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AFN challenges 1991

Even though the theme of the 1985 AFN Convention, "Alaska Natives: Challenging the Future," was to center on education, the challenge was really 1991 and the AFN amendments that affect that year. The eight amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act that were approved at the AFN Special Convention in March were cleaned up and refined during the three day convention held from October 24th to the 26th at Anchorage's Egan Convention Center. The amendments will now be presented to

the U.S. Congress for approval.
Basically, the 1991 amendments are financial options for the regional and village corporations. When and if the amendments are approved by Congress, it will be up to each corporation to decide which option is in the best interests of its shareholders.

The final amendments are the

(1) All major issues before a corporation, such as mergers or large asset transfers, must be decided by a vote of the shareholders;
(2) Unless shareholders vote

otherwise, the present ban on the selling of the stock would continue after 1991;

(3) If the shareholders did vote to sell their stock then the corporation could buy that stock if it wanted to do so;

(4) A corporation could issue stock to those Natives born after 1971 (when ANCSA took effect) and issue stock with special benefits to elders;

(5) Stock could not be transferred to non-Natives for any rea-

(6) All descendants of Natives who inherit stock may vote those shares regardless of their blood quantum. At the present time, only shareholders of one-quarter



IN FINE FORM-The talented Stebbins Dancers entertained the 1200 delegates at the AFN Convention.

Native blood have voting rights;

(7) All corporation lands would automatically be placed in the Alaska Land Bank Program. This program keeps lands tax-free so long as they are undeveloped and protects them from creditors and trespassers;

(8) A Native corporation could decide to transfer its land to another entity having only Native members. Another entity could

be a land trust, non-profit corporation or an IRA or traditional council.

A major decision at the convention was to limit "dissenter's rights" to only two of the amendments: the transfer of land to another Native entity and the sale of stock to non-Natives. Dissenter's rights allow shareholders who disagree with the corporation's dec-

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Five directors elected



WHERE IS JULIA CHILD WHEN YOU NEED HER? - Suzanne Fagerstrom, Helen Bell and Myrtle Johnson experience the joy of cooking for the BSNC potluck. At least 50 cooks prepared dishes for the well attended event organized by Catherine

'On behalf of the 6,500 shareholders of Bering Straits Native Corporation, I would like to welcome Rose Ann Timbers of Solomon and Percy Nayokpuk of Shishmaref as the newest members of our board of directors," said BS NC President Henry Ivanoff." "We look forward to the contributions they will make to the corp-

Timbers and Nayokpuk were elected to the 15 member regional corporation board at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held in Nome on November 2nd. Re-elected to the board were Lonnie O'Connor and Thomas Johnson of Sitnasuak as well as Charles Johnson of White Mountain. The five officially began their 3 year terms at a reorganizational meeting held immediately after the annual

The Bering Straits Board of Directors also unanimously elected the same officers that have served since July 1st of this year. They are Henry Ivanoff, president; Lon-



A BUDDING DANCER-Taglanaq of Stebbins.

nie O'Connor, chairman; Paul Johnson, 1st vice president; Carolyn Michels, secretary; Blanche Walters, treasurer; Thomas Johnson, assistant secretary/treasurer; and John Pullock, sargeant-at-arms. The remaining directors are Frances Degnan, June Degnan, Charles Johnson, Percy Nayok-puk, Vernon Olson, Rose Ann Timbers and George Walters.



CAUGHT IN THOUGHT AT AFN-Jenny Alowa of Savoonga, Charlie Henry of Koyuk and Henry Oyoumick of Unalakleet at a meeting of the Bering Straits region delegates.

ision in either of these two areas to demand that a corporation buy out their stock.

