



Incorporators of the new statewide Village Corporation Presidents organization, created this past week at the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. L. to R.: Paul Theodore, Knikatu (Knik), John H. Bahnke, Jr., Sitnasuak (Nome), Frank B. Stein, Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation (Kotzebue), B. Agnes Brown, Tyonek, John F. Allen, Tatitlek; Ron T. Philemonoff, Tanadgusix Corp. (St. Paul).

## Village Organization becomes reality

A number of years of hard work, planning, organization and effort came to reality at the Alaska Federation of Natives convention when six incorporators signed the Articles of Incorporation for the Statewide ANCSA Village Association, an organization of village corporation presidents.

Representatives of forty villages were present at the meetings, which were held during the convention. They scrutinized and rewrote both Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the new organization, but in the end ratified only the Articles. The original six incorporators then inked the final draft.

Purposes of the new group were stated as:

1. To assist in the promotion of the goals of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act through the provision of services required by Village Corporations and/or the Four Named Cities; and
2. To foster and improve communications among Village Corporations and or the Four Named Cities; and
3. To provide technical assistance, training and educational programs required for the successful implementation of the Settlement Act; and
4. To provide an opportunity to periodically meet, review and take such action as may be necessary with respect to mutual matters of concern or interest, and, where possible, to act jointly in furtherance of such concerns or interests.
5. To apply for, and accept any grants from any federal, state or private organization that assists or

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fosters the purposes for which this corporation is organized; provided, however, any conditions or limitations to said grants do not offend or controvert said purposes.

6. To accept any properties or income from any sources which shall become the property or income of the corporation; provided that any limitations placed on accepting or receiving said property or income is not contrary to the purposes or objectives for which this association is organized.

The process of incorporation is now in the works; the next meeting of the group is tentatively targeted for mid-November at which time officers may be elected and the new entity officially in business.