

IRA meeting

Editor's note: In early March, representatives of tribal governments from villages throughout Alaska gathered at a meeting sponsored by the Alaska Federation of Natives to discuss the issues surrounding Indian Reorganization Act governments. As a result of that meeting, the cornerstone was laid for a new statewide organization to represent the IRA governments of Alaska. This inspired a four-part series on the IRA governments in the Tundra Times. The fourth installment of that series was to have run in this issue, but spatial limitations have caused us to hold part four until next week. At that time, we will feature comments both from leaders in the IRA movement, state and federal government, and the AFN, which is taking a neutral stance with the issue.

All Alaska federal Indian tribes and traditional tribal councils are being cordially invited to a statewide tribal organizational meeting to be held in Anchorage May 5-6, 1983. The meetings will take place at the University of Alaska-Anchorage Consortium Library Building from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. each day. The meetings will consist mainly of work sessions, with a general session being held the afternoon of the second day.

This format is to allow tribal representatives maximum input of development of policy for the organization, according to officials of the Interim Statewide Tribal Organization Committee.

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Speakers for the Alaska Tribal Organizational Meeting include:

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| Ted Bryant — | Deloitte, Haskins & Sells — Tribal accounting, property management and personnel systems. Presidential Commission on Indian economic development, consultant on tribal government |
| Roy Sampsell — | Political action; Federal Budget Process staff member |
| Tim Woodcock — | Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; legislative initiatives affecting Alaska tribes |
| Charles Blackwell — | American Tribal Govt. & Policy Consultants; Methods of Strengthening Tribal Governments |
| James Bowen — | Chief Judge Puyallup Nation Tribe court procedures |
| Ed Phelps — | Management concepts — Developing tribal education/training priorities |
| Alexander Skibine — | Assistant Counsel on Indian Affairs; House Interior Committee; national legislative issues |
| Michael Jackson — | Republican Counsel; House Interior Committee; national legislative issues |
| Cliff Black — | Alaska Area Rep./National Congress of American Indians; NCAI policy developments relating to Alaska tribes |
| Karl Armstrong — | Koniag Region; President's Commission on Indian Economic Development |
| Robert Bennett — | Consultant on Tribal Government |
| Miles Davic — | Alaska Statehood Commission |