

Verification was needed on certain points, but the preliminary opinion pointed to the need for more clearly defined guidelines balancing the freedom of expression of civil servants and their obligation to conduct themselves in a political neutral manner.

V. Publications

The draft booklets on the various sections of the Constitution received from the Secretariat had been reviewed and were being edited. The editing of the fourth booklet involved separating the four headings out into separate booklets as each area should stand on its own, thus there would likely be a total of eight booklets in the series. However, funding for the publications was an issue.

VI. Budget

This was an issue of great concern as the budget allocation for each Commission had never been clearly defined. Members would meet with the Secretariat to discuss the current budget cuts and reduction in staff and its implications to the Commission work.

VII. Logo/Letterheading

This item was added to the list of outstanding business. The Commission was pleased with the heading created by GIS for the website and would investigate whether this could be modified to create a digital letterhead and a logo for the publications.

4. New Business

Correspondence had been received and responded to from the UN Decolonization Committee regarding its 2011 Caribbean Regional Seminar to be held for three days in the second half of May. Details of the specific topic for the paper to be presented by the Constitutional Commission had not yet been agreed. Also the exact date and venue had not been fixed.

5. Any Other Business

6. Action List

- i. The Chairman will arrange a meeting with the Manager of the Secretariat, hopefully for next Tuesday, 5th April to discuss budget and other issues, including whether the Secretariat would remain at the Smith Road Centre.
- ii. The Chairman will call the MLA's and confirm attendance at the district meetings.
- iii. Member, Wil Pineau, to contact GIS regarding press release and attendance at district meetings. Also to discuss logo and letterhead and publication of booklets.
- iv. Member, Wil Pineau, to confirm with the Secretariat the logistics for each venue to ensure that the PA system, projector and screen were all accessible and operational.
- v. Member, Julene Banks, to draft minutes and follow through with amendments to the numbering of the previous minutes for 2011 and the correction of the date for the minutes of the 7th November, 2010.
- vi. Member, Julene Banks, to draft Thank You letter to UCCI
- vii. Member, Julene Banks, to complete the opinion on the rights of civil servants to engage in political activities.

7. Items to be Discussed at the Next Meeting

- i. Feedback from first district meeting
- ii. Attendance at UN Caribbean Regional Seminar in May
- iii. Publications

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 12th April, 2011. Venue to be decided.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Pastor Al Ebanks

Chairman
Constitutional Commission

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