

Lisbourne Resigns ANICA Presidency

The President of the board of directors of the Alaska Native Industries Cooperative Association, Dan Lisbourne of Point Hope, resigned that position recently.

"I had to comply with the articles and bylaws set up by the board of directors of ANICA," said Lisbourne last week.

Lisbourne last August had resigned his custodian position at the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at his home village of Point Hope after a clash of interests with the BIA teachers

there. He had been in government service for 21 years.

He later joined the political forces of U.S. Senate candidate Elmer Rasmuson who was defeated by Mike Gravel in the

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recent general election.

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"Mr. Paul Jones of Deering, Alaska has been automatically promoted to the presidency of ANICA until the next election in another year. He is filling in my unexpired term," said Lisbourne.

Paul Jones is the first vice president of the cooperative.

Dan Lisbourne said that Paul Jones had written him a letter recently and indicated strongly that he would seek removal of Winfield Erwin, Jr., the present general manager of ANICA with offices in Seattle.

Jones also said that there was a possibility that the board of directors of ANICA would meet sometime before December 31. Among the discussions would be about hiring of a new general manager.

Another discussion would be the possibility of relocating the general offices of ANICA to Alaska.

"I wrote to Paul Jones that if he holds the meeting to invite me. I feel that having been president of ANICA for 12 years, I can be instrumental to the board on subjects that will be discussed at this meeting. I can, perhaps, act as an advisor," said Lisbourne.

"Since I no longer work for the BIA," Lisbourne continued, "I can express my own opinions. My hands had been tied during my employment with the BIA and as everyone knows, ANICA is under control of the BIA."

Dan Lisbourne and his family lived in Nome while he worked in the campaign setup for Elmer Rasmuson.

He applied for a job with the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory in Barrow and was accepted. He and his family flew to Barrow last week.

Lisbourne hopes to put in nine more years of government service so he can become eligible for retirement pension.