

President's Report

We are publishing this special edition of the AFN Newsletter for three purposes: to get the most current information on the 1991 legislation out to you in anticipation on legislation being passed this year, to explain the method we intend to use in seeking approval of the legislation once it passes Congress, and to bring up up-to-date on the latest information concerning this year's convention.



AFN President Janie Leask

This special edition reprints the 1991 legislation as passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 28th. We also outline changes we anticipate to be made by the U.S. Senate in the next several weeks, in addition to providing a section-by-section analysis. It's important you read and understand the legislation and how it fits with the resolutions passed during the Special 1991 Convention held in March of 1985. This understanding is necessary in preparation for a statewide vote on the legislation.

During our October 1985 Convention, resolution 85-02 was passed which directed AFN to "distribute 1991 legislation adopted by the United States Congress to all villages and regions for approval prior to signature of such legislation by the President of the United States". We intend to have a statewide vote on the legislation once it passes Congress. It's important, therefore, that you keep informed about the legislation and the progress we're making in getting it passed.

Also included in this special edition of the Newsletter is the latest information regarding this year's Convention. On a recommendation by the Interim village Board, we're opening membership in AFN to villages so that villages will be able to participate in AFN, through their own Board, as well as being able to participate during the Convention. This recommendation offered by the Interim Village Board is in answer to the resolution passed by the Convention in 1984 which called for the restructuring of AFN to include villages. Your action, by either seeking membership in AFN or declining membership in AFN, will decide whether or not villages will be brought into AFN as full-fledged members with their own Board or limited to participation in AFN during Conventions.

This Special Edition of the Newsletter contains information of importance to you in the formation of two very important decisions: the 1991 legislation and restructuring of AFH. I encourage you to read the articles closely and to discuss both the legislation, the proposed restructuring, and other convention items among your family members, your community, and your friends.