

Letters to the Editor

UIC President explains vision plan, apologizes

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to a letter written to the Editor in the June 8, 1995 *Arctic Sounder* by a UIC shareholder, Mr. Perry Ahsogak.

First, the Vision Plan that was mentioned is a tool the UIC management uses to achieve direction and goals which were approved by Board of Directors of UIC. Under Alaska corporate law, the Board of Directors has the responsibilities to provide such direction for the corporation. At the Fairbanks

shareholder informational meeting, management reported on how the UIC management used the vision plan to guide the day-to-day operations of the company.

The graphs that were presented at the meeting are listed by location of the jobs that were presented. Whenever possible, UIC solicits shareholders to apply for employment whenever UIC and subsidiaries land contracts anywhere within the state of Alaska.

I personally apologize for the action of one of our Board of Directors at the Fairbanks meeting,

the Board of Directors of UIC have set standards on how we conduct ourselves in public or during shareholder meetings. Based on several reasons, the board has started appropriate steps to remove our fellow board member who behaved in an inappropriate manner at the shareholder meeting.

I also apologize to all shareholders who were offended by the remarks by a fellow director. We at UIC have tried to have good working relationships with all organizations within the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation
Max E. Ahgeak
President

JOM director believes in culture

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading the *Tundra Times* newspaper. I am currently the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program Director for the Fairbanks Native Association. The JOM parent committee feels that Native Culture should be implemented in our program. The FNA-JOM Potlatch Dance Group are a part of our Native Culture component.

The FNA-JOM Potlatch Dance Group have been taught Alaskan Native songs and dances from very resourceful Elders in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The group has received many requests

from local organizations to perform their art of song and dance and have performed for various community activities.

In April, the group attended the 14th Annual Native Youth Leadership Conference and received the "Youth Group of the Year" award. We are very proud of the Potlatch Dance Group. We would appreciate it if you would print the following article in your newspaper. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Charlene J. Allen
JOM Director
FNA