

# TT Shareholders To Meet

The Board of Directors of the *Tundra Times* set a date for an annual meeting of corporation shareholders, elected two new directors, and considered a plan for publishing new editions of the newspaper during its first meeting of 1980 on March 7.

The board, learning that the three-year probate of the Estate of newspaper founder Howard Rock has been completed, ordered that the annual Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company shareholders meeting be held on Saturday, August 2, 1980, at Fairbanks. More than half of the Company's stock has been held by the Rock Estate since 1976.

The shareholders meeting will be held in Fairbanks during the 1980 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. Shareholders of record as of June 20, 1980 will be entitled to vote shares of stock at the meeting, the directors decided. All nine board seats will be filled at the meeting.

The directors acted to chose two new board members to assume vacant director positions. For the first time, representatives of the Aleut and AVCP-Calista Native regions were selected for *Tundra Times* directorships. The vacancies had been created by resignations of the NANA Regional Corporation

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# Board Meeting

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representative and one of two Juneau directors from the board.

Mr. Agafon Krukoff, Jr., President of the Aleut Corporation, was the unanimous choice of the directors for the first vacant seat. Mr. Krukoff was also elected to the office of Assistant Corporate Secretary and was placed on the five-member Executive Committee of the Board. A member of the Aleut Community of St. Paul in the Pribilof Islands, Mr. Krukoff was also elected to represent the *Tundra Times* on the Howard Rock Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.

Mr. Carl Jack, President of the Association of Village Council Presidents, was elected to the directorship formerly held by Mr. Jim Edenso of Juneau. AVCP is the tribal organization representing 56 Yupik Eskimo village traditional and Native I.R.A. councils of western Alaska. Mr. Jack is Vice Chairman of the Alaska Federation of Natives Board of Directors and Chairman of the AFN Human Resources Board.

Mr. Mac Davis of Anchorage, a *Tundra Times* Director since 1977, was elected to the office of Treasurer of the Corporation by the board. He joins Directors Krukoff, Chris Anderson and Barry Jackson of Fairbanks, and Chairman of the Board Thomas Richards, Jr. on the Executive Committee.

The Directors also accepted the resignation of Mr. Karl Armstrong of Kodiak from the board with regret. Mr. Armstrong submitted his resignation during the meeting, citing pressing obligations as Executive Vice President of Koniag, Inc. Although relinquishing the *Tundra Times* directorship, Mr. Armstrong agreed to the request of the board that he retain the post of Vice President of Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company, Inc., owners of *Tundra Times*. The Executive Committee was authorized to select a replacement for Mr. Armstrong on the board, and his resignation will become effective upon such action.

A major item of business was consideration of a management plan for publishing regionalized editions of the *Tundra Times* for north slope

villages and other areas. After lengthy consideration, the board endorsed the plan "in concept" and authorized the Executive Committee to further review and make final determination on the proposal.

In other business, the Directors elected Mrs. Bea Halkett of Anchorage to be Chairperson of the 1980 *Tundra Times* Banquet Committee. Mrs. Halkett chaired the 1979 *Tundra Times* Banquet. The Board authorized the Executive Committee to plan for a *Tundra Times* Banquet in Fairbanks at the time of the annual shareholders meeting and the 1980 World Eskimo-Indian Olympics.

The Directors also adopted a Corporate Resolution to formally approve membership of the *Tundra Times* in the Alaska Freedom of Information Task Force, and endorsing the positions and legislative proposals of the FOI Task Force. The group was recently organized by members of the journalism profession in Alaska to advocate for greater public access to records of actions of government agencies and entities.

*Tundra Times* Chairman of the Board Richards, commenting on the board's actions, said, "I am very pleased at the actions of the board. The election of Mr. Krukoff and Mr. Jack to their directorships gives us a board which is highly talented, philosophically united in recognition of our responsibility to serve Native people, and well-balanced in representation from Alaska tribal cultures. The newspaper is healthy and viable. We enjoy an excellent relationship among directors, management and staff. We have a team which is energetic, able and willing to undertake the great challenge of providing the level of media services which is sought and deserved by the Native people of Alaska."

Following the board meeting, the *Tundra Times* staff hosted a reception to honor retiring director Mr. Armstrong, new directors Mr. Krukoff and Mr. Jack, and invited guests from The Aleut Corporation, the AVCP and Calista Retion, the Village of Nulato, Ounalashka Corporation, St. George Tanag Corporation, Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation, and the North Slope Borough.

The next board meeting of the *Tundra Times* will be held on Friday, August 1, 1980 at Fairbanks.