Overall, this year's AFN Convention united all the Native interest groups. At one point it was rumored that the Association of Village Council Presidents (AV CP) from the Bethel area were going to pull out of AFN. That rumor died when AVCP announced that it had no intention to with-

UTA Chairman Charlie Kairaiuak addressed the delegates say-'That unity is the only thing that will make us effective with Congress and President Reagan. The tribal governments and village corporations can work with each other. Natives are fighting and suing each other. These internal battles are forcing people to forget their nativeness. The only reason why AFN, ANCSA and UTA exist is because of the Native peo-

In conclusion, Kairaiuak called for a definition of the roles of the tribal governments and village corporations, "If the corporate and tribal issues are not cleared up we will lose everything. The ones

who win will be the ones who we fear the most-the lawyers.

Hans Pavia-Rosing, president of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference pointed out that, "Alaska is the only part of the world where a land claims act passed. The world is looking at you."

He further commented that the ICC-sponsored Alaska Native Review Commission Report conducted and written by Thomas Berger provided assistance in evaluating ANCSA and could be used as an aid by Alaska Natives and the world alike.

The final show of unity came at the end of the convention when the delegates decided to elect cochairman of AFN. Oliver Leavitt, vice president of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation and Glenn Fredericks, president of the Kuskokwim Corporation were both selected by the 1,200 delegates to represent AFN as chairman. Even though Leavitt could have easily won the election based on the vote total, the delegates felt it was important to have the villages represented by Fredericks. Before the final vote tally was announced, the delegates approved a change to create a co-chairmanship. The AFN board must approve this change.



NOW THAT'S FUNNY-Leora Kenick, Paul Johnson, B.J. Hoogendorn and BSNC President Henry Ivanoff yuck it up at the AFN Convention.

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Election results



ELECTION JUDGES Ron Engstrom, Bill Ullrich and Ralph Combs.

The shareholders of Bering Straits Native Corporation are grateful to Bill Ullrich, Ron Engstrom and Ralph Combs for serving as election judges at the 1985 Annual Meeting.

The following is the "Final Report of the Election Judges":

We, the undersigned, having served as election judges for the Annual Shareholder's Meeting of Bering Straits Native Corporation held on the 2nd day of November 1985, do make this our final report.

1. There were 629,742.4762 shares of stock entitled to vote at said

meeting.

2. There were 356,535.9503 shares entitled to vote present or represented by proxy at the meeting. This was 56.6% of the total stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting.

The following are the results of the balloting: Approval of total fees and per diem paid to the Board of Directors during the 12 months ending June 30, 1985 in the amount of \$51,

FOR: 274,018.6581 AGAINST: 73,986.8948

Approval of selection of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company as BSNC's independent accountant's:

FOR: 317,536.0415 AGAINST: 30,469.9084

The five directors that will serve three year terms were elected on the first ballot. The results of the election are shown here. The winner's names are in capital letters.

Gwen Anagick	125,698.8489
Charles O. Degnan	156,213.6424
Suzanne K. Fagerstrom	119,463.9895
CHARLES H. JOHNSON	279,388.1849
THOMAS JOHNSON	221,089.5915
PERCY NAYOKPUK	231,020.7665
LONNIE O'CONNOR	255,244.9505
Charles F. Soxie	129,030.5338
ROSE ANN TIMBERS	234,822.2282
Write-in vote total	35,293.0080
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Total Vote Cast	1,787,265,7442

DATED this 2nd day of November 1985

William H. Ullrich Ron Engstrom Ralph Combs



I COULD EAT A MOOSE-Robert Joe, Jr., Charlie Ahgupuk, Albert Johnson, Darryl Trigg and Alden Dotomain load up their plates.

Sivuqaq speaks

At the SIVUQAQ Inc. Special Meeting held in Gambell on October 9, 1985, three new board members were appointed to fill the seats resigned by two executives and one board member.

At the SIVUQAQ Inc. regularly scheduled meeting on October 17th, three new board members were sworn in. They are Leonard Nowpakahok, Iver Cambell and Paul Apangalook.

