

New director named at Fairbanks Native Association

The Fairbanks Native Association Board of Directors has announced the selection of Elizabeth L. Morris as executive director of the non-profit corporation.

A former director of the Seattle Indian Center, Ms. Morris brings an extensive background of administrative experience and community service to the organization, which serves Fairbanks area Natives. From 1971-1974, under her direction, the Seattle Indian Center moved from a former church building to the new six-story Seattle Indian Center building. The Center grew from a small social services program to a nine-program multi-service agency. From 1975 to 1978 she served as executive director of the National Indian Activities Association.

Morris is a past member of the Seattle Human Rights Commission, the Washington State Association of Social Workers and the National Indian Press Association. She is the founder of Northwest Indian News, a monthly newspaper with a circulation of 5,000. She is also one of the founders of the Seattle Indian Health Board.

In 1973 she was honored by



MS. Magazine for her community service and was also nominated by the Ladies Home Journal as "Woman of the Year."

An Athabaskan Indian, Ms. Morris was born at Holikachuk (now Grayling), Alaska and raised at Oak Harbor, Washington. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Services Administration from Western Washington University in 1978.

Speaking on behalf of the board of directors, FNA president Mary Jane Fate said. "The appointment of Elizabeth as our new executive director

will be a great asset not only to FNA but also the community of Fairbanks and the State of Alaska. We are pleased to welcome her back home and

look forward to her leadership."

Morris will replace interim director Robert Leach, who has returned to school to pursue a graduate degree.