

Notti elected to Cook Inlet Region, Inc. board

Shareholders of Cook Inlet Region Inc. elected five members to three-year terms on the Board of Directors at the June 17 annual meeting. More than 3,800 shareholders, approximately 63 percent of all voting shareholders, were represented either in person or by proxy.

Re-elected were Charles G. Anderson, Gerald G. (Jerry) Brown, Gosta E. Dagg and Roy M. Huhndorf. Emil Notti, a board candidate supported by an activist

group called Shareholders for CIRI's Future, was elected for the first time.

Notti, a widely-respected statewide leader and Native rights advocate, is a former director of Doyon Ltd., the ANCSA regional corporation for the Interior.

The annual meeting also featured a report on CIRI's business operations by incoming president and chief operating officer, Carl Marrs, as well as an in-depth ques-

tion-and-answer session.

In a new initiative to provide better communications between CIRI and its shareholders, a drawing was held to select members for three shareholder participation committees. One committee will be made up of shareholders living in the Anchorage area, and the other two will represent shareholders living in Alaska outside of Anchorage and those living in the Lower 48. They will advise the board on policy

issues such as dividend distribution and board elections.

Huhndorf, the corporation's outgoing president, said CIRI has worked hard to improve shareholder communication and participation. In addition to the new committees, he cited recent workshops as examples of this initiative.

Marrs echoed the concern about shareholder participation.

"Whatever the future holds, and I believe the future will be bright for CIRI, our success and well-be-

ing will depend on continuing to build new channels of communication and participation with shareholders," said Marrs.

Some 50 resolutions proposed by two shareholder groups were deferred for later consideration by the new shareholder committees.

CIRI is one of 13 regional corporations established by Congress to administer the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and is owned by approximately 6,700 Athabascan, Eskimo and Aleut shareholders.