The SIVUQAQ Inc. Board of Directors are as follows:

Morgan Apatiki, president Edna Apatiki, vice president Shirley Antoghame, member Merlin Koonooka, member Paul Apangalook, member Leonard Nowpakahok, member Iver Campbell, member Conard Oozeva remains as an elder advisor to SIVUQAQ Inc. WE DO OUR VERY BEST AND ABILITY TO SERVE AND REPRESENT YOU!. The hours are follows: ice hours are as follows: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mon-Fri. 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Wed-Fri. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. Phone: 985-5826 Address: SIVUQAQ, Inc. P.O. Box 101 Gambell, Ak. 99762



WHAT HAMS!--Charlie and George Tate start the big job of cleanup at the

Someone special



WITH HONOR-Barbara Lange admires the ivory tusk given to her by Bering Straits Native Corporation for her nine years of service to the region. Her husband, James Lange (seated) thanks BSNC's Director of Renewable Resources, Guy Martin, for the

"We don't often get the chance to honor someone from a government agency who is not in the public eye," said Guy Martin, director of renewable resources at BS

As a matter of fact that "someone" was honored in style at the Tundra Times Banquet in late October. BSNC chairman of the board Lonnie O'Connor and staff member Guy Martin presented a carved ivory tusk to Barbara Lange, the retiring Bureau of Land Management section chief for AN CSA conveyances for the Bering Straits and Bristol Bay regions. Mrs. Lange has served in this position since 1976.

What has she done since that time to deserve such a special a-

Guy Martin explains, "As section chief, Barbara received the village and BSNC initial land selections. Based on the criteria outlined in ANCSA, she had to figure out if the selections were valid. If there were any conflicts, she had

to solve them.
"In resolving the land conflicts Barbara was always fair. She really understood the Native perspective. She made sure that the intent of ANCSA was honored.

The walrus tusk, skillfully carved by a BSNC shareholder, was etched with a map of the Bering Straits region. In old English script it read, "Our thanks for your support and service 1976-1985 from the shareholders and staff of Bering Straits Native Corporation.

Ruthe Streeter and Guy Martin from the BSNC Land Department as well as Executive Vice President Dan Fondell all have the same feelings about Barbara Lange's retirement, "We miss her a great deal and wish her the best in the

no won

These lucky shareholders won the cash prizes at the 1985 Annual Meeting:

1st Prize of \$1,991 - Betty Bell, Nome

2nd Prize of \$1000 - Edward Muktoyuk, Sr., Nome

3rd Prize of \$600 - Angelyn Ahwinona, Nome 4th Prize of \$450 - Harold Geddes, Anchorage

5th Prize of \$400 - Danny Adams, Koyuk 6th Prize of \$300 - Rose Koezuna, Nome

7th Prize of \$250 - Vivian Obruk, Shishmaref



PROUD GRANDPARENTS Darryl and Lucy Trigg are mighty proud of their daughter-in-law Marie Trigg and her children Sherry and Nellie.



SPEAKING OUT-Shareholder Warren Greene asks a question at the annual meeting.



EVERYBODY LIKES TO EAT-The food was good and the crowd was well stuffed by the end of the annual meeting putluck.

Important

Editor's Note: This is a legal requirement for all village corporations organized under ANCSA.

Native profit corporations are reminded they must file a Biennial Report, or corporation tax statement, with the state of Alaska's Department of Commerce and Economic Development between January 2 and February 1 of each filing year. Corporations which fail to do so will be considered "not in good standing."

Corporations can also lose good standing by failure to pay biennial corporations taxes or by failing to respond to requests to provide information to the state. Corporations which lose "good standing" can then be involuntarily dissolved

by the state. The Division of Banking of the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development has recently listed 51 ANCSA village corporations as "not in good standing." The BLM continues to convey land to corporations that are in non-compliance but cannot convey land to those corporations that are dissolved.

Questions on Biennial Report filing requirements, including the date of incorporation, can be answered by calling the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Corporations Section, in Juneau at 465-2530 or in Anchorage at 563-

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IS SHE TAKING OUR PICTURE?—Dorothy Saccheus of Elim and Mary Ione of Golovin.

