

Cook Inlet Native Board holds annual meeting to welcome new members

On Saturday evening, March 18, the Board of Directors of the Cook Inlet Native Association held its annual meeting in the Commodore Room at the Anchorage Westward Hotel. The main purpose of this meeting was to administer the oath of office to the newly elected (re-elected) board members, to elect corporate officers for the coming year and to provide an evening of socializing for the board of directors and staff and program managers of the Cook Inlet Native Association.

Accordingly, the oath of office was administered to the following new board members at CINA's annual membership meeting held on March 7: Mrs. Tanya Gularte (re-elected); Ms. Christine Kashvarof (re-elected); Mr. Don Newton (elected); Ms. Bertha Severson (re-elected); Mr. Tim Twitchell (re-elected). After the swearing in of the board members, the meeting was open for nominations to the one-year terms as officers of the corporation. After all nominations were received, the election process yielded the following results: Mr. Jerry Gularte was re-elected chairman; Mr. Rick Nelson was elected vice-chairman; Mr. Robert Rude was re-elected president; Mr. Walter Riley was elected vice-president; Mr. Chuck Akers was re-elected treasurer; Mr. Tanya Gularte was re-elected secretary, and Mr. Tim Twitchell was re-elected sergeant-at-arms.

The formal proceedings of the evening were followed by the board's annual dinner and the presentation of awards to CINA's Employee of the Year and Department Manager of the Year. Ms. Bertha Peavy, with nearly seven years of service with CINA, was selected Employee of the Year in recognition of the fine job she does in running the Native Assistance desk at the airport. Mr. Esther Combs was named Department Manager of the Year acknowledging the outstanding job she's done in managing the complex operations of the Community Services Department.

At the close of the evening's activities, Mr. Tim Twitchell was awarded a special Plaque of Appreciation for his more than 14 years of dedicated unselfish service to Cook Inlet Native Association and the Anchorage Native community.