

# Kahklen, Katzeek picked

Shareholders of the Sealaska Corporation continued the trend set by other Native shareholders at annual meetings this fall and returned most incumbent directors to their seats. There were six directorships up for grabs in this year's Sealaska meeting.

The annual meeting, held last week in Juneau, climaxed weeks of feuding between management board candidates and two major groups of dissidents. Joseph Kahklen, a candidate supported by Goldbelt, Inc., urban Native corporation for Juneau, and David Katzeek, who ran as something of an independent, won seats on the Sealaska Board of Directors. Management candidates Juanita Corwin and Kenneth Leask lost their bids for re-election.

None of the candidates put forward by the dissident Committee for Economy for Sealaska made inroads in the incumbent corporate leadership. The Committee was a vocal proponent of the idea that corporate policy should be directed at addressing some of the social problems of shareholders. Management contended that such problems were better handled by other organizations and defended its investment and financial performance record.

Incumbent Sealaska directors re-elected to the Board include John Borbridge, Sr., Clarence Jackson, Sr., Marlene Johnson, and Byron Mallott. Sealaska Corporation has the largest number of shareholders of any of the 13 regional Native corporations formed under the land claims act, and the largest Board of Directors, with 18 members.

After the shareholders meeting, the Board reappointed John Borbridge as president of the corporation, Byron Mallott as chairman of the board, George See as secretary, Richard Stitt as executive vice-president and Chet Ross, vice president for operations.