

ANYA Adopts Constitution, Plans to Become Statewide

The newly-formed Alaska Native Youth Association at their recent meeting adopted a constitution and elected a full slate of officers to become the first native youth organization in the State.

The association plans to become statewide with chapters in other urban areas and in the villages, and then affiliate with the National Youth Council, according to Agnes Ivanoff, corresponding secretary for the group.

Elected president of the new association was Clara Anderson, with Peter Derendoff, Ambrose Towark, and Nancy Alexander holding vice president's positions. Other officers are Katie Egowa, recording secretary; Agnes Ivanoff, corresponding secretary; Luke Titus, treasurer; and Herb Smelcer, alternate treasurer.

Also elected was an executive board to help steer the new organization. The board consists of the officers and four other members. Elected were Albert Kowchee, Phil Kelly, Nick Francis and Bob Aloysius.

Membership in the new group is open to descendants of aboriginal Americans between ages 14 and 36 years.

The purpose of the organization is to develop ground for leadership development, encouragement of Alaska youth to seek higher educa-



OFFICERS—New officers of the Native Youth Organization are left to right: Herb Smelcer, alternate treasurer; Luke Titus, treasurer; Ambrose Towark, vice-president, Nancy Alexander, vice-president; Clara Anderson, president; Katie Egowa, recording secretary; Agnes Ivanoff, corresponding secretary.

tion, finding of scholarships for students from all sources, work cooperatively with other native organizations to strengthen common goals, work with existing federal and state legislature, and other groups in an effort to develop opportunities.

The Alaska Native Youth Association will be a non-political body which will act as a catalyst for all views, looking at questions from all sides without getting politically inclined or orientated.

A basic goal of the group is to develop social and recreational activities. The group plans to hold coffees and other activities which all are welcome to attend.