

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF GUAM

FOURTH ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

JOURNAL

Wednesday, May 18, 1977

CALL TO ORDER: At 10:15 a.m., delegate Carl T. C. Gutierrez, president of the First Constitutional Convention, called the Fourth Organizational Session of the Convention to order.

PRAYER: Delegate Judith Guthertz offered the following prayer:

"O Moses, we join the people of Israel in beseeching Thy guidance for a productive and meaningful Constitutional Convention meeting today.

Our people look to us for better self-government and a better Guam.

Thank you, O Moses, for your support and that of all the Holy men and disciples of the world.

Thank you, O Moses."

ROLL CALL: The roll was called as follows:

Present: Delegates James Underwood, Vicente Diaz, Edward Chargualaf, Jose Tuquero, Francisco Cruz, Jose Sarmiento, Jesus Quinata, Jesus Tedpahago, Donald Weakley, Thomas Crisostomo, Roque Eustaquio, Anthony Leon Guerrero, Frank Lujan, Vicente Reyes, Carl Gutierrez, Theodore Nelson, Vicente Perez, Joseph Cruz, Jesus Perez, Judith Guthertz, Felix Crisostomo, Antonio Yamashita, Mark Martinez, Steve Eichner, Prospero Zamora, Frank Guzman, Martin Benavente, Joseph Soriano, and T. Frank Flores - 29

Late: Delegates Gregorio Borja and Judith Won Pat - 2

Absent: Delegate Ernesto Natividad - 1

CORRECTION OF THE JOURNAL:

The Chair announced that the Journal of Tuesday, May 17, 1977, will be distributed at the next session.

Delegate Antonio Yamashita requested that he be granted leave of absence at yesterday's session, as he was not advised of the convening of the session.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Chair reported the receipt of two communications.

Copies of the communications having been made available to the delegates, delegate Thomas Crisostomo moved that the reading of the same be dispensed with. The motion was seconded and, without objection, carried. (See Appendices I and II).

RECESS:

Without objection the Chair declared a thirty-minute recess in order to allow the delegates to informally discuss among themselves their committee preferences.

Recess having expired, the Convention reconvened, and business was resumed.

REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

Delegate Jesus Tedpahago asked for, and was granted, unanimous consent to amend the Standing Rules to provide that the president appoint a different certifying officer than himself as treasurer.

Accordingly, delegate Tedpahago moved to amend Section 6 of Rule III to read as follows:

"Section 6. Acquisition of facilities; disbursement of funds. The treasurer shall also supervise the maintenance of the facilities and supplies needed by the Convention and; provided, however, that the president shall designate him another person to be the certifying officer with respect to disbursements of the Convention funds."

Without objection the amendment of delegate Tedpahago was adopted.

Delegate Thomas Crisostomo moved that Section 2 of Rule VIII be amended to increase the number of members of the standing committee on gubernatorial powers. He later withdrew his motion.

Delegate Antonio Yamashita moved, seconded by delegate Thomas Crisostomo, that the rules be amended to provide that each committee chairman shall set the number of members in his committee, such number to be not less than the number originally set, and that the chairmen make their report tomorrow.

Delegate Steve Eichner moved to amend the amendment to delete "committee chairman" and to insert "assistant vice president."

After considerable discussion, and in view of the objections raised, the Chair ruled that the motion to amend was out of order.

Delegate Jesus L. Perez then rose to place on notice that he intends to submit a proposal to the effect that the standing committees shall be composed of not less than three (3) nor more than eight (8) members. The Chair advised that his intention is noted.

Delegate Vicente Perez moved that in the recruitment of employment personnel for messengers and other minimal positions needed for the operation of the Convention, the positions be apportioned among the various high schools. The Chair, however, did not recognize the motion, ruling that such is the function of the executive committee.

Delegate Mark Martinez moved that the next organizational meeting be Monday, May 23, 1977, at a time no sooner than 10:00 a.m., the place to be designated by the president and that his proposal on the composition of the various standing committees be placed on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Delegate Judith Guthertz.

After discussion on the motion, and upon the question being put, the same was carried.

Delegate James H. Underwood asked for, and was granted, unanimous consent to amend Rule XV, Section 3, by deleting the word "Convention" in order to allow five calendar days notice, instead of Convention days, for a motion to amend the Standing Rules.

ADJOURNMENT:

Delegate Prospero Zamora moved that the Convention adjourn until Monday, May 23, 1977, at a time and place to be designated by the president. The motion being put, the same was carried, whereupon the Chair declared the session adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary (Temporary)

APPROVED:

*Carl T. C. Gutierrez*

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President