

Know Your Proxy— Stockholders

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Stockholders of the various village and regional Native corporations are cautioned before they sign a proxy.

Recently there have been a number of various proxy forms sent through the mail to stockholders of the village and regional corporations.

Together with a proxy form mailed to the stockholder is an accompanying letter which stipulates that unless 5% of the stockholders, including those which are proxy holders, are not present at the stockholder's meeting, then the meeting cannot be held because of the lack of a quorum.

This part of the statement in the accompanying letter is correct but it also insinuates that the lack of a quorum would jeopardize the distribution of money from that appropriated by Congress for lands lost.

This last statement borders on coercion and proxies obtained in this manner could be challenged in the court or at the stockholders meeting.

The last board meeting of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. adopted a resolution authorizing the management to disburse the funds entitled to the stockholders.

The Cook Inlet Region, Inc. management has been authorized by the CIRI Board to mail out a letter explaining what is a proxy, when and how it should be used, and the legal limits of a proxy.

It is also sending out a proxy form in blank to each stockholder so that at the event the stockholder cannot attend the stockholders' meeting a duly appointed agent holding the wishes of the stockholder.

A proxy is a power of attorney, giving the privilege to the stockholder's proxy, the right to vote the wishes of the stockholder. Know to whom you are giving your proxy. The proxy holder will be voting your rights in your place.

If you cannot attend the stockholders' meeting in person, assign your proxy to someone who has been working in your behalf, some one who you know or is recommended by a friend that you know.

There will be many requests for your proxy via letter, phone and verbally. Not all people soliciting proxies are concerned

about your behalf, some are doing so to attain power which may be harmful towards you.

Remember that the proxy that has the last date is the one that counts. If you have already signed one of the proxies mailed to you, due to a lack of knowledge, you may correct this mistake.

The Cook Inlet Region, Inc., 519 C Street, Anchorage, 99510, will be sending out a blank form, otherwise call them at 274-7575 and ask them to send you out a Blank Proxy form.

Your future may be at stake in how you delegate your stockholder's right and whom you select as a director on your regional or village boards.

Ketchikan Girl Wins

(Courtesy of Ketchikan Daily News)

A 1973 Ketchikan High School graduate and her former home economics teacher have won an expense paid 10-day trip to Italy as first place winners in a sewing contest sponsored by Spadea Petters of New Jersey.

Alice Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson, 757 Deermount Ave., and high school home economics teacher Lois Munch plan to visit fashion houses in Milan, Rome, Florence and Turin, Italy, on the 10-day trip in the spring.

Ms. Johnson spent two months last spring constructing the prize-winning pants suit made of imported Italian wool with a Spadea pattern.

Winning the contest was not easy, according to Mrs. Munch. Ms. Johnson did the sewing after school and, by contest rules, had to use the Italian fabric which had to be ordered. Since sewing shops in Ketchikan did not carry Spadea patterns, teacher and student bought a pattern in Seattle when they both happened to be there in summer, 1972.

Ms. Johnson's winning pants suit is on display this week at the Clothes Tree.

No novice at sewing, Ms. Johnson in 1972 won a contest sponsored by What's New in Home Economics magazine. She won a Singer Golden Touch sewing machine with her entry, a leopard fur fabric coat.

Newspaper Tree Prog.

FAIRBANKS — Most people are familiar with "family trees," but not everyone is aware of the "newspaper tree" program at the University of Alaska.

"In order to make our newspaper holdings more accessible to the public, we have decided to publish lists of the newspapers that have been published in various Alaskan communities over the years," said H. Theodore Ryberg, statewide director of libraries.

"The first newspaper tree to be completed lists the papers that have been published in the Fairbanks area," he said, "and we plan to compile the same type of information for other newspapers in the state."

The Early Fairbanks Newspaper Tree gives a brief history of the 16 papers that have been published in Fairbanks and Tanana from 1903 to the present. Items listed include names of editors, length of publication and which issues are available in the university library either on microfilm or in hard copy.

In 1903 Fairbanks had three newspapers, the "Fairbanks Herald," the "Fairbanks Miner," and the "Fairbanks News." The "Herald" and the "Miner" each published only one edition, but the "News" has been published continually to the present as the "Evening News" and the "Daily News-Miner" (1915-present, incorporating the "Tanana Miner").

The library has representative or nearly-complete holdings of most of the papers. The staff is interested, however, in obtaining missing copies. Missing from the collection entirely are: the "Fairbanks Alaskan Churchman" (1906-1921), "Fairbanks Facts" (1913-14), "Fairbanks Herald" (1915), the "Fairbanks Record" (one issue only was published on April 6, 1915), and the "Socialist Press" (1914-15).

Richard Kurial, a library assistant at the university's Elmer E. Rasmuson Library in Fairbanks who is compiling the newspaper trees, said that a tree for the Nome papers will be completed this month.

