

Andy Hope picked for state arts council

Andrew Hope of Sitka has been appointed to the Alaska State Council on the Arts by Governor Jay S. Hammond. Hope fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Larry Ahvakana, who has moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico to accept a teaching position at the Institute of American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut Arts.

Hope was born in Sitka and graduated from high school in Juneau. A writer, he attended Sitka's Sheldon Jackson College and the University of Alaska's cross-cultural education development program in Fairbanks.

A founding member and the first president of Raven's Bones Foundation, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the arts of Alaska Natives, Hope is presently a researcher at the Sitka National Historical Park. He has completed a book titled "Sacred Forms," a guide to the Tlingit and Haida art works at the site, which will be published in 1978.