

## SECOND DAY

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

### CALL TO ORDER

**President Killion** called the Fourth FSM Constitutional Convention to order at 10:31 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

**President Killion:** May we have a silent of prayer before we proceed.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

### ROLL CALL

Chief Clerk Wichep called the roll,

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** Mr. President, 23 delegates are present.

**President Killion:** Thank you! Delegate Saimon has a valid excuse/reason and he will be joining us later as requested. So moving on, on item number 4, Adoption of the Journal.

### ADOPTION OF JOURNAL

Floor Leader Yatilman: Mr. President, can I ask for a short recess?

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 10:35 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

### RECESS

The Convention reconvened at 10:38 a.m.

**President Killion:** May I ask Floor Leader to make a motion.

**Floor Leader Yatilman:** Thank you Mr. President, I move that we dispense with the reading of the Journal.

**Delegate Martin:** Second.

**President Killion:** It has been moved and seconded that we suspend the reading of the journal. Motion carried. Item 5, Communications

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** Mr. President, there are no Communications.

**President Killion:** Item 6, Unfinished Business

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 7, Reports of Committees

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 8, First Reading of Committee Proposals

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 9, Second Reading of Committee Proposals

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 9, Final Reading of Constitutional Amendments

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 11, Consideration of Resolutions

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 12, Introduction of Delegate Proposals and Resolutions

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 13, Special Orders

**Chief Clerk Wichep:** None Mr. President

**President Killion:** Item 14 Any Miscellaneous business?

**Floor Leader Yatilman:** Mr. President!

**President Killion:** Yes Floor Leader.

**Floor Leader Yatilman:** Mr. President, I move for recess subject to the call of the Chair.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 10:51 a.m., subject to the call of the Chair

## **RECESS**

The Convention reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

**President Killion:** Okay! Session is now back after our short recess. Now, Floor Leader.

**Floor Leader Yatilman:** Thank you very much Mr. President. And did I understand that you want me to read out the different Committees, right? Or withdraw my motion? Okay, I withdraw my motion Mr. President.

**President Killion:** We're on Miscellaneous so we can move on and for the record, I am going to read out the names and of course the membership of Committees. The Committee on Civil Liberty, the members are Delegate Noket, Delegate Bossy, Delegate Fritz, Delegate Kanto, Delegate Mori, Delegate Naich, Delegate Yatilman, Delegate Albert as Chairman, Delegate Saimon, Delegate Susaia, Delegate Iso Nahnken Iriarte, Delegate Palsis, and Delegate Sigrah. For the Committee on Finance and Revenue, Delegate Noket, Delegate Sitan as Chairman, Delegate Samo, Delegate Fritz, Delegate Hashiguchi, Delegate Choor, Delegate Yatilman, Delegate Susaia, Delegate Iso Nahnken Iriarte, Delegate Cantero, Delegate Palsis, and Delegate Asher. Committee on Government Structures and Functions are Delegate Sitan, Delegate Samo, Delegate Hashiguchi, Delegate Bossy, Delegate Naich, Delegate Nabeyan as Chairman, Delegate Susaia, Delegate Cantero, Delegate Martin, Delegate Liwy, Delegate Palsis, and Delegate Sigrah. On the Committee on General Provision, Delegate Mori, Delegate Samo, Delegate Fritz, Delegate Kanto, Delegate Takesy, Delegate Choor, Delegate Nabeyan, Delegate Iso Nahnken Iriarte, Delegate Saimon, Delegate Martin, Delegate Liwy, Delegate Sigrah Madam as Chairwoman, and Delegate Asher. And the last Committee on Style and Arrangement, Delegate Noket, Delegate Naich, Delegate Choor, Delegate Saimon as Chairman, Delegate Albert, Delegate Asher, Delegate Takesy, and Delegate Mori. And again as I said the official listing has already been distributed and we're in compliance to the Rule. Yeah, Delegate Saimon..

**Delegate Saimon:** Thank you Mr. President. First I'd like the record to recognize that I did come in today. I apologize that I had a prior engagement in which I did speak with the President last night. In addition to that, since this is the official document for the listing of membership of the Committees, I see my name at three different places. It should be SA "Salomon" not SO. Just for the record. "SALOMON."

**President Killion:** Thank you! It shall be noted and sorry about that. It's going to be corrected. But again, as I was saying earlier Mr. Saimon, you are excused and thank you for coming back.

