

ASNA Scores BIA On Lisbourne's Resignation

The Arctic Slope Native Association is protesting the resignation of Dan Lisbourne from his BIA post in Pt. Hope after 19 years of service, and has asked BIA Area Director Owen Morkun to investigate the circumstances surrounding Lisbourne's leaving the BIA after 19 years.

Hugh Nicholls, executive

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director of ASNA, said Lisbourne is very highly respected in northwest Alaska and has the reputation of being a hard worker.

Nicholls said he thought the problem revolved around the overbearing attitude of Robert McLean, BIA Area Field Representative in Nome.

Lisbourne is President of the Pt. Hope village council, is running for vice-president of ASNA, and has been employed by the BIA for 19 years.

The ASNA director said he thought the problem was more in the area of personalities, and pointed out that area field representatives come and go, but that persons like Lisbourne form the permanent backbone of the BIA.

Nicholls said he had asked Lisbourne to retract his resignation. He said that if satisfaction wasn't forthcoming that he would ask that the Pt. Hope school be removed from the Nome BIA office jurisdiction and placed within the Fairbanks area.

Nicholls said the Fairbanks area BIA office was cooperative, and said that Pt. Hope's natural routes connect more with Fairbanks than Nome.