WHERE ARE YOU? BSNC NEEDS CURRENT ADDRESSES FOR THE FOLLOWING STOCKHOLDERS:

Abloogalook, Sheila Ray
Achebuck, Paul
Ahwinona, Harold Dean
Alexander, Walter Dean
Alexander, Walter Dean
Alurac, Mary Ann
Amarok, Raymond John
Amarok, Raymond John
Amarok, Carl Jr.
Apok, Sandra Lucille
Asbury, Craig Barclay
Ashenfelter, Leroy
Ashenfelter, Leroy
Ashenfelter, Victor
Asitonia, Harold Gilmore Jr.
Atluk, Frank Yumic
Barnes, Etta K.
Barr, Margaret
Basiger, Gary Lee
Becker, Thomas Paul
Beltz, George Earnest
Bergamaschi, James Sr.
Bernhardt, Herman Jr.
Beylund, Adelard Troyson
Bickford, Rachel L.
Blatchford, Jenette Kay
Bogojavlensky, Gregory James
Bourdon, John Paul
Bourdon, Marie Olga
Buretz, Daniel W.
Byrd, Bridgett Mary
Carlson, Fritz Roy Jr.
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Carlson, Sheila Denise
Caywood, Taryn Marlette
Chapman, Lorraine
Charles, Michael Duane
Charles, Moody D
Chiskok, Josephine Esther
Cloud, Delia Kolook
Doffey, George Stevens
Corbin, Dave Wendell
Cowger, Edward Michael
Cox, Lester Young
Cysewski, Rose Ann
Davis, Almira
Davison, Ida Laurette
Dexter, Peter Egelak
Donajkowski, Leona Mae
Douglas, Einar Aaron
Downes, Emily Catherine
Dugan, Herbert Lee
Dugan, Jessie Grace
Duley, James Patrick
Eakon, Monroe
Eben, Owen Francis
Eckels, Joanne Ebba
Elam, Frank James Sr.
Esenituk, Herbert Norman
Evans, Wanda J.
Farmer, Jeanne Ruth
Finley, James Patrick
Eakon, Marion Ruth
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YOU GO FIRST-BSNC Chairman Lonnie O'Connor talks over the annual meeting agenda with President Henry Iv-

Martin, Ralph
McAlear, Anna Joyce
McAlear, James Harvey III
McCarty, Catherine Stella
McGuire, Ronald
McKnight, Adrienne V.
McLean, Charles Kayouktuk
Melgreen, Donald Matthew Sr.
Melgreen, Doyce Ann
Mogg, Gerald D.
Mogg, Nellie L.
Mohle, Sharon Lee
Montgomery, Richard Stanley
Moses, Emma Alice
Moses, Flora Pauline
Mosquito, Joseph
Mount, Kenneth Lee
Mynock, Kenneth Lee
Mynock, Kenneth Lee
Mynock, Ronald James
Nashalook, Burl Matthew
Nelson, Laura Irene
Nelson, Sherri Lynn
Ningealook, Tommy K.
Norbert, Gail
Norman, Ambrose Carlson
Norman, Leah Marie
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Norman, Robert Lee
Noyes, Margaret Ann
Nuglene, John
Nulpok, Billy Lester Sr.
Offley, Mildred Louise
Oksoktaruk, James Langsom
Oliver, Jay Paul
Oliver, Vicki Marlene
Ollom, Shirley
Olson, Flora
Oman, Reginald Lee
Omiak, Frances
Oquillock, Clifford S.
O Severn, Stève Ray
Seymore, Ruth A.
Sheppard, Lori Elaine
Shoogukuwrk, George Earl
Shoogukuwrk, Myrtis Frances
Smith, Ann Marie Ahkolik
Smith, Cora L.
Smith, Richard W.
Snowball, Jacob Aranapanak
Sanowball, Norbert
Soosuk, Sam Jr.
Soosuk, Elmer
Soxie, Farrell Erick
Steve, Josephine Justina
Sutherland, Melton Lou
Takak, Donald Jay
Taniguchi, Charlene M.
Teague, Mark Agwiak
Tetpon, Eric Jackson III
Tetpon, Eric Jackson III
Tetpon, Karin Marie
Tetpon, Leila Catherine
Tetpon, Unilian
Tetpon, Warren Carlton
Ticknor, Rosie Ann
Tocktoo, Peter J.
Tootkaylok, Katheryn Irene
Topkok, Paul James
Torsen, Mary Lou
Toshavik, Allen Clyde
Trantham, Bernadette A.
Tucker, Samuel John
Tungwenuk, Reginald Thomas
Valois, Raymond Ernest
Walker, Annette Oosnik
Wayanna, Walter Paul
White, Isabelle Shirley
Wilhite, Alicia T.
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Growing concern