**Delegate Palsis:** Thank you! I heard the placement of the membership in your Committees and I happened to run into two different names. Under Civil Liberty, number 12 is Canny. In the other two Committees, there's an E added. The correct spelling is "CANNEY". So I just want to make sure that I don't get evicted when I sit in for Liberty because the spelling for my name under Liberty Committee is a name change without a court order. So if that can be corrected to reflect the legal name, I would ask that proper amendment can be made just so that I can officially be seated in that Committee.

**President Killion:** Thank you very much Delegate Palsis. That shall be noted and taken care of.

**Delegate Noket:** Also on that line on Style and Arrangement Committee, some of the names are just first names but the others they have all last names except the Style and Arrangement. And this is for official record, I would like to put the last names also on Naich, Camillo, Johnson, Takesy, and maybe some of them are mixed up, they have last name but no first name. So this is a little bit confusing. May I ask that because of the official record, it should be changed.

**President Killion:** Thank you very much Delegate Noket. Your comments are well taken so they will be reflected in the records for the right first names and last names.

**Delegate Noket:** Also on the General Provision item five, I don't know this person "Asterion Takesy." Who is this Asterion Takesy, another Delegate or ?

**President Killion:** I can assure you there is none. There is only Asterio! That is the only Delegate Asterio. May be there's one out there but .... So it shall be recorded as corrected.

**Delegate Mori:** Thank you Mr. President. Good Morning President and fellow Delegates. Just on the official listing on the Committees, I believe this was just an oversight but on the Committee of Civil Liberties, Delegate Mori, myself is no longer on this Committee otherwise we six on Civil Liberties and on the Finance Committee, Mr. Marcus Samo is no longer on that Committee as for the changes made earlier. Also on Styling Arrangement, Delegate Mori, myself, I'm no longer on that Committee but I've asked that Delegate Hashiguchi should be included.

**President Killion:** Thank you Delegate Mori. Those changes or corrections, modifications are noted and shall be reflected in this listing.

**Delegate Hashiguchi:** Thank you Mr. President! So on the Committee on Finance, the number is 14 so we delete one, right? So we comply with the requirements up to 13 members?

**President Killion:** Yeah.

**Delegate Hashiguchi:** So since the shortage of one member of Style and Arrangement, I requested that I will be added on. It's only eight members.

**President Killion:** Yeah! Again on the Committee on Finance and Revenue as noted earlier, Cindy Mori's name was deleted so we have 13 rather than 14.

**Delegate Sitan:** May I ask for a short recess, please?

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 12:00 pm, subject to the call of the Chair.

The Convention reconvened at 12:40 noon.

**President Killion:** The Convention comes to order again. Before we took a recess, there was a motion to recess so maybe Floor Leader can qualify that further so there will be no problems for the record. And during the preceding session, I had read out the names of delegates in each of the five committees so we realized that there were some technical errors and after consultations with the various delegations' chairperson, we now have a more-less corrected revised listing. I wish I can read you the minutes and a final hardcopy of that will be distributed by tomorrow's session. For Civil Liberties and Traditions from Chuuk Delegation, Delegate Noket, Delegate Bossy, Delegate Fritz, Delegate Kanto and Delegate Naich. For Kosrae, Delegate Palsis and Delegate Sigrah. For Pohnpei State, Delegate Saimon, Delegate Susaia, Delegate Iso Nahnkin Iriarte and Delegate Albert as the Chair of that Committee. And from Yap, Delegate Yatilman and Delegate Nabeyan.

Committee of Finance and Revenue. From Chuuk, Delegate Noket, Delegate Sitan as Chairman, Delegate Mori, Delegate Fritz and Delegate Hashiguchi. Kosrae State, Delegate Palsis and Delegate Asher. Pohnpei State, Delegate Liwy, Delegate Cantero, Delegate Martin and Delegate Susaia. From Yap State, Delegate Choor and Delegate Yatilman.

Committee on Government Structure and Functions. From Chuuk State, Delegate Sitan, Delegate Samo, Delegate Hashiguchi, Delegate Naich and Delegate Bossy. Kosrae State, Delegate Palsis and Delegate Sigrah. From Pohnpei State, Delegate Susaia, Delegate Cantero, Delegate Martin and Delegate Liwy. From Yap State, Delegate Nabeyan as Chair of the Committee and Delegate Yatilman.

Committee on General Provisions. From Chuuk, Delegate Fritz, Delegate Samo, Delegate Kanto, Delegate Mori and Delegate Takesy. Kosrae State, Delegate Sigrah as Chairperson and Delegate Asher. Pohnpei State, Delegate Iso Nahnkin Iriarte, Delegate Saimon, Delegate Martin and Delegate Liwy. From Yap State, Delegate Choor and Delegate Nabeyan.

