



John Schaeffer, president of NANA since the corporation's beginning, has resigned his position.

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Hensley is NANA's new president

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Three Native regional profit corporations have announced major changes in personnel and directors during Oct. 1985. In NANA region Willie Hensley will assume the president's seat when John Schaeffer leaves within the next several months.

Hensley said, "We're going to miss John. We've worked hand-in-glove for almost 20 years."

Schaeffer is the only Native corporate president who has retained the president's position since the inception of corporations in 1971. "We operated our headquarters out of Kotzebue.

We've operated our corporation where our people live. That's why we've been so stable," Schaeffer said. When asked why he was resigning he said, "Primarily my own need to make a change in my life. '65 is when I started traveling and I haven't stopped since."

NANA chairman Robert Newlin explained why Hensley was selected. "Willie was chosen by the board because he has been with NANA since we began and he understands NANA's cultural and business goals."

Other corporate changes included Sealaska electing Embert Demmert and Alfred Widmark to serve on the board while Robert

Sanderson and Joe Wilson vacated their board seats.

Chugach Alaska, Inc. named Keith Gordaoff chief executive officer. He assumes that post in November. In the interim Roy Roehl will continue as Chief Executive Officer and president. Roehl was elected vice-chairman also. Marchell Espe, former vice chairman was elected chairman at the Anchorage shareholders meeting. Julie Kitka was re-elected to serve as treasurer of the board while Sylvia Lange was elected to serve as secretary.

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