

# 7th Annual AFN Convention Conflicting Dates Puzzle

The seventh annual AFN Convention will be held in Anchorage Oct. 26-28. executive board of the Tanana Chiefs be selected to act as delegates to the AFN Con-  
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The seventh annual AFN Convention will be held at Wildwood Dec. 15-18.

If you think you're seeing double, you may be. At this point in time, no one is dead certain whether there will be one convention or two.

Prior to his recent ouster as President of AFN, Inc., Don Wright scheduled the forthcoming convention to be held at the Wildwood facility on the Kenai peninsula.

An Anchorage radio station KFQD is still carrying a public announcement giving that location and the December date.

However, Wright's successor, Willie Hensley, newly elected president of AFN, Inc. and nine of the twelve board members announced last week that the convention would be held in Anchorage Oct. 26-28.

They asked that each of the twelve native regional corporations send delegates and alternates to cast one vote for every 250 Alaskan natives in their region.

At last week's Tanana Chiefs Conference, there was confusion as to which convention delegates from that region would be expected to attend.

A motion was made that the

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vention.

A confused and weary member stood up to ask, "Are we talking about AFN or AFN, Inc.?"

Said President John Sackett, "I hope both. I hope that within the next few months we can resolve this."

The motion to have the board act as delegates passed unanimously.

However, following the vote Horace Biederman of Eagle stood up to say, "This problem wasn't solved that's facing us."

Biederman expressed the feeling that there should be a representative from every village attending the next AFN convention.

Sackett outlined the enormous cost of sending even a small delegation to Anchorage.

Don Wright made an appearance at the three-day conference in Fairbanks and addressed a closed session of the executive board of Tanana Chiefs. There was no public announcement as to the nature of that address.

However, Wright made a statement to Tundra Times on

the history of events that led to his dismissal and on allegations about financial irregularities within the AFN organization. His statement appears on page one of this issue.

The shadow of the AFN conflict fell over delegates who had come to discuss regional issues within the Tanana Chiefs area and found themselves faced with a division of loyalties over the statewide AFN struggle.