

Rural energy group forms

A statewide energy association has formed to represent the

energy needs of rural Alaskans. The Alaska Regional Energy Association met in Juneau, and elected officers. Robert Martin, General Manager of the Tlingit-Haida Regional Electrical Authority, is elected chairman. From Juneau, he represents Southeast and the Central Council Tlingit/Haida/Indians. Bob Brean is vice-chairman and represents Upper Tanana Development Corporation. Jeri Chong of Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association was elected secretary.

Other delegates are Mark Siegars, Bristol Bay Native Association; Chris Lyou, Cook Inlet Native Association; Jimmie L. Farmer, Koyukon Development Corporation; Scott Plack, North Pacific Rim; Kent Grinage, North Slope Borough; Harold Sparck, Nunam Kitlutsisti; and Chris Anderson, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.

The Associations purpose is to inform, to review and coordinate information on resources, and other issues of rural Alaskans. Further information on AREA may be obtained from the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Energy Department, 327 Eagle Street, Anchorage, Alaska.