

**Editorial—**

# **The Satisfying Action Of the AFN Board**

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Federation of Natives took positive action last week in Anchorage and for the first time it clearly became apparent what its powers can do in its attempt to stabilize the power structure of the statewide native organization. There was no mistaking the muscle the board can flex when its services were called upon to perform for the good of the federation.

We are enlightened and relieved that the AFN board is right in there available and able to perform when it's needed. As laymen, so to speak, we hail the group because it showed us that it can serve as a stabilizing force when the federation functions were seeming to falter. We are now aware, as should those within the system of the AFN, its officials and its workforce, as well as the native public from which the organization has its source of strength, that the Board of Directors has a firm foundation to exercise its powers when there is a need for it to do so. This is the way it should be and we are happy.

The AFN is extremely important to Alaska's native people as their organization. As it should be, the services for and in behalf of them must be foremost and paramount consideration. Selfish motives, if there should be any, have no place within the federation. The efforts of the statewide group must always be aimed at doing the most for the people. To see that it does is the function of the Board of Directors as an overseer of the operation of the AFN.

Now that the board has performed positively and well, we can let out a sigh of relief because we know it can exercise its powers for the good of the federation.