Anyone interested in obtaining copies of the newspaper trees may write the library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. The individual papers are available at any public or university library through inter-library loans.

State Money Asked— Alcohol Problem

JUNEAU — Alaskan legislators faced with federal and state statistics which show extraordinary alcoholism problems in Alaska are being asked to approve an increased amount of money for prevention and rehabilitation programs.

The move comes in the form of State Senate legislation to award grants-in-aid in a ratio of 90 per cent state money to 10 per cent community money to meet staff, renovation and construction costs for alcoholic detoxification, rehabilitation or half-way house facilities. The present ratio, 75 per cent state money to 25 per cent community funds, is applicable for administrative costs only.

The state budget for fiscal 1974 allocated \$2,195,000 to the Division of Alcoholism (compared with \$1,918,000 for the previous year) out of which the division must provide grants and meet administrative costs as well.

"Considering the high proportion of alcoholics within the state and the limited ability of individual communities to finance rehabilitation and prevention programs, something more has got to be done on the state level to help," said State Sen. John C. Sackett, R-Galena.

Sackett and State Senators Chancy Croft, D-Anchorage, Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, Terry Miller, R-Fairbanks and Lowell Thomas Jr., R-Anchorage, co-sponsored the bill.

"A great amount of energy has gone into arrest and conviction of persons whose drinking problems have resulted in violation of the law; yet concern in the cause of the problem remains minimal," Sackett said.

The Galena Republican cited statistics gathered by the division of alcoholism within the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services which show Alaska ranked third in the nation for the most chronic alcoholics.

A study on alcohol and health conducted by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare showed Alaska ranked third behind Nevada and New Hampshire in apparent consumption of alcohol.

Noting those figures, the state of Alaska financed another study last year which showed one out of every 11 adults in Alaska to be an alcoholic, said Charles Ramage, coordinator for the division of alcoholism.

Using a formula which determines the rate of alcoholism according to the presence of cirrhosis of the liver, Ramage said the study determined that "slightly over nine per cent of Alaskan residents 20 years of age or over may be considered to be alcoholic."

Ramage said he felt his agency was having an impact on the problem, but that it remained a serious situation. "Our facilities are clogged — filled to the top," Ramage said. Yet with an estimated 15,600 alcoholics now included in the state's population, there are simply not sufficient facilities to treat them, he said.

Alaskans' Aid Asked to Enforce Game Laws

Commissioner Pat Wellington called for Alaskans to help enforce their own game laws in a hard-hitting statement recently.

"If you take a ceremonial knife and commit suicide with it, the act is called hari-kari. In Alaska if you see a man poaching a moose, or a salmon, or a bear, and you don't report it, you are doing the same thing with your renewable natural resources, I repeat, YOUR natural resources."

"You are helping to kill them off a little at a time. We have 59 Fish and Wildlife protection officers in this state. This means we have one officer for every 10,000 square miles of land, not excluding the sea. Our men cannot do this job of protecting the fish and game laws of Alaska without the help of the public," Commissioner Pat Wellington said.

"Too often we take the easy way out by ignoring violations of fish and game laws. If you see a man fishing illegally, this man is hurting you, not some vague constituency floating around in the clouds. The fish in this state belong to the citizens of the state — so do the birds and animals. Such natural resources, if taken without the state's written or implicit permission, is a kick in your shins as a citizen," Wellington observed.

"Alaska can go a long way toward policing its own resources without one person stepping out of his house," Wellington said. "Just teach your children the basic laws of protecting our wildlife."

"If you stand by and cheer while your boy is throwing rocks at a spawning salmon, you might as well be skipper of a purse seiner high-grading fish at the mouth of a spawning creek," the commissioner said. "Public Safety will enforce the laws

governing the taking of fish and game, but we can't do it alone."

Expo '74 in Spokane, Wn.

SPOKANE, Wash. — (AIPA) — Northwest Indian Enterprises (NIE), Indian planners for Indian participation in the upcoming Expo '74 World's Fair here opening in May, have in their brochure entitled "Native American's Earth" issued a statement on "The Indian Race at Expo." Following is the text of that statement:

"America's Indian tribes often differ by custom, language, religion, arts and life style. Despite their many differences, they have definite cultural similarities that bind them together as a race. Indian people often affiliate in various intertribal alliances for the common good of the group."

"It is natural enough then, that the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians should wish to present the varied beauty of the Native American way of life for the appreciation of the other people of the world."

"What more fitting time could be chosen than an environmental exposition for the presentation of a life style based on harmony with nature?"

"What more fitting place than the very site on which their ancestors had camped to harvest the bounty of salmon without depleting the supply or polluting the water?"

"Realizing that no one could tell this story of life with nature more adequately than the Indian race who had lived it, Expo officials granted time and space in which the tribes will depict many aspects of their living culture."

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