

Suzanne Wassman wins in Nome elections

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Anchorage shareholders in the Bering Straits Native Corporation lost their bid to elect four Anchorageites to the corporation's 15-member board of directors.

Meeting in Nome over the week-end, shareholders dealt the Anchorage group a loss, turning down two new candidates and removing one of two Anchorage incumbents.

The Anchorage shareholders, formally organized as the Bering Straits Inupiat Association, are seeking a new direction for the financial regional corporation.

Although failing in their election bid, the Anchorage shareholders are apparently not alone in desiring a change.

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If recent remarks to the press by BSNC President Jerome Trigg are any indication, the board of directors has taken the hint: No new investments and better management of Bering Straits enterprises.

Although Bering Straits reported a \$5.5 million loss over one and one half years, it since disposed of several losing companies.

At the weekend shareholders meeting, four new directors were elected and three incumbents retained their seat. The new members are: Cornelius Dan, Stebbens; Tommy Johnson, Nome; Lawrence O'Connor, Nome; and Suzanne Wassman, Nome.

Mrs. Wassman and her four children had filed suit March 25 against board member Al Nakak, BSNC president Jerome Trigg, BSIC president Tom Drake charging misuse of corporate funds and poor business transactions.

Reelected were: Bill Barr, Shismaref, Chuck Degnan, Unalakleet; and Barbara Trigg, Anchorage.