

**Post Convention Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 1995
Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Center**

1. Call to Order -- Chair H.T. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. Ascertain Quorum -- Quorum was ascertained with members T. Aldan, VChair E. Fleming, Sec. J. Gonzales, Chair H. Guerrero, and alternate M. Pierce present. Members F. Nogis, J. Quitugua, D. Maratita were absent. Counsels H. Willens and D. Siemers and J. Del Rosario were also present.
3. Approval of 8/26/95 Minutes -- 8/26 minutes was adopted unanimously.
4. Reports
 - a. Finalized Schedule for Village Meetings and Government Employees - VChair Fleming reported that the Post Convention Committee met last week on Thursday at 10 am at the office and finalized the schedule, time and place for village meetings and government employees in all three islands. The government employees will be briefed at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe and the public at their respective schools and/or villages (see attached schedule);
5. Old Business
 - a. Status of Special Elections for proposed constitutional amendments -- S.B. 9-209 which provides for a special election to be held on the first Saturday of March 1996 was passed by both houses and is now awaiting the Governor's signature. With the blessing of the Committee, counsels Willens and Siemers have been meeting and trying to convince the Attorney General's Office, the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the Governor's counsel to advise the Governor not to sign the, bill but sit on it. This means that the Committee prefers to proceed with its intensive public education campaign efforts to meet the November elections instead of March 1996, thus preventing potential opposition the extra time to amass themselves against the proposed amendments, which would otherwise be the case with the 4 extra months after November 1995.
 - b. Update on various public information efforts -- John Del Rosario, Jr. reported that the regular newspaper inserts have been in the Marianas Variety since it first came out last Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1995 with Amendment #1 and to date Amend. #5. The simplified version of the concise explanations in English (just like the newspaper inserts) have been printed and will be picked up in time for the first village meeting tonight from 7-9 pm at G.T. Camacho Elementary for northern Saipan residents. The summary for Delegates'

reference will be printed in transparency for presentations on overhead projection at village meetings and government departments' briefings.

6. New Business

a. Stiff competition for public attention – To the extent there is obvious stiff competition in attracting critical public attention in light of the simultaneous congressional elections, the Committee agreed something innovative and practical be done to get our fair share in publicity. As such, all possible approaches in infiltrating the airwaves and print media must be done such as utilizing the live call-in shows at KMCV (John Anderson Live) and Saipan Cable TV (Live Cable Forum), taped 1-hour programs on all the 19 proposed amendments in all three languages, 1-minute spots on radios on each of the 19 proposed amendments to be played continuously in between programs, the schedule of the village meetings and government departments be shown on the flipping channels at both TV stations and continuously on the newspapers, etc.

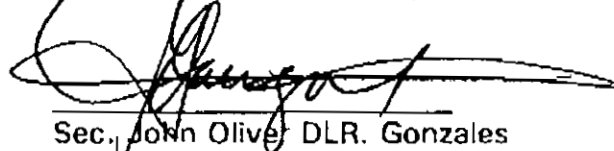
7. Announcements

a. The next meeting is Thursday, 10/5 at 9:00 am at the Office.

b. Sec. J. Gonzales, the newly recruited host for SCTV's Cable Forum, reiterated that he will be scheduling delegates to appear on the live call-in show every Tuesdays at 7:00 pm to assist in the overall public education efforts on 10/17, 10/24 and 10/31.

8. Adjournment -- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Sec. John Oliver DLR. Gonzales
(10/4/95)