

Koniag's Armstrong recuperating

Koniag Inc. shareholders listening for the booming voice of executive vice president Karl Armstrong have found Armstrong speaking in a vigorous whisper.

The 54-year-old Armstrong, who helped form the Koniag corporation following the pas-

sage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, has been laid up recently recuperating from surgery for cancer. He reports that the operation was successful.

He has returned home and is recuperating well but his larynx was damaged when a res-

piratory tube was inserted and he has been speaking in a whisper since.

This ordinarily would not be of much problems for the feisty Armstrong but he is running for re-election to the Koniag board of directors and is having problems in campaigning. But Armstrong said Monday night that he has been placed on the election slate

for both the incumbent "management" slate and on the "loyal opposition," slate so he probably won't have problems. Armstrong said he isn't sure how his name got on both election slates.

As vice president, Armstrong deals mostly with governments and has dealt in several Koniag land deals and exchanges.

Also running for election Dec. 5 are management slate members Sven Haakanson, Old Harbor, Frank Peterson, Larson Bay, Armstrong, and newcomer Michael A. Pagano.

Seeking election from the "opposition" slate are Iver Malutin, Kodiak, Judy Meidinger, Anchorage, Carl Pajaman, Seattle, and Armstrong.