THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

April – 1969

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I first of all on behalf of the Board and staff welcome you all here to our first annual meeting.

The job of making the President's report for an organization such as ours is not an easy one for me. I would like to acknowledge everyone's contribution through your support in the many and varied ways that you have in the past year. My fear then is that I may fail to give adequate response to that support.

Let me first of all say to you that we have arrived at our first milestone with much progress and success in many areas of our endeavours. We would not have dared one year ago, even the most optimistic of us to forecast to anyone that we would achieve this much in our first year.

How do we measure our progress? Is it by our ever increasing staff requirements? The mail that arrives daily in ever increasing volume? By the ever increasing number of people that call on us daily in person and by telephone? What about all levels of government, agencies and news media that we are in daily dialogue with and the new cooperation from these people. What about the interest of our own people in their own culture and their affairs generally? How much of all this can we rightly and justly claim as our part in the progress of our people? I can only say that we can rightly claim a share and then leave you to make your own judgement from our reports and answers we can give to your questions as best we can.

I want to say also, that we have not made it, and we realize there is much hard work still ahead. We do however feel this does not detract from the fact that we have made a very substantial start in our first year.

Perhaps it would be appropriate at this time to explain the role that this society is playing and its relationships with the other two organizations, the Indian Association and the Metis Association. First of all our operating funds comes from both Governments, the Provincial and Federal because we are serving both Metis and Indians in communications. Our Board of Directors, staff and membership are made up then of both these peoples.

Our Society is not a political one and is also non-sectarian. We do not present briefs for people or groups nor do we attempt to act on behalf of anyone on any issue whatever. Our sole function is communication where we make available our resources to all natives in the Province through Radio, fieldmen and our own newspaper as well as others and perhaps in the foreseeable future, television, to bring to our people in this way the knowledge through communication, they require so they can better understand and solve their own problems.

The Indian Association and the Metis Association work completely separately from each other and our society also works separately from these groups. We have found it practical, however, that we work together in areas of mutual concern, dealing with the Human Resources Authority for instance, Northland School Division, Community Development and many other departments and agencies.

We recognize also the social and cultural problems, as well as economic aspects such as job discrimination etc, where for concerted action by our people as a whole is required for best results.

The Indian Association does not interfere in the affairs of Metis people in areas where only Metis people are concerned and on the other hand the Metis Association does not in turn interfere in the affairs of Treaty people. The Alberta Native Communications Society attempts to serve both of these Associations in their communications needs without fear or favor. So far our working together on common fronts has produced some very desirable results in Human Relations with all Canadians, indeed our experience in the past year has shown us the need for a continued unity in our working relationship among native peoples of all kinds, having regard at all times the special needs of each group and to recognize and respect each other in those areas of each one's responsibility. I would be remiss indeed, ladies and gentlemen, if I were not to give you some of the history of this idea nd how it developed. Who had it first is not as important to me as the development of that idea into the reality it has become today. No one can quarrel with the fact that it takes dedication and lots of hard work and much faith in one's self and your fellowman to develop an idea into action and reality. We have such a man with that kind of foresight and dedication in our capable Director, Mr. Eugene Steinhauer.

Now it is not my intentions here to tell you that this is a one man show and our Director would be very embarrased if I were to do so. However, his ability to involve people has made this first year the very good one it has been because of this unique ability of bringing people together.

This has been the story of the Alberta Native Communications Society then, Native people working together for mutual objectives and above all, communicating with each other and the rest of society effectively by this means. It's really as simple as that. We have made some mistakes and we will make a few more, no doubt, however, when we stop making them, we will have stopped doing anything at all.

Later on today you will be asked to vote in a new Board of Directors for the coming year, which is a crucial one for our Society. In order to give continuity in our efforts, you will be selecting 6 of the old Board Members from the past year and 6 more to go with these. This is so there will always be six experienced members at least, on every board elected. Where they come from in

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the Province should be one of your considerations so that the Province will be represented fairly by area as much as possible. The people you select I am sure will be those who will not take their job lightly. It is a very demanding responsibility. Principles before personalities must always be the rule of thumb to insure success in our efforts. I personally commend to you all of the old Board, those that are able and willing to run again, for your consideration. They have done a workman-like job in the past year as the provisional Board. As outgoing President, I want to very sincerely thank them, and the Executive Director and his staff whose cooperation and willingness to work has made my job as your provisional President, a pleasureable one indeed.

Our Director will be giving you his usual detailed report in a few minutes so, again, on behalf of the Alberta Native Communications Society may I thank you for your attendance at this first annual meeting and wish you a safe journey home after we are finished today. Thank you.

