



CEDC staff during infrequent break.

Executive director elected to national board

Alfred R. Ketzler, Executive Director of CEDC, was re-elected as a member of the board of directors and executive committee of the National Congress for Community Economic Development (NCCED).

Ketzler was re-elected at the annual meeting of that organization held recently in Washington, D.C. This represents the fourth consecutive year a representative of CEDC of Alaska has been elected to the NCCED board of directors.

Organized in 1970, NCCED is a private, non-profit membership trade association whose members are organizations and individuals interested in community economic development. NCCED's main goal is to promote and assist the concept of community economic development as an effective economic revitalization mechanism.

NCCED operates many activities to carry out its goal, including large programs of government relations and information sharing. NCCED is governed by an elected board of directors representing all regions of the country as well as staff and board representatives from its voting members.

In addition to electing officers, the members discussed issues relevant to Community Development Corporations across the country. This resulted in the establishment of a special committee for rural Community Development Corporations, such as CEDC of Alaska, to investigate the problems encountered when applying for federal or foundation program funds. This committee will analyze the effect of competition for funds between the rural organizations and the larger urban organizations. A representative from CEDC of Alaska will be appointed to this committee.