

Operating in world created by ANSCA is theme

Learning to operate in the modern world that was created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is the theme of the annual Statewide Native Women's Conference to be held in Anchorage this September.

ANSCA: Our Heritage — Our Way of Life," is the official theme of the meeting of women from throughout the state. Organizers of the convention hope to have more than 300 participants.

The convention begins on Friday, Sept. 3 with singing and a welcome address by 1981-82 ANWSO President Brenda Itta of Barrow. A

keynote speaker to be decided will speak on "The Past Ten Years — The Next Ten Years."

Saturday's events begin with breakfast, registration, more singing and a welcome address by Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles.

A panel discussion on "Our Future, Our Design," will be held that morning and the two gubernatorial candidates who survive the primary run-off will be invited to speak and answer questions.

Workshops will fill the afternoon. Those workshops include topics such as: making leadership work to accomplish

the purposes of each region; the historical background of ANSCA; education and priorities of education; understanding financial statements and annual corporation reports; incorporating ANSCA education into the education process of the Department of Education and the University of Alaska.

Corporate structure, and powers reserved for stockholders, powers conferred on the board by statute, charter and bylaws; and matters delegated to management by the board;

Social impacts such as disruption of the person, family

and community by alcohol and drug abuse or domestic violence in the home;

Health and the economics of health care; how to manage money; the political process at the village, regional corporation and state and federal government level;

Positive parenting; starting your own business; leadership and self-determination; legal rights for Native women in employment, social status, and housing; continuing education, government accountability, economic development, employment and career development, home management

and dancing.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, a general ANWSO business meeting and election of officers will be held along with a luncheon featuring a guest speaker.

Another round of workshops will be held Sunday afternoon along with a late afternoon general session and resolutions.

Workshops will be repeated throughout the conference so that people can have four chances to attend a workshop instead of just one.

For more information and reservations, contact WSO board member Lilly McGarvey at 243-1078.