Executive Director's Annual Report

April 25, 1969

This report is not a statistical report in great detail with regard to the operations of the Alberta Native Communications Society during the past fiscal year ending March 31, 1969. But it underscores generally what happened; how this unique Organization became a reality for the Native people of this province; and presents a general view how the Community philosophy can work for those that place principles first rather then personalities, when dealing with native people and organization.

Introduction

It has been a year ago, since the Alberta Native Communications Society was founded and chartered under the Provincial Societies Act with the objective to improve and utilize better communication services for the native people, through radio broadcasts, press, and to engage in research in order to not only determine and focus attention upon the needs and problems of the Indian and Metis. But also to advance knowledge and appreciation of, and to stimulate interest in the culture, tradition, and thus, to restore the pride and self-confidence of the native people of Alberta.

Communications by Radio

Firstly, it should be explained, however, that during 1966-68, the forerunner of the Alberta Native Communications Society was the Northern Alberta Cree Radio Program, sponsored directly by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in the Alberta Region.

Early in 1966, it was evident through various reports and surveys taken by Community Development Officers in northern Alberta, that there was a gap in communications between the Indian and the Indian; but even more so there seemingly was a wider gap in communications between the native and the Government Civil Servant who had travelled for many years through Indian Reserves and Metis Settlements to talk about the various services and programs that could be made available for the development of the Indian and his community.

It was also obvious that a new approach to improve communications for the native communities was necessary which had to be found and implemented someway. It was then, that the idea to develop an Indian language Radio Program was borne. However, when the ideas was introduced to some native people there was very little response, and in some cases, negative reaction and suspicion occured. Because some Indians felt that Government was again trying to impose something on them. After consulting with the Regional Indian Advisory Council and seeking more advice from Indian leaders in Alberta, a final decision was made by the Indian Affairs Branch to finance a Cree Radio Program. But it was also necessary for this pilot project to be conducted by an all native advisory committee. In addition, a native director was appointed under a service contract to develop and produce the Cree Radio Program with the native people of central and northern Alberta.

The necessary office, secretarial help, radio equipment and a vehicle for field work was also provided for the Director by the department. While sponsored and financed by the department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, costs for operations of the Cree Radio Program within a period of two years did not exceed the amount of $13,000.00 annually.

After five months of research and consultation with the Indian and Metis people of central and northern Alberta, a fifteen minute Cree and English language radio program was launched finally on September 17, 1966 at 5:00 P.M. over C.K.U.A. Radio Station in Edmonton. Following this fifteen minute program, and as a result of requests by the native listeners for more time on radio, two other Cree Programs were placed over C.F.C.W. Camrose and C.K.Y.L. Peace River country stations. From this experiment, three half hour native programs are now heard each Sunday, reaching an area inhabited with approximately 56,000 native listeners in central and northern Alberta and outside boundaries of northern Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

In the past two and one-half years, the Cree Radio Program has proven very successful and popular to the native communities as means of intercommunication and interpretation of news and general information which is broadcast in a non-partisan and objective manner to the native people, and more recently, a

newspaper was established and distributed to all native communities and to various centres across Canada.

The term Cree Radio Was chosen because of the predominant Cree speaking people that live within the reaching distance of the broadcast areas in central and northern Alberta. In some of these regions are to be found three Indian minority groups with language differences i.e, Stonys, Slaveys or Beavers and the Chipweyans. Nevertheless, as a result of maintaining close contracts, and in some cases intermarrying with the Crees, they are able to comprehend, and many can speak the Cree language fluently.

Further to this, a large portion of Cree speaking people living in these areas are, and have been subjected to retain differences in status through Federal and Provincial Government legislation. In many cases the Indian and the Metis live and work side by side in harmony despite the difference in legal status, and seem to maintain a common bond which can be attributed by sustaining a one language and social environment. It has been noticeable, that the Cree Radio Program since its inception has helped tremendously in developing a closer and a positive relationship between the Indian and the Metis, at least in the central and northern Alberta region.

Organization 1968-69 Fiscal Year

On its recognition as a meaninful service to both the Indian and Metis, the Alberta Government in 1968 agreed to underwrite one half of the finances to support the operations of the Cree Radio Program with the Indian Affairs Department. In the latter part of 1967, discussions held with both levels of Governments by the Advisory Committee of the Cree Radio Program, indicated that at some time the Radio Program would have to be independent of Government sponsorship.

