

# **Sealaska Corp. endows ANB with \$500,000**

SITKA — Sealaska Corp. announced an endowment of \$500,000 to the Grand Camp Alaska Native Brotherhood at the conclusion of the ANB and Alaska Native Sisterhood 75th Anniversary Convention Nov. 13.

The endowment will be used to provide a continuing source of funding for the operations of the ANB and ANS, one of the oldest Native American fraternal organizations in the United States.

"We hope that this endowment helps to strengthen the ANB and ANS as the organization continues into the future," Sealaska Chief Executive Officer Byron I. Mallott said. "The Sealaska Corp. Board of Directors felt that this was an appropriate gesture to make to the ANB and the ANS on their 75th anniversary."

Mallott said Sealaska considers the ANB and the ANS to be the parent organizations of Sealaska, as well as the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and many other key Southeast Native institutions.

He pointed out that the endowment should provide an annual income from earnings of about \$30,000 to \$50,000 for the ANB.

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*ANB Grand Camp President Richard Stitt accepts the check from Sealaska Chief Executive Officer Byron Mallott*

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"We want this fund to complement, not replace, the spirit of volunteerism and community support which has been the mainstay of the ANB and ANS for its entire 75 years," he said.

ANB Grand President Richard Stitt said it "thrills my heart to be able to say thank you."

"Now that we are better prepared financially, the canoes of ANB and ANS, Tlingit & Haida Central Council and Sealaska Corp. are all in unison, and when the command is given we can move ahead in an orderly fashion," he said.

Founded in 1912, the ANB has a continual record of accomplishments for Alaska's Native people, including:

- Securing citizenship and voting rights for Natives.
- Integrating public schools.
- Extending various government services to Native people.
- Advocating for and securing health care for Natives.
- Initiating the Tlingit & Haida land suit, which ultimately led to the formation of the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.