

# RurAL CAP re-elects board, takes action

The Board of Directors of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) re-elected their president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer by unanimous ballot at their Annual Meeting in Anchorage on Dec. 14. Andrew Ebona of Juneau was re-elected president; Jonathan Solomon of Ft. Yukon, continues as vice president; and Bill Barr of Shishmaref, was re-elected secretary/treasurer.

Ebona, who represents the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, has been board president since September. "RurAL CAP has had a long and impressive history of working on rural issues in Alaska, and we intend to add to it." Ebona continued, "I appreciate the confidence which the Board has expressed in me, and look forward to a year which is sure to be full of exciting challenges for us all."

Prior to the elections, Gov. Bill Sheffield addressed the Board, describing his plans

for a mini-Cabinet on rural issues. The governor also took time to answer Board members' questions on a wide range of topics.

Other actions taken by the Board at the Annual Meeting included:

- \* Selection of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and the Community Enterprise Development Corporation (CEDC) as the Private Sector organizations to be

represented on the Board during the coming year.

- \* Adoption of a Resolution urging the State to hold local public hearings, in affected areas, on State management of 10 species of marine mammals.

- \* Opposition to recently proposed revisions by the Federal Office of Management and Budget which would severely restrict the activities of a wide variety of non-

profit organizations throughout the State.

- \* Adoption of a Resolution noting the recent passing of Othniel "Art" Oomittuk, of the North Slope Borough, who had been a RurAL CAP Board member for over five

years.

The next meeting of the full Board will take place immediately following RurAL CAP's annual Village Participation Conference, which is scheduled to be held March 5th, 6th and 7th in Juneau.