Thus early in 1968, plans to set up a Communications Society was discussed with Government Authorities in order that any monies or grants received would be turned over to the organization to run its own affairs. At this point it should be explained that because of the limited time to organize and set up a society, it was not feasible to consult with the native people in Alberta regarding plans for an all native organization.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors at the outset, were selected to stand as the provisional Board only, and were not duly elected by the people or the areas they represent. Some Board Members, composed of half treaty and non-treaty, represent various native organization in Alberta.

In the past year these members were able to carry out policy decisions and guidelines for the operation of the Alberta Native Communications Society in ten Board Meetings held in Edmonton. It can be said, that those members who attended Board Meetings regularly did so with sincerity, which presents an example that an all native Board and Executive, notwithstanding their limited education, can work and plan together at the policy making level to affect changes for consistent operation of an organization.

Executive Committee

In the Board, three Executive members were appointed at the first Board of Directors Meeting to serve in the Executive positions as President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee, according to constitution, have and exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, provided that they take no action inconsistent with any policy established or approved by the Board of Directors. At each meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee report on all its actions since its previous report, and any action or proceeding of the Executive Committee is subject to approval by the Board of Directors at such meetings.

The Executive Committee, in the past year held several meetings called by the Executive Director for the purpose to plan on some emergency decisions that had to be made for society operations.

The Board of Directors were also assigned and delegated to certain responsibilities made up of various committees. These members were appointed to carry out the following duties without renumeration for the benefit of the society.

1. Personell Committee

This committee was appointed by the Board to advise in

hiring and termination of staff or employees of the Society. They interview applicants for employment, and advice the Executive Director on hiring and termination of personell.

2. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was set up to see that Society funds are accounted for and used properly by the Executive Director, and when the need arises to seek more funds for continued operation of the Society.

3. Public Relations

The duties in Public Relations was intended to have Board members promote the Society and inform the people in the respective areas or communities they serve regarding Society activities, and to generally explain the role of the organization at community meetings.

Administration and Staff

The administration of the Society is directed by an Executive Director appointed by the Board and is given the authority to make administrative decisions and supervise the staff that work under his direction. However, he has not the full authority to run the Society as he sees it, but he must consult with the Executive from time to time for advice when the need arises to affect any changes in the Society. The Executive Director tries to maintain a positive relationship with all Governmental Departments, various agencies, news media and with the native people. His primary duty is to plan and setup programs; to handle budgets and to see that the administration of the Society is managed properly at all times.

Additional staff which make up for the total operation of the Communications Society are as follows:

1. General Secretary

(A) Assists in typing, filing and sees that all correspondence is circulated and mailed in order.

(B) Sees to it that all Society accounts and books of the Society are in order.

(C) Looks after monthly and other expense accounts of the Society.

(D) Assists in supervising inservice trainee and assistant secretary.

(E) Makes contacts with various agencies and native communities regarding Society business.

2. Assistant to General Secretary

(A) Assists in typing, filing and mailing of correspondence, and performs other duties when assigned by the General Secretary.

3. Inservice Trainee

(A) Assists through orientation the office procedure i.e. typing, filing and other duties assigned by general secretary.

4. Editor for the Society Newspaper

(A) Editor is responsible for editing of all incoming articles for the monthly newspaper, and makes contacts with various resources in order to implement and set up a meaningful newspaper format for the native readers.

5. Secretary to Editor

(A) Assists by compiling and typing news reports for the Editor.

6. Radio Operator

(A) Edits and produces three weekly radio programs to be broadcast for the natives in central and northern Alberta.

7. Field man for Radio Program

(A) Gathers information through taped interviews with the native people in rural areas of Alberta, for the Cree Radio Program and the monthly newsletter.

In a very near future, the Society will hire more personell to fill positions in the Editorial Staff and the Radio Program.

Due to limited budget for 1968-69 operations, the Society was unable to provide expenses for office space, telephone services, stationary supplies, radio equipment and recording studio, and therefore, all the above services were made available by the Department of Indian Affairs. In addition, the department was able to provide chartered accoutant and public relations services for the society.

More recently, the Alberta Government was approached, for assistance and they were able to provide more office space, furniture, telephone services and office supplies for the Native organizations on location at 100 Avenue and 104 Street.

Membership

Individual membership to the Alberta Native Communications Society presently stands with 413 natives, and 104 associate members. Membership fees for natives or full members is one dollar per annum, ending each calendar year in December 31, Full members residing in Alberta have the voting power at general or special meetings of the Society. Associate membership fee is one dollar for natives who live outside the province of Alberta, but hold no voting power. For non-native associate membership, the annual fee is two dollars. These members are also supporting members and have no voting power at any meeting of the Society.

