

Koniag, Bristol Bay Keep Directors

Nels Anderson

Wins BBNC Seat

Shareholders in two regional Native corporations expressed general confidence in their leadership in annual meetings held over the weekend. Koniag, Inc. and Bristol Bay Native Corporation shareholders met to elect directors and conduct other business.

Between 200 and 250 Bristol Bay shareholders met in Dillingham and returned most incumbent director candidates to their seats. They also tabled several items on the meeting agenda. Donald Nielsen, Hjalmar Olson and Herman Schroeder were re-elected to directorships.

State Rep. Nels Anderson (D-Dillingham) was elected to the board. Anderson is a strong advocate of returning the headquarters of the Bristol Bay Native Corporation to Dillingham. The board took no action on that proposal. Incumbent director Ronald Aaberg lost his bid for re-election.

The "new" Bristol Bay board met in a marathon all-night session and re-elected every incumbent officer. They are: Harvey Samuelson, president; Boris Kosbruk, vice-president; Hjalmar Olson, secretary and Robert Clark, treasurer.

An effort to change the quorum for a shareholders meeting from 51 per cent of all shareholders to one third of all

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shareholders was defeated at the Bristol Bay meeting. A two-year effort to encourage Bristol Bay villages to merge with the regional corporation was tabled indefinitely at the urging of shareholders who want more time to study the idea.

Koniag shareholders also turned out in large numbers to re-seat incumbent directors Jack Wick, Harry Carter, Nancy Anderson and elect new director Dick Wamser. Wamser won the seat formerly occupied by Perry Eaton, who withdrew from the race in order to throw support behind the other incumbents. Koniag Executive Vice President Karl Armstrong lauded Eaton's move to insure election of the incumbents and preserve the continuity of the corporation. Armstrong noted the importance of continuity in dealing with the financial world.

Wamser defeated Frank Peterson in a close race.

After the shareholders meeting, the Koniag board re-elected Jack Wick as president of the corporation, Armstrong as executive vice-president, Harry Carter as secretary and tapped Allen Panamaroff as treasurer.

Following Saturday's hectic activities, Koniag shareholders gathered at the Kodiak Elks' Club to unwind in what Armstrong described as the "largest social gathering in the island's history."