

Humanities Forum

funds projects

The Alaska Humanities Forum has approved funds for a youth program sponsored by the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce it was announced today, by Claus-M Naske, Chairman of the Forum's State Committee.

One of eight programs approved for the coming year, the Chamber program is the first to be approved under new guidelines which permit funds to go to "youth-oriented" projects. "Federal stipulations have prevented such activities in the past," said Naske, "but the restrictions have been removed, and we are pleased to be able to expand our programs."

Publications and small research projects are also now possible under the new guidelines, Naske indicated.

Other projects funded include: Cook Inlet Native Association \$11,166; Anchorage Arts Council \$10,155; Alaska State Department of Education, Division of Libraries and Museums, \$20,140; Alaska Methodist University \$22,000; Metlakatla Indian Community \$2,194; and Northwest Inupiat Elders Conference \$22,637; Nunam Kitlutsisti \$11,000 and Alaskan Agricultural Development Foundation \$3,114.

In other business the Committee elected Miss Flossie Hopson to a three year term on the board and re-elected Fred Bigjim, Carolyn Demientieff, Frank Roth, and Jan Gibson to serve a second term. "Committee members may serve two terms before they must retire", said Naske, "and we are happy to have Miss Hopson join us." The Committee also joined with the fourteen other states in a two year contract with Summer Associates, a firm which assists humanities programs in raising funds.

The State Committee meets quarterly to make grant awards and conduct its business.