

Native women to convene

The first statewide convention of Alaska Native Women is being held in Anchorage May 10, 11, and 12, 1979, in the student center at Alaska Pacific University (formerly Alaska Methodist University).

Women from all regions and areas of the state are encouraged to participate. Many different issues will be discussed including history and strengths of Native Women, different problems experienced by Alaska Native women in either rural or urban areas, and the common concerns of All Alaska Native women. A statewide organization of Alaska Native women will be created at the convention. The structure and purpose of this organization will be determined by convention participants.

A poster advertising the convention and a tentative agenda was sent to all village corporations and regional corporations encouraging them to help fund the travel expenses of women from their areas.

Organizations which employ a large number of Alaska Native women, such as Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs, have been encouraged to fund staff members to attend, whether they be located in Anchorage or other parts of the state.

The women from Anchorage will be providing housing for those from out of town. If you are from out of town and need housing. Or if you are from Anchorage and would like to help with housing, please call Anchorage, 272-8055.