

Historic Meeting At Frobisher Bay Of Inuit People

At an historic meeting in Frobisher Bay recently the six thousand (6,000) Inuit people of the Baffin are organized themselves into an Inuit Association of the Baffin Region.

Twenty-eight (28) delegates from the thirteen (13) far spread settlements of this vast aref the Arctic decided that this organization was needed to give them a strong united voice in their own affairs.

The Association will be incorporated under the Northwest Territories Societies Ordinance and will have as its objective to protect, defend and promote the interests of the Inuit of the Baffin Region.

Elected as President of the Baffin Region Inuit Association is Symonie Michael of Frobisher Bay. Others elected to the Board of Directors are Naudluk Oshoowetuk of Cape Dorset as Vice-President, David Arreak of Clyde River as Secretary, Meeka Wilson of Pangnirtung as Treasurer and as Directors: Joanasie Salomonie of Cape Dorset; Charlie Inoaraq of Pond Inlet; Josiah Kadlutsiak of Igloolik; Paulosie Paniloo of Clyde River and Peterosie Quappik of Pangnirtung.

The Association will seek funding from the Secretary of State under the Native Citizens Programme. It will be based in Frobisher Bay and will be affiliated with the national organization of the Inuit in Ottawa — Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.