

# Greenland ratifies Inuit conference charter

Greenland's Home Rule Government ratified the I.C.C. Charter on October 28, 1982. The Landsting (The Greenlandic Parliament) voted unanimously to ratify the I.C.C. Charter, which had previously been ratified by Canada and Alaska.

The Landsting gave strong praise to Alaska for its role in the I.C.C.

The late Eben Hopson, Mayor of Barrow, the North Slope Borough, Alaska, was the founder of I.C.C. in 1977. The North Slope Borough was

praised for its consistent moral and financial support without which I.C.C. would not have been a successful organization.

Eugene Brower, the present North Slope Borough mayor was praised for his continuation of the work supporting the I.C.C. in the spirit of Eben Hopson.

The Landsting also praised the Canadian Inuit who have worked for the I.C.C. The Landsting decided to appeal to the Canadian Government to lend support to the Canadian Inuit in their desire to further and strengthen the contacts with their fellow Inuit in Alaska and Greenland.

The hope was also expressed that the Canadian Inuit would soon be able to fulfill their financial obligations to the I.C.C.

The Landsting was pleased that the first I.C.C. secretariat is located in Nuuk and expressed its pleasure at the work I.C.C. has carried out in the last year. The Landsting pointed out that one should be careful not to confuse the Home Rule Government and I.C.C.

They are two separate entities and I.C.C. does not speak for the Home Rule Government nor does the Home Rule Government speak for I.C.C.

"I.C.C. is very pleased with the final ratification of the Charter," said Per Berthelsen, Administrative Secretary to I.C.C. secretariat. "It is a happy day for all Inuit and a great step forward in our efforts to re-affirm our common heritage across the Arctic."

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Governor Bill Sheffield has appointed Guy Russo of Anchorage to a seat on the Alaska Transportation Commission. Russo succeeds retiring ATC Commissioner Wally Kubley.

Russo, 61, has been regional

sales manager for Western Airlines in Alaska since 1981. Prior to that he was manager of cargo sales and service, as well as a pipeline marketing specialist, for Western in Anchorage and Fairbanks.