

Ahtna, Alyeska extend historic pipeline pact

Ewan re-elected corporation leader

COPPER CENTER — The presidents of Ahtna Inc. and Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. celebrated the extension of a historic contract recently which originally allowed Alyeska to build the trans-Alaska pipeline over Native lands in exchange for Native employment and contract rights 15 years ago.

The ceremony, held during the Ahtna Inc. annual meeting in Copper Center, lauded the 15-year extension of the 1974 "omnibus" contract. The largest volume minority hiring program of its day, the agreement marked the beginning of a cooperative relationship between the Native corporation and pipeline service company.

"This exchange has been a very special one for both of us," said Roy Ewan, Ahtna president. "Throughout the agreement, we have dealt with problems openly and candidly, which in turn has built a relationship of strength and pride."

During the meeting, Ahtna shareholders also elected four new members to the board of directors,



Ahtna President Roy S. Ewan gives a pair of moccasins to James Hermiller, president of Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.

representing the following areas: Paul D. Tony, at-large; Gloria Stiekwan, Tazlina; James R. Segerquist, Copper Center; and Veronica Nicholas, Cantwell.

Officers elected for the next term are

Roy Ewan, president; Herbert R. Smelcer, vice president; Nicholas Jackson, vice president; Paul D. Tony, treasurer; and Michelle Nutter, secretary.

Ahtna is the smallest of the 12

original Native regional corporations established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The corporation has made a profit for its shareholders every year since its formation.