

## 2nd Regular Board Meeting: CY 2003

The 2nd FSM Social Security Regular Board Meeting for CY 2003 took place on the island of Kosrae from April 29 to 30. Present at the meeting were chairman of the board and representative of Yap, Charles Chieng; vice-chairman and representative of Pohnpei, Lt. Governor Jack E. Yakana; Nahoy G. Selifis, present as the at-large member from the national government; Bernes Reselap, the board member from Chuuk; and Alexander Narruhn, the FSMSS Administrator serving as the ex-officio member. Dernista Capelle, the FSMSS Deputy Administrator also joined the meeting. Pursuant to 53 FSMC 703, all claimants whose applications are denied by



the FSMSSA or their previously authorized benefits have been reduced or stopped by the FSMSSA, have the right to appeal such decisions to the board within 60 days of the date of application denial or the issuance of a notice that benefits will be reduced or stopped. For this reason, the board meetings alternate between the four states to separately attend to the appeal cases of each state. Therefore, the 2nd Regular Board Meeting took place on Kosrae so the board could address the appeal cases from that state. The board meeting was a success in that the trustees were able to attend to and to resolve the appeal cases that arose from the state of Kosrae.