Page 4 EXPRESS Monday, December 11, 1995

New format for Panorama next year.

At a meeting of Pan Trinbago to discuss plans for 1996 Panorama at the Naparima Bowl, San Fernando yesterday, president Owen Serrette said the organisation had decided to eliminate the North/East and South/Central zonal finals.

In addition the organisation also decided to move the national semifinals from the Thursday before Carnival to the Sunday immediately following the preliminaries.

In 1996 therefore, preliminaries will start on February 3 in San Fernando, February 4 in Port of Spain and February 6 in Tobago.

The national semi-finals will be held on February 11 and the national finals on February 17.

He said the issue of transportation and payment for panmen also came up and will be discussed at the NCC level.

Serrette NCC chairman Roy Augustus had also indicated that a Panorama management committee comprising Pan Trinbago members and NCC officials will be put in place and will be given the authority to make decisions on behalf of the NCC. It will be chaired by former president Arnim Smith.