And lastly, Committee on Style and Arrangement. From Chuuk, Delegate Noket, Delegate Naich, Delegate Takesy and Delegate Hashiguchi. From Kosrae State, Delegate Asher. Pohnpei State, Delegate Saimon as Chair of that Committee, Delegate Albert and Delegate Cantero. From Yap State, Delegate Choor.

And as I said, this is a revision or correction of what had read in earlier session, so these are the Committee Members as well as Chairman or Committee Chairperson as per our Rules. The Committee will get together and elect or select Vice Chair of each of those Committees. The schedules of hearings and meetings of each of the Committees have been made and will be distributed by tomorrow morning so all the Committees will know your schedules. So that's all the information and that should suffice to resolve that issue. Thank you! Any Comments?

**Delegate Sitan:** Yeah, Mr. President. I move that we accept the things you just said. In addition, I also want to ensure that we also delete the previous announcements on Committees and all the other technical adjustments that we discussed before to be struck from the Journal. I so move.

**Delegate Mori:** Second.

**President Killion:** It's been moved and seconded that the motion has proposed by Delegate Sitan. Any discussions? If no discussion, all those in favor say Aye. Opposed say No, Motion carried. Any other matters on Miscellaneous? Yes, Delegate Takesy.

**Delegate Takesy:** Thank you Mr. President. Mr. President, I took the floor to beg the indulgence of this Convention to allow me to insert for the record of yesterday the name of my spouse, Christina Takesy. She had to leave at lunch time because she is diabetic so she couldn't stay through. So I did not introduce her in time. I'm asking you this Mr. President; if it could not be corrected, the Convention could be charged with a broken marriage. Thank you very much.

**President Killion:** Thank you very much Delegate Takesy. It shall be noted in the record. Any other ?

**Delegate Mori:** Mr. President?

**President Killion:** Yes. Delegate Mori.

**Delegate Mori:** Thank you Mr. President. Under Miscellaneous I apologize in advance if it is a minor issue but .... Are these our regular name plates from the Convention?

**President Killion:** The names? Yeah. Any answer to that? Yeah it should be, unless you have change. Yeah, Delegate Cantero.

**Delegate Cantero:** Will it be okay to defer to Secretary to answer the question?

**Delegate Fritz:** Mr. President, may we have a short recess please?

**President Killion:** Thank you Delegate Fritz. A short recess is declared, subject to the call of the Chair.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 1:24 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair..

## **RECESS**

The Convention reconvened at 1:29 p.m.

**President Killion:** So now we go back to business. Any other matters? If not, we go to item 15 Announcements.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Killion:** Any announcements?

**Delegate Sitan:** Mr. President.

**President Killion:** Yes. Delegate Sitan.

**Delegate Sitan:** I'm speaking on behalf of all the Committees as we met and we all decided that starting today at 2:30 p.m. Finance Committee will meet at the Public Hearing Room behind the Congress Office Building. At 2:50 p.m. will be the Committee on Government and Structure, 3:10 p.m. will be the Committee on General Provision, 3:50 p.m. will be Civil Liberties and 4:10 p.m. will be Style and Arrangement, just in time for sakau. And the purpose of this meeting is for organizing ourselves and we will allot 20 minutes for each Committee to organize, so by tomorrow when we meet, we will announce the organization of the Committees. Thank you very much.

**President Killion:** Thank you very much Chairman Sitan. Any more announcements?

**Delegate Albert:** Mr. President.

**President Killion:** Yes Delegate Albert.

**Delegate Albert:** Yes, for the Styles I believe Mr. Salomon is the Chairman for it and I'm also a member. But for the Civil Liberties Committee, may I ask that members meet tomorrow at 9 a.m. before the session, better than coming at 3 p.m.?

**Delegate Sitan:** Mr. President, may I ask for a short recess please?

**President Killion:** Short recess is declared, subject to the call of the Chair.

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 1:30 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.

The Convention reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

**President Killion:** Now we're back to session, Floor Leader?

**Floor Leader Yatilman:** Thank you very much Mr. President, I move that the Convention stands in recess until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m..

**Delegate Fritz:** Second.

**President Killion:** It has been moved and seconded that the Convention stands in recess until tomorrow at 10 a.m. All those in favor say Aye. Opposed say No, Motion carried to recess until tomorrow at 10 a.m.,

President Killion declared the Convention recessed at 1:36 p.m. until 10 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2020.