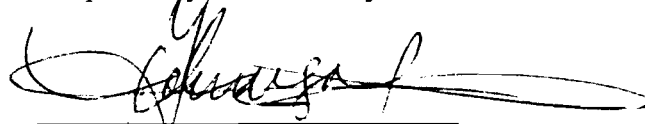
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REMARKS:

Pls. go over the attached minutes & feel free to make changes. It's best you contact me via my pager @ 236-JOHN (5646)

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