

Larry Brayton Chosen ASCAP Exec. Director

The Alaska State Community Action Program held its meeting last week in the City of Ketchikan and elected Larry Brayton as its new executive director.

Brayton was chosen because of his proven ability to develop effective programs when he served as director of the North Star Borough Community Action Agency in Fairbanks.

Marlene Johnson of Hoonah was elected new ASCAP president succeeding Daniel Lisbourne of Point Hope,

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while Al Ketzler of Nenana was chosen vice president. Marjorie Freeman of Anchorage was named secretary-treasurer.

Marlene Johnson and Ketzler are target area representatives in the Southeastern and Interior respectively while Marjorie Freeman is the Parent Teacher Association representative.

Board member, Hugh Nicholls of Barrow, jolted the meeting when he read the Alaska Federation of Natives' resolution that explorations be made whether the Economic Opportunity Programs can be handled directly from the Indian Desk in Washington, D. C., working regionally in Alaska.

This resulted in lively discussion. Dave Wharton, the Office of Economic Opportunity regional coordinator out of the San Francisco office questioned Nicholls what he would propose to rectify the situation without causing complete disruption of the existing program.

After the election of the

new officials, this was partially resolved by Nicholls' motion which read as follows:

"That the Board of ASCAP study the possibility of creating five regional CAP boards to act as delegate agencies for their respective areas, as outlined on the provided map. The regions would be: Southeast, South-central, Southwest, Interior and Arctic."

The motion made by Nicholls as an AFN representative, was adopted by the Board members.

The motion's proposal is essentially the same as exists now with the exception of the Arctic area. The Arctic is at present divided into two regions, the Northwest and the Interior which divides the area on a north-south line.

The change would put everything north of the Brooks Range and the Northwest coastal areas into one regional group.

Coordinator Wharton, Director Brayton came out in favor of the move as did the Board.