

Bethel Hosts ANCADA Quarterly Board of Directors Meet

The Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ANCADA), one of the four alcoholism programs recognized in the State Plan, held its quarterly board of directors meeting in Bethel, January 13 and 14.

The 18-member board, composed of representatives from each of the twelve Native regions plus six members at large, elected a new slate of officers at the meeting.

Dennis Tiepelman, executive director of the Kotzebue Area Health Corporation, was chosen president. New vice president is Lena Andree of the Bristol Bay Native Association. Carole Drake of Nome was elected secretary/treasurer, while Stuart Nicolai of the Copper River Native Association was chosen as

sargeant at arms.

George Barril, executive director of ANCADA, was selected by the board as representative to the National Indian Board, a position recently resigned by Ralph Amouak.

Charles Oxereok, who has been acting as ANCADA Mini-Grants Project Director since Amouak's resignation from that position, was chosen to fill the slot permanently until the expiration of the Mini-Grants contract in July.

The board also resolved to recommend Marie Olson of Juneau to the Governor's Advisory Board on Alcoholism as representative for the position recently vacated by Tommy Ongtooguk of Nome.

ANCADA is currently involved in three statewide alcoholism programs: the contract to administer the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Mini Grants program, a \$135,000 two-year NIAAA training grant, and participation in the \$1.5 million NIAAA grant on Alcoholism-Alaska Region for a two-year Alaska Public Education Project.

At the meeting ANCADA also renewed its contract of affiliation with the Alaska Federation of Natives.