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## NEWSLETTER

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## ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES BRD. MEETS

## Date on Valentine's Day—

## Human Resources Committee

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Human Resource Committee has agreed on a special "date" for their next regular meeting. The Committee decided to meet on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1975 beginning at 10 a.m. in the AFN Conference Room, 1675 "C" Street, Anchorage.

The "date" is expected to go well into the evening since the agenda is full and interesting.

"Probably the most important item we will discuss during the Valentine's Day meeting," said Gordon Jackson, Executive Vice-President for the Committee, "is the Human Resource Committee's priorities for the next year, or perhaps even years.

"We have become increasingly involved in so many priority items such as education, justice, health, and others that we're working

seven days a week and still not doing an adequate job.

"It's time for us to determine what priority items the staff will concentrate on and do a really complete job seeking solutions. Following the establishment of priorities, we'll develop a work program with strategy or activities designed to eliminate or alleviate the priorities established by the Committee."

"Other items scheduled on the agenda include a presentation regarding the Human Rights Commission by Niel Thoman, Executive Director; and explanation of a Higher Education proposal prepared by Eric Ekvall, Acting Director, Alaska Native Human Resource Development Program; presentation by Phi Smith, Rural CAP, explaining Community Services Administration; a report

explaining provisions in Senate Bill 1017 by Anne Just, Staff Assistant, Human Resources; an explanation of the National Health Planning and Resource Development Act of 1974; a briefing regarding State legislation; and many other items that may be requested by Committee members."

The public is cordially invited to attend and observe this meeting of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Human Resources Committee.

The Committee is composed of a representative of the Non-Profit Regional Corporations and is charged by the AFN Board of Directors with the huge responsibility of seeking solutions to Alaska Native problems in the areas of health, education, social services, justice, and telecommunications.

## Jack Wick Reelected as Board Chairman as Was Vice Chm. Angasan

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Board of Directors met Thursday, January 30, 1975. Election of new officers took place at this time.

Jack Wick, Koniag, Inc. was re-elected as Chairman of the Board; Ted Angasan, Bristol Bay Native Corporation was re-elected as Vice-Chairman; Carl Moses, Aleut Corporation was elected Secretary; and Jim LaBelle, Chugach Natives, Incorporated was elected Treasurer.

Roger Lang was given a full vote of confidence by the Board of Directors as the President. Guests, Pauline Douglas, Antoine Mountain, Antoine Liske and Niel Collins, from the MacKenzie River District in Canada were in attendance, representing two organizations — the Indian Brotherhood and Metis Association of the North West Territories.

The group was here to learn about and observe the impact of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. They have visited Ektutna, Glennallen, and the Bethel area.

Items discussed were proposals being reviewed by the Board and possible legislation. There was discussion of the request for assistance from the Aboriginal Lands of Hawaiian Ancestry Association (Aloha, Assn.).

AFN, Inc. by resolution of the October Convention supports the land claims pursuit of the association and have sent a letter of renewed support to Congressmen Lloyd Meeds, Chairman of the Indian Affairs Sub-Committee, who will be conducting public hearings on the Hawaiian land claims on February 12th in Hawaii.

Extensive discussion centered around the 13th Region and the NANA Regional Corporations' proposal allowing mergers of villages within a region into the regional corporation. This proposal would require an amendment to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. These items will be on the February 24th agenda.

Mr. George Miller, representing the Alaska Tribal Association, a newly organized group of the 4 Cities and reserves that constitute 7,000 people and 3.5 million acres of land was present.

Mr. Miller presented the Articles and By-Laws of the association and a request for consideration of the Board for a seat on the Board of Directors of AFN, Inc. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Judy Brady of the Alaska Native Claims Appeal Board was present to discuss the proposed change that would establish the Appeals Board within the Office of Hearings and Appeals. There were concerns expressed about these proposed changes.

A meeting with the Alaska Task Force has been scheduled for the 25th of February in Washington, D.C. concerning the land selection and appeal procedures, easements and proposed corridors.

The Board recessed this meeting until February 24th to Washington, D.C. where they will meet prior to the Alaska Task Force Meeting.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of NANA Regional Corporation's attorneys in D.C., they are located at Wilkinson, Cragin & Barker; 6th Floor; 1735 West New York Avenue.

## Assoc. of Regional Health Directors Meeting

Mr. Dennis Tiepleman, as chairman, pounded the gavel calling the meeting to order of the ARHD at the AFN's conference room January 24, 1975.

Among the items discussed were: The transfer of the Community Health Service Grant which supports the Regional Health Corporation through AFN, Inc.; to the National Health Service budget base; sponsorship of the National Health Service; the health corporations and the Health Affairs Division of AFN, Inc.; review of the National Health Planning and Resource Development Act of 1974; review of the proposed "Human Resources Development Act."

