

**Post Convention Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 1995
Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Center**

1. Call to Order -- Chair H.T. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.
2. Ascertain Quorum -- Quorum was ascertained with members D. Maratita, VChair E. Fleming, Sec. J. Gonzales, Chair H.T. Guerrero present. Counsels H. Willens and D. Siemers were also present.
3. Approval of 10/5/95 Minutes -- adoption of 10/5 minutes was tabled.
4. Reports
 - a. Status of Translations -- (1) the Chamorro and Carolinian translations for the ballots are all done and will be transmitted today to the Board of Elections immediately after the grammar and spelling are corrected; (2) the CNMI Constitution, along with the proposed amendments, is being proofread in Chamorro from a draft translated version.
 - b. Public Education -- (1) in light of the official deferment of the vote on the amendments until the first Saturday of March 1996 as signed into law by the Governor, the Committee decided that the news inserts shall continue until all have been published at least in English. The Committee felt it best to resume any further aggressive publications until after the November congressional elections (perhaps in January 1996) and to spread them out to maintain continuity. The reason being that public attention is focused much more on the elections and evening pocket meetings, major obstacles in attracting the public to attend village meetings in the evenings.
 - c. Others -- the President's page on the Tribune will continue and will now focus positively on the official deferment of the vote on the amendments. A major theme is for the Chair to also highlight the continued importance of our statutory duty to "educate" the public until the special elections. In addition, a theme is to also focus on urging the public to vote against Legislative Initiative No. 1 to raise the legislative budget up to \$9 million.
5. Old Business
 - a. All the scheduled village meetings and government departments are postponed pending further notification. The extremely poor attendance at our three previous village meetings is attributed to the upcoming november elections.

b. Media Spots -- a copy of Amendment #4 on tape for the 1-minute spot is ready for the Committee to view and make changes. The rest of the amendments will be taped with the other delegates speaking in all three languages. The next taping is 10/17 at 10 am at the Post Con-Con office.

6. New Business

a. The Committee ought to reserve paid ad spaces in between news and after news to ensure that we reach out to every sector of the public upon our resumption of the aggressive campaigning again early 1996.

b. A suggestion was made to borrow from both political parties all their sign billboards for the Post Convention's public education use in January urging the voters to vote "YES" on all the amendments and placed in all the 3 islands.

c. VChair Fleming will look into what crucial organizations can we best tap to educate and help in our public education efforts.

d. Budget -- figures must be provided to Chair Guerrero to request for payments in advance.

e. Counsels Willens and Siemers will draft a plan which will reflect our plans from now until January for the Committee to look at at our next meeting which is on Tuesday, 10/17 at 9 am.

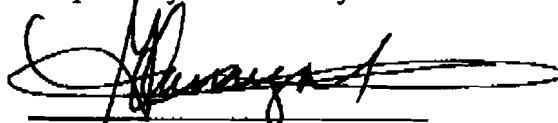
7. Announcements

a. Members were reminded about the SPJ luncheon meeting at Jade Restaurant at 11:30 am.

b. The Marianas High School NMI History Class wants the Committee to meet with them and educate them about the proposed amendments.

8. Adjournment -- There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted by:



Sec. John Oliver DLR. Gonzales
(10/16/95)