

**Post Convention Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 1995
Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Center**

1. Call to Order -- Acting Chair E.S. Fleming called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm
2. Ascertain Quorum -- Quorum was ascertained with all members present, in addition to Del. Bennet T. Seman and Del. Lillian A. Tenorio. Chair is off-island.
3. Approval of 8/31/95 Minutes -- minutes was adopted unanimously w/o changes.
4. Reports
 - a. Saipan Chamber of Commerce 9/6/95 Meeting -- Acting Chair Fleming and Post Convention Committee Members F. Nogis and T. Aldan were special guests at the Chamber's September gathering at Aqua Resort to recapitulate and briefly educate Chamber members on the proposed constitutional amendments and the unequivocal need for a special election to be provided for by the Legislature. While the membership at the meeting was low, the dialogue was successful as those in attendance were more aware of the scope of work of the Committee.
5. Old Business
 - a. Status of H.B. 9-408 in the Senate -- this bill which calls for a special election to be held six months after the upcoming November elections is still pending in the Senate, pending senate action. The scheduled senate session for this week was postponed until next week on Tuesday, 9/12 at 10 am. Apparently, there is also a senate bill to be introduced by Sen. Thomas Villagomez to provide a closer time for special election on the first Saturday of March instead of exactly six months after the November elections. The obvious unnecessary obstacle, however, is that because this bill originates from the Senate, it has to go to the House and back to the Senate, all of which takes time and which is not what we need at all in lieu of the time constraints the Committee is faced with to expedite its public education campaign program.

Del. Nogis cautioned members that before fully lobbying for H.B. 9-408 that we all know what the bill contains as it would be risky otherwise. Del. Maratita also reminded members that in lieu of the time constraints, the Committee must now aim for the upcoming November elections. Further, Del. Seman opined that regardless of whether the election for the proposed constitutional amendments is in November or March, the Committee must have an adequate and concrete plan of action for an aggressive public education campaign program right away. By having a plan of action immediately before November, we will all be ready for either the November or March elections.

b. Translation status -- the translation of the proposed constitutional amendments to Chamorro and Carolinian is another major hold-up, and which is another primary reason for the postponement of the amendment elections until months after November. The Committee decided that due to time constraints, we should all produce a simplified, laymen version of a leaflet highlighting or summarizing the proposed amendments, while keeping the ideas and substance accurate.

6. New Business

a. Counsels Willens and Siemers will be arriving on Wednesday, 9/13/95 PM.

b. Secretary Gonzales was tasked to draft a letter to the Governor for Acting Fleming's signature requesting his cooperation to notify all government departments to be ready to converge at a time, place and date the Committee will decide to be briefed on the proposed amendments. Indeed, an innovative and effective way to educate a group of voters by the mass.

c. On Tuesday, 9/12/95, KMCV has available time to have 1 hour taped programs for article by article presentations in conversational form in all three languages (Chamorro, Carolinian and English). Upon the consensus of the Committee, Sec. J. Gonzales and Del. Maratita will present in Chamorro at 8:30 am at KMCV studio with Frank Rosario being the potential host; Acting Chair E. Fleming and Del. T. Aldan will present the English version at 9:30 am with F. Rosario the host; and Del. F. Nogis and J. Lifofoi will present in Carolinian at 1 pm with Jesus Elameto being the host.

7. Announcements

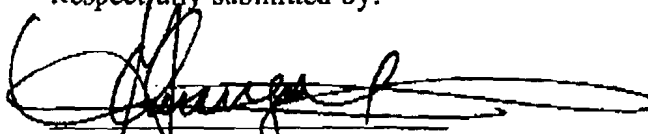
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c. Chair H. Guerrero will be returning on Sunday, 9/17/95.

8. Adjournment -- W/ no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Sec. John Oliver DLR. Gonzales
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Post ConCon Schedule of Public Meetings

Date:	Place:	Areas Covered
Oct. 3rd (Tues)	San Vicente Elementary (Mrs. M. Haberman)	San Vicente, Dandan, Fina Sisu, As Lito
Oct. 4th (Wed)	GTC Elementary	San Roque, As Matuis
Oct. 5th (Thurs)	Koblerville Elementary (Mrs. M. Adriano)	Koblerville, As Lito, As Perdido
Oct. 6th (Fri)	NMC Lounge	NMC Students and Staff
Oct. 9th (Mon)	House of Reps.	Kagman, Capital Hill
Oct. 10th (Tues)	Tanapag Elementary (George Haberman)	Tanapag, Achugao, As Mahetog
Oct. 11th (Wed)	San Antonio Elementary (Mrs. Doris Thompson)	San Antonio, Chalan Piao
Oct. 12th (Thurs)	Garapan Elementary (Mrs. Lou Mendiola)	Garapan, Navy Hill, Puerto Rico, Sadog Tasi, Gualo Rai
Oct. 13th (Fri)	CPA Conf. Rm. (Charlie Dock)	CUC, DNLR, Customs, CPA
Oct. 16th (Mon)	CPA Conf. Rm.-Charlie Dock	PWs, PSS & Others in area
Oct. 17th (Tues)	WSR Elementary (Ms. Cynthia San Nicolas)	All of CK, Susupe, Fina Sisu, Chalan Piao
Oct. 18th (Wed)	Oleai Elementary (Ms. Evelyn Manglona)	Oleai, Chalan Kiya, Chalan Laulau, Quarter Master
Oct. 19th (Thurs)	Carolinian Utt	Carolinian Affairs, CC&A
Oct. 20th (Fri)	Superior Court	DPS, All Courts, Ret. Prgm.
Oct. 23rd (Mon)	House of Representatives (House Chamber)	Administration, Finance, Leg.
Oct. 24th (Tues)	CPA Conf. Rm. (Airport)	All gov't. employees at airport area
Oct. 25th (Wed)	Tinian Elementary	All of Tinian
Oct. 26th (Thurs)	Rota Round House	All of Rota

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NOTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS

ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

THE POST-CONVENTION COMMITTEE WILL HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED BY THE THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

SAN ROQUE/AS MATUIS

Place:
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m.

TANAPAG

Place: Tanapag Elementary School
Date/Time: Wednesday, October 4 at 7 p.m.

GARAPAN

Place: Garapan Elementary School
Date/Time: Thursday, October 5 at 7 p.m.

OLEAI

Place: Oleai Elementary School
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m.

CHALAN KANOA

Place: W.S. Reyes School
Date/Time: Wednesday, October 11, at 7 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO

Place: San Antonio Elementary School
Date/Time: Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m.

KOBLERVILLE

Place: Koblerville Elementary School
Date/Time: Tuesday, October 17, at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Materials and information is available at the Post-Convention Committee offices. Call 235-0843 or fax 235-0842.