Guests included: Mr. Weatherly, Director, Office of Tele-Communications with the State of Alaska, Dr. William J. Bucknell, Commissioner of Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dr. Tom Austin, Health Planning Specialist, Indian Health Service and others.

The Executive Director of the Regional Health entities included: Dr. Donald F. Nielson, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Mrs. Mary Craig, Director of the Health Department, Kodiak Island Native Health Authority, Mr. Dennis J. Tiepleman, Executive Director, Kotzebue Area Health Corporation, Miss Christine Kowalcwski, Acting Director, North Slope Borough Health Corporation, Department, Mr. Caleb Pungowiyi, Executive Director of Norton Sound Health Corporation, Mr. Claude Demientieff, Director, Tanana Chiefs Health Authority, Mr. Alvin Ivanoff, Director, Yukon-Kuskokwim Corporation, and representatives from Southwestern Alaska Health Corporation and Copper River Native Association.

During business session, the

Association took the following actions: Approved the Health Affairs proposal for the Statewide Sponsorship of the National Health Service Corp.; Approval of the establishment of the Central Planning Unit in the Health Affairs Division; Deferred any action on the proposed bill entitled "Human Resources Development"; Approved the establishment of three Health Service Agencies in the State of Alaska under the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974.

In regards to the fiscal year 1976, starting August 1, 1975, Program Year, the Association approved the transfer of the Community Health Grant that supports the Regional Health Entities through AFN, Inc., to the Indian Health Service Grant from DHEW is unstable as future funding and is currently under question as to whether the Community Health Service will get its authority by Congress to function beyond June 30, 1975.

In addition, the Association addressed the development of the work program fiscal year 1976, and delved into what would constitute the administration of the program by contract with Indian Health Service.

Work program of the health corporation is anticipated to be completed by March 1, 1975, and subsequently submitted to Indian Health Service as a contract proposal. It is anticipated that upon submission of the contract proposals that it would take the headquarters 2 months to review before the contract would be ready for signatures.

The Association also approved to have the contract Management Course in April 14-18, 1975, in anticipation to administer the program under contract.

According to Mr. Carl Jack, Director, Health Affairs Division

of AFN, Inc., "The Association of Regional Directors at this meeting took some concrete action to insure continuation of the health program in the region in the future."

He stated, "The results of this transfer will stabilize future fundings of the Health Corporation as well as the Health Affairs Division so long as the Snyder Act is in effect, which gave authority to the Indian Health Service. The two million dollars plus will become part of the Indian Health Service budget base to be administered under contract between the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., and ISH at the Alaska Area Level."

He further stated that "The Health Corporation will be eligible to receive mandatory increases annually."

Addressing the other actions that were taken by the Association he stated that "with the approval of the Central Planning Unit and the approval of the National Service Corp. by the AFN, Inc., these two actions will set in motion the initial implementation of the Alaska Native Health Care Policy Statement which was adopted in principal during the last convention of AFN, Inc., and the Statewide Rural Health Conference held in Anchorage following the convention."

The establishment of the Regional Planning Units and the Central Planning Unit will enable the Regional Health Entities to develop the Comprehensive Regional Plan which shall result in a Comprehensive Statewide Plan for providing medical services throughout the State of Alaska.

The approval of the sponsorship of the National Health Service Corp. by AFN, Inc., will provide needed health professionals in Rural Alaska under the direction of the regional entities.

## His Right-Hand Man Is Woman

Word is out that Gordon Jackson, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc., Executive Vice-President's right-hand man is a woman. For those of you who allege this — it's true!

Gordon hired Anne Just as a Staff Assistant in September, 1974 to be primarily responsible for research, developing position papers and legislation, analyzing legislation, organizational work program development, and others for Human Resources.

"She's really a dedicated and competent employee," stated Jackson. "She's been a lot of help developing our Education Position Paper, in program development, in submitting our Bush Justice application, in organizing meetings and conferences, analyzing legislation such as SB1017, and many, many others. I really don't know how we could have gotten them all done without her valuable

assistance."

Anne's impressive work experience include working as an AFN Johnson-O'Malley Evaluator; in Washington, D.C. working in the U.S. Office of Education; in the Women's Action Program, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; in the Upward Bound Program, U.S. Office of Education; Office of Education's Day Care Center; Task Force; Office of the Commissioner, Office of Education; and Teacher Training Program, U.S. Office of Education.

"She's one woman that you can truthfully say has 'come one helluva long way!'" said Jackson, "and there's no question at all in my mind that she's doing an excellent job. I really don't know why other officials shouldn't utilize all the many talents of women. They're a neglected minority, too, you know."