

Sackett Re-elected Doyon Ltd. President

FAIRBANKS State Sen. John Sackett, riding the crest of a solid stockholder vote of confidence, was re-elected Sunday as president of Doyon Limited.

His election came as the first meeting of the new board of directors of the regional Native corporation of the Interior, hours after Sackett departed by plane for Juneau in preparation for another week of Senate business.

The first annual meeting of Doyon Limited, Saturday at the Travelers Inn at Fairbanks attracted several hundred stockholders who packed the ballroom to hear reports on the corporation's business and financial affairs and to elect a board of directors.

Elected to the board, on a second ballot, were Tim Wallis, Mike Harper, Reva Morrison, Emil Notti, Richard Carroll, Lucy Carlo, Ronnie Sam, Wally Peter, Jimmy Huntington and John Sackett.

Melvin Charlie, Minto, one of the top 10 runners on the first ballot, withdrew before the second vote was cast, because as the new president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, he will serve as an ex-officio member on the Doyon board.

With the exception of Morrison, who announced her candidacy several weeks ago in an advertisement in Tundra Times, those elected were among the 15 candidates recommended by Doyon's nominating committee and placed on the slate. After Sackett's re-election as president, board members also se-

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lected Reggie Denny, Tanacross, as the 11th member of the board.

The annual meeting, first for any of the regional corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act attracted representatives from several other regional corporations, including President Robert Newlin and Executive Director John W. Schaeffer, of NANA Regional Corporation Inc., Kotzebue, Deputy Director Tom Drake of Bering Straits Native Corporation, Nome, and George See, special assistant to President John Borbridge, Sealaska Corporation, Juneau.

Packing the lobby outside the ballroom before the meeting were three lines of stockholders waiting to register and receive their ballots. They came from as far as Seattle, Anchorage and Hydaburg, in addition to the villages within the Doyon Region. The meeting had been planned to immediately follow the three-day Tanana Chiefs Conference convention so that a number of stockholders in town for the Tanana Chiefs meeting could attend without additional travel expense.

Following reports from President Sackett and several other

Doyon leaders, the balloting began. While the first ballot for the board of directors was being counted, stockholders were also asked to vote for several other issues, including approval of the independent certified public accounting firm recommended by the board. Sackett also took time to read the mid-afternoon results of the North American Sled Dog Championship, in progress several miles away.

A number of those present were trying to pack into the weekend not only the stockholders meeting but the sled dog races and the annual potlatch of the Fairbanks Native Association.

First ballot results of the board of directors' election showed only seven persons having the required vote of 1/20th of the total vote cast so a second ballot was called.

Ballot boxes were left open for two hours to be sure any persons who had left the meeting or were caucusing would have a chance to vote. When the results were tallied little over an hour after the polls closed, the new board had been selected, replacing the interim board which had served since the formation of the corporation.