

Jackson elected to Kake Corp.

Gordon Jackson was elected president and chief executive officer of Kake Tribal Council Corp. at the annual meeting in Kake last month, replacing Clarence Jackson Sr.

Tension throughout the meeting Dec. 20 had focused on two options: a proposed distribution of a large sum of money gained through the sale of net operating losses or placing the funds into the Kake Tribal Permanent Fund. Following hours of debate, an advisory vote was taken by the shareholders present at the meeting.

"The vote to distribute won by a very, very slim margin," said the new president, Gordon Jackson. "However, shareholders must understand the vote does not mean an automatic distribution."

Jackson heads Kake

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He stressed that the vote means the Board of Directors has a recommendation before it and that the ultimate decision rests with them.

"We plan to gather more information concerning the legality, fiscal impact and options concerning a distribution," he said. "The board will meet to address the issue as soon as the information is available."

Commenting on the change in leadership for the corporation, Gordon Jackson said, "Despite the disagreements we've had in the past, I have only kind things to say about Clarence's accomplishments over the past years.

"My leadership and direction today requires me to focus my attention on the future and the current problems of our fine corporation," he added.

Other officers elected at the meeting included Norman Jackson, vice president; Marvin Kadake, secretary, and Wilbur Brown, treasurer.

The new president brings much experience to the position. He is currently the vice president of corporate development for the Sealaska Heritage



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Foundation.

Also, Jackson has served in the past as vice president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, director of research for the Alaska Native Foundation and professional legislative aide to the House Finance Committee.