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The Post Convention Committee met on Thursday, January 11, 1996, at the Post Convention Office, Joeten DanDan Center.

Chairman Herman T. Guerrero presided and called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m. Present were Vice Chair Fleming, T. Aldan, J. Quitugua, and M. Aldan-Pierce. Also present was Ms. Guerrero, office staff and Mr. J. Diaz, Board of Elections.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 24, 1995 meeting was adopted.

REPORTS

Status of Translations: Alicia Guerrero reported to the Committee that the office has received the complete version of the Chamorro and Carolinian translations. Ms. Guerrero said that she is reviewing the Chamorro translations for consistency and will forward the package to the media for printing and inserted into the paper. With regard to the Carolinian translations, she said she is unable to proofread and will seek assistance from the delegates.

Ms. Guerrero was directed by the Chair and members of the Committee to work on the translations as soon as practical and send them to the media for immediate publication.

Village Meetings: Ms. Guerrero presented to the Committee a draft schedule of the village meetings for their review and approval. After discussion, the Committee approved the schedule and requested Ms. Guerrero to start working on announcements regarding the village meetings for publication in the media.

Government Employees Meetings: Ms. Guerrero advised the Committee that she had discussed and drafted a proposed meeting schedule for government employees and that she is working closely with the new Special Assistant for Administration on the matter and as soon as it is finalized, it will be presented to the Committee. At the same time, once the schedule is finalized, Chairman Guerrero will write a letter to the Governor

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requesting his assistance to encourage government employees to attend the scheduled meetings.

Discussion was also focused on private or individual groups and the Committee decided to contact special groups and/or other private sectors who may be interested in setting up a meeting with their employees and/or groups.

Ms. Guerrero also mentioned that under the government employees schedule, she set aside two separate days for the Public School System and the Commonwealth Health Center since these two departments will not be able to send their employees to the proposed scheduled meetings with other departments because of their responsibilities. The Committee concurred and requested Ms. Guerrero to ensure that they are included in the schedule with separate dates for them.

Television Spots: Ms. Guerrero presented to the Committee for its review and approval the proposal from Saipan Cable TV with regards to television spots. She informed the members that Mr. Ray Diaz who did the television spots shooting editing the tapes and will prepare three original sets -- one set each for the television stations and one set for the office to be presented to the Archives at the end of the Post Convention term.

Ms. Guerrero also informed the Committee that Saipan Cable offered to do other programs free of charge for the Committee assisting the Committee in every way possible in its effort to educate the voting public -- one will be in the form of appearances in the Cable Forum and Saipan Cable offered at least four spots. This will be directly handled by Mr. John Oliver Gonzales, who is also a member of the Committee. Another form of assistance will be live coverage on several occasions under the "Gasetan Chamorro" and the "Eye of the Commonwealth" program during the Sunday Nite Plus news edition. Also, Saipan Cable has offered to do a "call-in" talk show live coverage from one of our hotels, preferably to be done a couple of days before election.

After lengthy discussion by the Committee the proposal was accepted and approved by the Committee.

Radio Spots: The Committee were informed by Ms. Guerrero that KZMI/KCNM radio submitted a proposal for radio spots which was before the Committee for its consideration. At the same time, she informed the Committee that Mr. Grizzard from the radio station offered a very minimal rate for the radio spots; however, if there were additional spots to be aired, then the figure would increase accordingly and that she would have to get a new quotation from Mr. Grizzard. After a quick phone call to Mr. Grizzard,

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Ms. Guerrero informed the members that the radio spots will be not more than \$4,500 and that figure will have the same number of spots for the English, chamorro and Carolinian versions.

Members were also advised that the radio station is ready to do the first set of radio spots at 2:00 in the afternoon. Members Quitugua and Fleming will do the first set. Members Aldan and Aldan-Pierce will do their set on Friday. Additional slots will be solicited as soon as schedules are finalized with the other members and former delegates to the Convention.

Ms. Guerrero also informed the members that she has solicited proposals from Marianas Cablevision and Power 99, but has not received their proposal. She said she will follow up on the matter.

Newspaper Inserts: The Committee was informed that additional inserts in Chamorro will be continued in the media since she has just received the last batch from Dr. Inos. She also advised the members that she will begin with the English version as soon as the chamorro version is completed.

There was discussion on the Carolinian version and the Committee after deliberation on the matter, it was unanimously that the Carolinian version be included for publication. The Committee realized that it is necessary to do so in order to avoid criticisms and to be fair to the Carolinian community as well.

Other Reports: Billboards were also discussed and Ms. Guerrero informed the members that she had originally secured 20 billboards with one of the staff; however, this particular staff has resigned from his position and now she is negotiating the billboards with Mr. Attao from the Administration. She said she is confident that Mr. Attao will deliver.

OTHER REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Voter Registration Campaign: Ms. Guerrero informed the Committee that the first registration campaign started on Friday the 5th and that it will be go on for the next three

Fridays during the month of January and the last will be on the 31st since the last day for registration is February 1st. Mr. John Diaz, Executive Director for the Board of Elections, stated that the voter registration campaign is a big help to them.

Also, Mr. Diaz informed the Committee that he is ready to transmit to off-island voters campaign materials for their review before election. Ms. Guerrero informed Mr. Diaz that she has 500 copies ready for his office and that it will be delivered to him in the afternoon. Mr. Diaz questioned the cost of postage stamps and Chairman Guerrero informed him that when he is ready to mail the materials to the voters, to inform him since he has already made arrangements with the Administration to shoulder the costs of postage stamps.

Mr. Diaz also discussed about the ballot in the three languages, and after discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Diaz will color-code the ballot -- English ballot in white; chamorro ballot in light blue color and the Carolinian version in either ivory or bone color. The cost of printing the ballot was also discussed and Mr. Diaz will shop around for quotations while Ms. Guerrero will try to see if the new copier machine at the legislature can assist in the production of the ballots, thus cutting down costs.

Amendment Booklet for Distribution: Ms. Guerrero informed the Committee that there are 250 amendment booklets readily available for distribution. Another 250 copies will be available at the beginning of the week. The Committee agreed to have the Chair responsible in the distribution of the booklets and the office staff will continue to distribute to outlets the xerox copies of the amendments.

Assistance from Other Delegates: It was agreed by the members present that other delegates should be asked to attend the meeting and assist the Committee in its public education effort.

Ms. Guerrero notified the Committee that she tried to get as many delegates to attend the meeting; unfortunately, they did not show up. She said she will try again for the next scheduled meeting.

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Ms. Guerrero informed the Committee that Howard and Deanne will be arriving on Saturday, January 20th in the evening and will be available at the office on the 22nd. She also informed the Committee that the office staff has been working very closely with the counsels via phone and fax messages -- one example is the schedule of activities as prepared by the counsels and the office staff working according to schedule.

Chairman Guerrero requested the members to meet again on Tuesday, January 16th, and if there are other matters that need attention to please present them at that time.

There being no further matters to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


ALICIA DLG LEON GUERRERO
Recording Secretary