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## NEWSLETTER

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# AFN, INC.'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

To Support Health Corp.'s—

## HAD Granted \$2,464,708

The Health Affairs Division was recently notified by the congressional offices, the notice of grant award in the amount of \$2,464,708.00 to support the delegate agency health corporations and health authority for FY '75 starting Aug. 1, 1974 and ending July 30, 1975.

According to Carl Jack, director of the Health Affairs Division, the funds will support the health program administered by the six health corporations.

These are: Norton Sound Health Corporation, Nome;

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel; Kotzebue Area Health Corporation, Kotzebue; Tanana Chief's Health Authority, Fairbanks; Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham; and Kodiak Area Native Association, Kodiak.

With additional funds approved by Department of Health, Education and Welfare, operating budget for fiscal year 1975 will be \$2.9 million.

In addition to the grant from HEW, the division has also been

recently notified the approval of the proposal submitted to the regional medical program to:

1. Sponsor the second phase of the statewide rural health seminar and the development of a standardized curriculum for the health aides within the State of Alaska.

Not only will the curriculum be developed but also the contract will provide continuing education for the health aide and will enable the aide to be accredited by the universities.

Program Director—

## HAD Hires Don Bantz

The Health Affairs Division has recently hired Don Bantz as the program director for the Alaska Native Health Careers program. Bantz was recruited from Sacramento, Calif.

Bantz has extensive background in the training of health professional and has worked with the California Rural Indian Health Board in that field.

AFN, Inc. Health Affairs is extremely fortunate to hire a person of such calibre as Bantz. He will be directing the program for:

1. Identification of Native people that may have interest in health careers.

2. Negotiating contracts with universities for the development of health related curriculums.

3. Establishing liaison between AFN, Inc. and the medical schools and

4. Developing traineeship program for the student during the summer months whereby the trainees will be able to work in delegate health corporations of AFN, Inc. and other health agencies throughout Alaska.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### ANNUAL ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC. CONVENTION

October 24, 25, 26, 1974

Captain Cook Hotel

##### October 24, 1974

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Registration  
1:00 p.m.— 1:05 p.m. Call to Order  
1:05 p.m.— 1:10 p.m. Invocation  
1:10 p.m.— 1:40 p.m. Opening Remarks  
1:40 p.m.— 1:45 p.m. Welcome Address  
1:45 p.m.— 1:50 p.m. Welcome Address

1:50 p.m.— 2:10 p.m. Committee Appointments  
2:10 p.m.— 3:10 p.m. Keynote Speaker  
3:10 p.m.— 3:40 p.m. Coffee Break  
3:40 p.m.— 4:10 p.m. President's Report

Jack Wick, Chairman  
Father Simeon Oskolkoff  
Jack Wick, Chairman  
George Sullivan, City Mayor  
John R. Roderick, Borough Mayor  
Jack Wick, Chairman  
Honorable Lloyd Meeds  
Roger Lang, President

##### October 25, 1974

9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Panel  
10:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Honorable William A. Egan  
11:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Coffee Break  
11:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Jay Hammond  
12:00 p.m.— 1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m.— 2:00 p.m. Honorable Mike Gravel  
2:00 p.m.— 2:30 p.m. Honorable C.R. Lewis  
2:30 p.m.— 3:30 p.m. Status of Alaska Native Lands

Human Resources Committee  
Rogers Morton, Secretary of Interior

3:30 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. Coffee Break  
4:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m. Honorable Don Young  
4:30 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Honorable Willie Hensley  
7:00 p.m.— Regional Corporation Presidents Dinner Meeting

##### October 26, 1974

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Land Panel  
12:00 p.m.— 1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Resolutions  
5:00 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. AFN, Inc. Citizen of the Year  
8:00 p.m.— Banquet

## To Be Presented At Annual Convention October 24-26, 1974

During the last AFN, Inc. board of directors meeting in Dillingham a motion was passed to have an AFN, Inc. Citizen of the Year Award at the annual convention to be held Oct. 24, 25, 26, 1974.

The award is to be presented to someone who is a

### On Allotments— Twenty-Three Recommendations (Part Three)

The decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge appealable to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. In the case of Native allotments, the Native Allotment Act does not require formal evidentiary hearings. Furthermore the discretionary nature of the Act gives the department authority to process the allotment applications on the basis of all the facts and evidence presented by the applicant or disclosed from information and data obtained by departmental personnel who have examined the land being claimed. For those applications where the field examination does not disclose sufficient evidence for allowance, the department is allowing the applicant to furnish additional evidence of use and occupancy. In addition, in considering evidence of use and occupancy, sworn statements by witnesses who have firsthand knowledge of the facts will be given substantial weight on the matters to which they testify.

Under these procedures, the allotment applicant is afforded the opportunity to be heard and present his evidence without going through a formalized hearing and incurring the expenses and inconvenience of he, his attorney, and his witnesses having to travel to the place of the hearing on a particular date, and to appear before an Administrative Judge. Under present procedures, the BLM will issue a decision on the application, taking into consideration information received during the 60-day period. This decision is appealable to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The Interior Board of Land Appeals is empowered to send the case to an Administrative Law Judge for a hearing to determine disputed questions of fact not clear in the case record.

We feel that the procedures now being followed by this department give the Native applicant a full and fair opportunity to present his evidence of compliance with the Native Allotment Act. To change these procedures to provide additional hearings would be needlessly cumbersome and expensive to the applicant.

20. Applications for allot-

great achiever in the Native affairs in Alaska. To someone who has been dedicated to Alaska Natives in the Native movement that is now taking place.

Nominations for this award are open to the public. You may send your nominations to Roger Lang, president; AFN, Inc., 1675 C Street; Anchorage, Alaska 99501 along with a brief explanation as to why you think your nomination should be the AFN, Inc. Citizen of the Year.

Nominations will be reviewed by the board of directors during the convention and an announcement is scheduled for Oct. 26, 1974, at 5 p.m.

Roger Lang said, "This is an important step for the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. It is extremely appropriate for the Native community to recognize individuals who have made substantial achievements on behalf of Alaska Natives."

ments which have been filed with a responsible Government agency by eligible Alaska Natives, but which were not filed prior to Dec. 18, 1971, with BIA, BLM, shall be considered as legitimate applications.

The Department is bound by law to process only those applications timely filed with the Department.

21. Allotment applications which have been rejected, or reduced, previous to the implementation of any, or all of the above recommendations shall be reviewed by BLM and BIA, and any allotments which would have been approved by the new guidelines were in effect shall then be approved.

The Solicitor is still studying this question.

22. The determination as to whether patented allotment lands are "mineral lands" shall be made using the same criteria as used for determining the validity of mineral claim under the 1872 mining act, as amended.

It should be noted that the test for determining if land in an allotment application is mineral land is distinctly different from that for determining the validity of a mining claim under the mining law. For land to be mineral in character it is not essential that there be an actual discovery of minerals on the land. But for a mining claim to be valid under the mining law it is essential that there be an actual discovery of minerals.

(More in two weeks)