

ARMSTRONG REELECTED CAP BOARD HEAD



CAP BOARD PRESIDENT — Elmer Armstrong of Kotzebue was reelected president of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors last month in Bethel. He was first elected to the position in 1970. Both elections have been unanimous.

Kotzebue Man Wins Position Twice by Unanimous Vote

Elmer Armstrong of Kotzebue was reelected president of the RurAL CAP Board of Directors at their annual meeting which was held in Bethel on September 19-21.

First election in 1970, Mr. Armstrong has been kept in the chair by unanimous vote since that time. He represents Manuelak, Inc., the non-profit corporation of the Northwest Alaska Native Association.

A representative of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Al Ketzler, was elected vice president and Ellen Lang from Sitka was returned to the office of secretary-treasurer for another term. Mrs. Lang represents Southeastern Alaska Community Action Program (SEACAP).

New board members seated were Charles Christensen from Larson Bay, for Kodiak Area Community Development Corporation, replacing Allen Panamaroff; and Victoria Demmert from Yakutat, Chairwoman of the State Parents Advisory Committee. Mrs. Demmert replaces Victor Alexie.

On the agenda was a panel discussion on Secondary Education in Rural Alaska, which is reported in a separate article in this section.

The board approved acceptance of several Early Childhood programs in the Anchorage office from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. This subject is covered in a separate article.

Other highlights of the meeting included a presentation on the future of community action agencies under the Office of Economic Opportunity by Jack Kent, Regional Counsel from the Seattle OEO office.

Mr. Kent reviewed the situation, and commented that in his opinion, the OEO appropriations bill would probably be vetoed by the President.

In that case, it was possible that funding would be received under continuing resolutions in three-month increments, until June, 1974, at which time the OEO Act of 1974 would be ended.

RurAL CAP is funded through December 31, 1973, and under a different tax status, the agency would be able to apply for grants from private foundations.

The board approved the establishment of another corporation with a tax status which enables grantors to use the grant as a contribution for tax purposes.

The CAP feels that it will have a better opportunity to attract private foundation money under the tax status.

In other action, the board approved the Alaska Legal Services' grant application for 1974, which calls for a slight increase in funds, establishing another bush office; also voted to continue the Aleutian Planning Commission, the tenth region of the CAP.

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tor, now has a cultural heritage program for \$183,180; and administers the boarding home and dormitory program for the regional high school for approximately \$600,000.

Kawerak, Inc. regional office in Nome administers the boarding home and cottage program for \$264,500, and also an educational field counselor for \$15,411.

Mr. Joli Morgan, Director of Administration for the Community Enterprise Development Corporation, explained their organizational structure and funding procedures in assisting co-operatives to organize.

The meeting was held in the Bethel Regional High School and a tour of the facilities was given board members by Lonnie Winters, Principal.

Students and school faculty were invited to attend films which were shown by RurAL CAP to the board. Shown by special permission from CEDC were the Skyriver project films, "River Is Boss," "The Changing People," and "Maggie Lynn," also, "The Alaskan Eskimo Way Of Life," produced by Films North.

Visitors included Ed Anders, Special Assistant to the Governor, Marshall Lind, Commissioner of the State Department of Education, Eva Kriger, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

From the Office of Economic Opportunity regional office in Seattle, Jack Kent, Regional Counsel, F.B. (Pete) Luttermose from the Grants Management Office; and Don Peterson.

Also, Jack Schuler, City Manager of Bethel; Dan Johnson, Director of the Bethel Regional Dormitory; Joli Morgan, Director of Administration, Community Enterprise Development Corporation; Frank Flavin, Executive Director, Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

RurAL CAP Executive Director Michael C. Harper was present with staff members Phil Smith, Deputy Director; Ann Reid, Controller; Roger Mooney, Child Development Director; Joseph A. Meade, Chief of Administrative Services; and Nils Sara, Trainer for the Agency.

The next meeting was set for December, in the Upper Yukon Development Corporation area.