

# Nome corporation elects officers

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Robbie Fagerstrom, an Inupiat born and raised in Nome, has been elected president of Sitnasuak Native Corp., the Nome village corporation.

Fagerstrom, the owner of Fagerstrom Janitorial Service and a custodial employee of the

state of Alaska, was first elected to the Sitnasuak board in 1974. In 1979 he was elected again for a three-year term. This past year he served as first vice president.

As president, Fagerstrom said he hopes to further the growth of Sitnasuak and continue its development in the Nome area. He said he also will try to start

a shareholder education program.

"We have a hard time explaining how the corporation should use its assets for development to preserve the land," Fagerstrom told the Tundra Times. "Shareholders do not understand why the corporation is necessary."

At Sitnasuak's recent annual

meeting, a motion to dissolve the corporation's assets was defeated due to the lack of a two-thirds majority of the stockholders voting in favor of the distribution. Fagerstrom said, however, the motion is sure to come up again.

The Sitnasuak board of directors also elected the following officers:

—Perry Mendenhall, first vice president: Mendenhall is a theologian and an educator. He studied theology at Glenn-

allen Bible Academy and Central Bible College. He holds a bachelor of education degree from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and a masters of education degree from the University of Oregon. He currently administers the Johnson O'Malley Title IV program for Nome Public Schools.

—Caleb Dotomain, second vice president: Dotomain is director of Manpower Services, a new employment training program. (Continued on Page Twelve)

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Blanche Walters, treasurer—Walters serves as secretary for the Federal Aviation Administration flight service station in Nome.

—Lorena Engstrom, secretary—Engstrom helps her family operate Engstrom's Arctic Cat sales in Nome.

Other members of the Sitnasuak board are: Richard Foster, Karen Sherman, Danny Karmun, Clara Langton and Robert Bahnke, all of Nome.