

Looking for director

For reasons we can't quite understand, competition is keen for a directorship or board seat in one Alaska Native corporation. Sixteen individuals, primarily Natives, have been nominated or suggested for a recently vacated board seat with this corporation. The reason we can't quite understand why competition is fierce for the board seat is because the compensation offered is ridiculously low. The directorship does not pay any meeting fees, no annual remuneration, there is no provision for reimbursement for travel and related expenses, and it does not pay any per diem.

The vacancy is on the board of directors of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company, Inc., owners of the Tundra Times newspaper. The newspaper has always operated on an almost laughable budget, with not one dime available for service provided nor for reimbursement of expenses incurred for the directors and officers of the company.

All the post offers is headaches, and knuckle-wrenching, nail-chewing agony in trying to figure how to keep the poorest and smallest Alaska Native corporation afloat. It's a great bunch of people though, tremendous to work with, who are wholly dedicated to preserving and promoting the voice of the Native people. They've kept us going for fifteen years now, and without them there could not be a Tundra Times.

The board will be selecting the newest member of the Tundra Times team next month. We have quite a selection to choose from now, but would welcome any other nominations. In order to become considered, candidates should be (1) a shareholder in Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company (Tundra Times), or (2) a member of one of the organizations which owns stock in the Company (Cook Inlet Native Association or the Tlingit and Haida Central Council or the Aleut Community of St. Paul), or (3) an enrolled shareholder in Koniag, Inc. regional Native corporation (a major shareholder of Tundra Times) with Koniag endorsement, or (4) an enrolled shareholder in Leisnoi, Inc. (a major Tundra Times shareholder) with Leisnoi endorsement. Other Native shareholders from other regional Native corporations may also be considered as each of the other regions have an interest in approximately one-tenth of one per cent of the Tundra Times, provided such shareholders have regional endorsement.

Nominations or suggestions should be submitted in writing by approximately November 4 to Barry W. Jackson, Chairman of the Board, Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company, Inc., Post Office Box 1287, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707.