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SPECIAL ISSUE Dedicated to the Amendments Assembly and Summer Family Activity

Historic Mori Family Amendments Assembly

The President of the Mori Family International Board of Directors, Bienvenido Caraballo Mori, deemed as "historical" the Amendments Assembly held on Sunday, 23 July 2017 in the Community Center of El Naranjo in Yauco, Puerto Rico

The Assembly began at 11:30 a.m. by stating that the actual regulations approved in 1996 do not require a minimum quorum for assemblies. The President indicates that this is one of the issues that will be considered in the amendments that were circulated. The Vice President, Angel A. (Tony) Mori, explains that since that is the regulatory situation, the quorum shall be established with the 30 members that are present. At the end assembly, 71 persons had been registered as attending.

Caraballo Mori informs that this Extraordinary Assembly had been convened since last May by means of regular mail sent to the address in our books and also by e-mail. It was also announced in our monthly bulletin and in both our electronic page www.familia-mori-internacional.com and in our Facebook page. During all this time we have been urging members to attend.

Tony Mori proposes that the President make a report on the amendments circulated to our members so as to clarify any doubts that may arise. After the explanation, the motion for adoption of the amendments would be presented. The President informed that the previous Board of Directors of our organization had appointed an Amendments Committee at its ordinary meeting on June 7, 2015. The Committee was officially composed of the following members: Ángel A. Mori Rodríguez (President), Bienvenido Caraballo Mori (Editor), Roberto Mori González (Editor), Livia R. Ortiz Mori, José Lito Velázquez Padilla, Nancy Pacheco Mori and Eneida A. García Quiñones.

The Amendments Committee met on four (4) occasions and, in November 2015, submitted a written report to the Board of Directors. An amendments draft was circulated to MFI members at the Annual Meeting # 22 on 4 September 2016. Members were subsequently notified that the period for submitting amendments to the document would be 31 May 2017. No suggestions for changes to the amendments were received.

The President explained that 21 years have elapsed since the first Regulations were approved in 1996 but some pending issues had not been attended. He added that "we now have a mature organization and the current historical context is different than that when the MFI was founded and the regulation was approved".

Among the main amendments circulated are the following:

- 1) Summer and Christmas activities – to include in the Regulations what has been the practice of celebrating two "family big get-togethers" preferably in the Summer and during the Christmas period.
- 2) Amendments to the Regulation – that a minimum of two-thirds of the total of votes be required to amend our Regulations instead of 75%.
- 3) Annual Assembly – that it may be held in some place other than Yauco, when so agreed by the Assembly duly assembled.
- 4) Convocations - to the Annual or Extraordinary Assembly must be circulated in time and signed by the President and the Secretary of the Board.
- 5) Quorum - The quorum of the Annual or Extraordinary Assemblies and of the Board shall be more than 50% of the members. Provided that if, at the time set for the meeting, this quorum is not present, a recess will be decreed for a waiting time of 30 minutes. After this period the members present will constitute the quorum. In the case of the Board of Directors, it is provided that at least 5 members must be present to constitute a quorum.
- 6) Annual Reports - The Annual Reports of the Board to the Assembly shall be in writing and may be circulated in advance.
- 7) Board positions - The number of members of the Board to be increased from 9 to 13. The Communicator and the Historian would be two separate posts plus two additional at-large members.
- 8) Terms of the Board - The terms of the officers of the Board shall be for 3 years. In the case of the at-large members, it will be for 2 years.
- 9) The responsibilities, duties and rights of the Assembly, the Board, elected officials and members are defined.
- 10) It shall be the responsibility of the Board to appoint the MFI representatives outside of P.R.
- 11) New Articles: Preamble, Heritage, Separability, Dissolution, and Parliamentary Authority. There are other proposals that appear in the document circulated to the members.

Following the explanation given by the Chairman, the Vice-President, Ángel A. Mori Rodríguez, moved that the amendments proposed and circulated by the Board of Directors, be approved. Marta Eva Mori Galarza and other members of the Assembly seconded it. The President then asks if there is any opposition to the motion. Since there was no opposition, the motion was submitted to a vote. The amendments were approved as circulated by a unanimous vote. No one abstained.

Caraballo Mori informs that the Editorial Committee composed by Roberto Mori, Lisa Mori and himself will produce an edited version of the new document and present it to the Board before it is distributed to all MFI members.

Cheerful and Packed Mori Family Summer Get-Together for 2017

This year the Summer Activity was planned to be held the same day as the Amendments Assembly. After the Assembly was concluded, the traditional Mori Summer family get-together started when lunch was served. The menu was a real feast: to the rice with pigeons peas and Nancy's *pasteles*, we added some other rice plates, fried pork and chicken, Yolanda's meatloaf, BBQ'd hotdogs and hamburgers, various salads, yams, meat pies, corn fritters (*sorullitos*), cold cuts, cheeses, breads, and a variety of desserts, not forgetting the various liquids to help swallow all of the above. In short, a true Corsican *fratellanza*, Puerto Rican style, of course, took place.

To this must be added the environment provided by a magnificent musical ensemble from El Naranjo, which put almost everyone to dance and to sing including a pair of singers that are part of the family.

As a bonus, a group of descendants of the Mori Patriarch residing in the United States joined the Assembly and the celebration: 45 members of the Pacheco-Mori family of El Naranjo, composed of Mori descendants of the 5th and 6th generational levels of Francisco Antonio Mori Román (1867-1904), son of the Patriarch. We also received a written message from Hawaii Mori relatives that Eva Mori read (and translated) with much emotion.

There were also the traditional draws of shirts and toys that always give a special touch to the celebration. Celebration that the torrential rain could not discourage and that only saw its end when the afternoon was already over.

Some people say that a photo is worth a thousand words, and then here we leave the best proof, of both the Assembly and the party. If you went, look for your photo! (*Refers to a photo collage in the original bulletin*).