

# Art board selects Natives

Five leading Native artists from around the state have been selected to serve four and five year terms on the board of directors of the Alaska Native Arts & Crafts Association, Inc., (ANAC).

The directors are: President Amos Wallace from Juneau, Harry Koozaata from Nome, Jerry Tungiyen from Gambell, John Sinnork from Shishmaref, and George Mayac from King Island/Anchorage.

"Not only are these men prominent in their art form, but are

respected individuals in their communities as well," explained Mary Lou Lindahl, Manager of ANAC.

Formerly a cooperative, the 48-year-old Native owned and directed non-profit organization was recently incorporated as an association. "The association structure will more efficiently serve both the artists, and our wholesale and retail buyers," Lindahl continued.

ANAC buyers travel throughout the Bush, meeting with artists and purchasing their products.

Along with other items brought or sent in personally by craftspeople, the work is distributed through the ANAC gallery headquarters at 425 D Street in Anchorage.

"Through the years, ANAC has presented the highest quality traditional Native work, plus much that is new and innovative," Lindahl said. The items by Eskimo, Tlingit, Athabaskan, Tsimshian and Aleut artists range from masks, skin sewing, and basketry to ivory and whalebone carving.