

1985 Convention Resolutions Affecting proposed changes

Four resolutions relating to 1991 were approved by the AFN delegates at the 1985 Convention. Below is an explanation of how they apply.

Resolution 85-03 directly affected the original 1991 resolutions passed in 1984 in that it narrowed the availability of dissenters' rights to shareholder votes on just two options: eliminating stock alienation restrictions (84-02) and transferring assets from Native corporations to other entities (84-08).

85-03 states that each corporation should be given the option of allowing dissenters' rights in certain major corporate 1991 decisions. The resolution further states that it is neither necessary nor desirable to provide for the option of dissenters' rights for all 1991 actions, such as mergers of village corporations or the issuance of stock to new Natives or elders. The option of allowing dissenters' rights should apply only if shareholders vote on terminating restrictions on stock alienation or transfers of Native corporation assets

to other entities.

Therefore, concludes 85-03, the option of allowing dissenters' rights is to be limited in the proposed AFN 1991 legislation to shareholder votes, if any, on terminating stock alienation restrictions and transferring land or other assets from Native corporations to other entities.

Resolution 85-02 authorized AFN to submit legislation to Congress based on the eight 1991 resolutions as amended and approved in 1984. The delegates also called for expansion of the 1991 Steering Committee to include village representation.

Additionally, Resolution 85-01, although not dealing specifically with 1991 legislation, endorsed the concept of tribal self-government and directed AFN to develop a strategy to protect the rights of tribes.

Finally, Resolution 85-04 acknowledged the recommendations of Thomas R. Berger in his report of the Alaska Native Review Commission titled "Village Journey."