By Shelley Trainor, NWCC Community Services

During the AFN Convention in October, a group of Native educators from Nome, Bethel, Kotzebue and Dillingham held an informal meeting. The members of this group agreed that the Alaska Native Education Association needs to be revived. Out of their discussion came five areas of emphasis which they plan to discuss and act on at the Bilingual/Multicultural Conference next February in Anchorage.

Paul Ontooguk, land and politics teacher at Kotzebue H.S., recently requested a membership list from the National Education Association (NEA Alaska). There were 160 Native teachers listed but only 2 attended a recent NEA Alaska convention. Paul mailed out questionnaires to the 160 listed members and got 40 responses which expressed an interest in forming a partnership with NEA-Alaska and a renewed ANEA or Alaska Native Education Association.

There is a need for 2 organizations of Alaska Natives involved in education. One is the Alaska Native Caucus, a voting and political group within NEA Alaska and an Alaska Native Education Association for those involved in the education of Native children but not necessarily certified according to NEA Alaska requirements.

The following are the five areas of emphasis which were discussed at the informal meeting in Anchorage

Form an Alaska Native teacher caucus within NEA Alaska so that other goals can be reached. The NEA Alaska supports various principles of cultural and historic interest to Native educators but they have not actively encouraged Native teacher involvement. Certain factions are in opposition to a Native caucus within NEA Alaska.

Develop an associate teacher certification program for all of the Native educators who have been teaching in our schools for years without the political clout or ideal circumstances to make sure that their educational and career needs are recognized. A Native caucus within NEA Alaska could actively lobby for an associate teacher certification program. Native educators such as bilingual aides and teacher aides would become paraprofessionals after completing a program of study with resulting increases in responsibilities and pay. This program would be arranged so that aides could continue their work within the schools as they complete the requirements of the program.

Develop an educational administrative program for Alaska Native teachers so that they can study to become administrators in



WELL SAID-Educator Paul Ontooguk.

their own communities. These studies could relate more to local economies and local people which would be more practical. The University of Alaska in Fairbanks sets up summer school classes for potential administrators during the time when most Native teachers are involved with summer subsistence activities.

-Develop a school district report card. There are report cards for students and evaluations for teachers. How about a report card for the school districts and public schools? The card could be written in a language which parents could understand and relate to their children. ie. How much money was allocated for sports, academic events, administrative travel, teacher training etc.? How did school board members vote on major issues? How effective have they been in recruiting Alaska Native Teachers? These and many other items are of interest to parents if they are written in a language understood by a majority of parents. (This area was endorsed in the form of a resolution at the AFN Convention.)

- Form a policy for the retention of Alaska Native teachers in the face of Foundation Formula cutbacks of major proportions. Only recently are Alaska Native teachers being hired. Seven hundred new teachers come to this state each year and only a very small percent are Native teachers in our rural areas. The new Native teachers are in danger of being forced to leave on the basis of the "last hired first fired" policy. This is unacceptable considering the educational history of rural Alaska and current educational research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Also, only 4% of all Native students who enroll in Alaskan universities graduate. We Need to encourage the students who are able, to complete their education so that they will become successful role models for

future college bound Native stud-

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