

# AFN board of directors meeting

On January 11, 1979, the AFN, Inc. Board of Directors met and selected a new president for the Alaska Federation of Natives. A four-person search committee, comprised of Byron Mallott, Clifford Black, Carl Jack and Emil Notti, presented their recommendation for ratification to the board of directors. Morris Thompson, an Athabascan, was unanimously chosen as the new president and will assume the presidency on February 1, 1979.

AFN's contention with the ANHB, the Alaska Native Health Board, was finally resolved. The regions had been concerned with encountering another level of bureaucracy and the right to participate in policy making decisions.

Ethel Gonzales, of ANHB, said, "ANHB has a consumer advocate role down to the village level." They don't have policy making rights, offer funds or health delivery service. ANHB is an advisor to the IHS, Indian Health Service.

After some discussion and re-writing, the AFN board of directors approved Resolution 79-1 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. exists to promote the cultural, social, physical, educational and economic well-being of the Alaska Native people; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native Health Board is exclusively concerned and has traditionally addressed Native health issues; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. formally recognizes the Alaska Native Health Board as the Health Committee of AFN, Inc., and hereby conveys full authority to articulate policy and to act on health issues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that membership on the Alaska Native Health Board shall consist of one representative from each 12 Alaska Native regions who shall be selected in a manner to be determined internally within each individual region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AFN, Inc. shall designate a representative to the Alaska Native Health Board as an ex-officio member.

AFN Convention Resolution 78-29, the formation of a Walrus Commission, was spoken on by Carolyn Schubert of Kawerak, Inc. She said, "Now that the State has regained jurisdiction over most of the sea mammals, the Fish and Game

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Left to right, Clifford Black, Executive Vice President of AFN (his resignation becomes effective January 31) and AFN, Inc. Board of Directors, co-chairman Carl Jack, at the January 11, 1979, AFN, Inc. Board of Directors meeting.

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will probably open seal hunting again and there will be a problem with sportsmen getting a large quota; and the non-natives

will not eat the meat."

She envisions a wholesale slaughter of seals for their pelts.

The State will be granted

management, upon completion of an executive agreement between the State and the Commerce Department, for seven species: northern sea lion, beluga whale, land-breeding harbor seal, ice-breeding harbor seal, the ringed seal, ribbon seal and the Pacific bearded seal.

The AFN, Inc. Board of Directors approved George Walters' motion for the establishment of a Walrus Commission.

Discussion on the dates for this year's AFN Convention was tabled until information can be solicited from the various regions and corporations concerning their annual shareholders meetings or other scheduled events that might conflict with the convention.