

Sheffield receives numerous endorsements

Bill Sheffield, Democratic candidate for governor, said the latest in a series of endorsements reflect the broad range of support that the Democratic ticket carries.

Earlier this week, Sheffield and his running mate Stephen McAlpine received endorsements from the Alaska Political Women's Caucus and the Alaska Public Employees Association. Over the weekend, they were endorsed by NEA Alaska, representing 5,000 teachers statewide.

The endorsement from the Alaska Political Women's Caucus came after Sheffield and McAlpine met with a committee from the group to talk about its concerns.

"We represent a progressive approach to family and women's issues," Sheffield said after the endorsement was made. "There are candidates in this election who would relegate women to

the subordinate positions of the past. We recognize the importance of working with the women of Alaska, of addressing their concerns in a rational manner, and of removing any left-over barriers that stand in the way of full equality of opportunity for women."

Ilene Sackett, co-chair of the Political Women's Caucus, said the endorsement of Sheffield and McAlpine is one of the most important endorsements the group has made.

The Democratic ticket also received the official endorsement of the Alaska Public Employees Association, which represents more than 9,000 state workers.

In the past few weeks, Sheffield and McAlpine also received endorsements from the Alaska Native Women's Statewide Organization and United Fishermen of Alaska.