In addition there are 107 Complimentary members in the Society. All members receive the monthly newspaper published by the Society, plus other literature and general information.

Discussions held with some Band Councils and Metis groups have indicated that group membership maybe arranged through payments on per-capita basis by the councils, and the group shall be considered to have one vote as per a qualified member.

Projects

While the Cree Radio Program and the monthly newsletter called "The Native People" were two major areas of operation for the society during 1968-69, fiscal year, the staff in the

society were also engaged in doing referral services for native people who came knocking in the doors of the society offices to seek employment, educational opportunities, and often times requesting to be counselled on various problems that they encounter when they arrive in the city.

Although, the offices of the Communications Society were not intended to become referral centres, it was felt that native people who approached the society personell for advice or assistance were more at ease, and were able to communicate more freely by using their own language, and thus, could not be ignored or turned away.

Research Project

In order to determine the overall interest of the Native people towards the communications program plus other provincial native organizations, that exist, the Alberta Native Communications Society undertook a communications research project early in January of 1969. This research program financed by Agricultural Rural Development Act, was carried out in liaison with the Rural Development Research Branch, Agricultural Economics Division and with the Alberta Department of Agriculture for advice and technical assistance in three phases of research, field survey, tabulation and printing. The survey itself was conducted by an all Native staff, a director and ten field workers, who visited all the Indian Reservations and Metis Settlements to obtain information about the needs and communications problems of the native people through a questionnaire type of survey. Presently, the questionnaire formats are being compiled and tabulated, and the report will be made available in a near future to all Governmental Departments, Indian Bands, Metis Settlements and to various agencies in Alberta. Following a study based on the report, the society will proceed to lay out plans in order to utilize and run an effecient and effective communications program for the Native people in Alberta on long term basis.

Conclusion

It can now be said that Communications Society, as a native organization, which is run by an all native Board of Directors and staff is perhaps the single, most exciting, and dynamic manifestation of Community Development in Alberta, and as such it will continue to expand and will be of service to both the Indian and non-Indian Society in communications.

It will explore through research the methods and techniques which could best be implemented in areas of cultural development which will help the native people gain greater awareness of their past heritage and present potential.

In a very short while, this unique organization has become a vehicle through which Governments have demonstrated to native people their desire to promote Indian leadership and social development. As a result of setting up this style or tone, native leaders have developed rapidly, because they saw there was a real chance for them to utilize their leadership skills.

It must be known that the Alberta Native Communications Society is non-political, and when any time political pressure was placed on it to become political, its Board of Directors and staff helped other natives to understand what its role is. With this challenge, the native leaders of other groups were encouraged and placed in a position to work harder and reorganize the Indian Association and the Metis Association of Alberta. These three major organizations, are now in a position to expand their operations, and each has a role to play in seeking alternatives to promote the socio-economic welfare, and more basically the the cultural development, and thus, to restore the pride and self-confidence of the Native people in Alberta.

Board of Directors of the Alberta Native Communication Society

Executive

President -	James Ducharme	13004-132 Avenue Edmonton 44
Vice-President	William Thomas	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer	Ed LaVallee	Y.M.C.A. Edmonton

Members of the Board

Mrs. Clara Yellowknee	- Wabasca, Alberta
Tom Cardinal	Foisy, Alberta
Gordon Currie	Hobbema, Alberta
Stan Daniels	12414-112 Avenue, Edmonton 41
Mrs. Mary Desjarlais	-- Grande Cache, Alberta
Adrian Hope	Kikino, Alberta
Sam Johnston	Paddle Prairie, Alberta
Francis Kewaquedo	Box 2812, Edmonton
John Willier	Grouard, Alberta

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1969

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY.

I have examined the balance sheet of Alberta Native Communications Society as at March 31, 1969 and the statement of donated funds and expenses and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 1969 and the results of its operations and cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

G. T. Miniely

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
APRIL 16, 1969.

G. T. MINIELY,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Statement A

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY
(Registered April 1, 1968 under The Societies Act of the Province of Alberta)

BALANCE SHEET

MARCH 31, 1969

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		$ 1,544.87
Accounts receivable		362.62
Loan to Indian Association of Alberta		25.00
		1,932.49
FIXED ASSETS, at cost		
Radio equipment	$ 2,570.38	
Office equipment	207.85	
	2,778.23	
Less - accumulated depreciation	270.00	2,508.23
		$ 4,440.72

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	$ 1,479.72
Employees wage deductions payable	632.02
Loan payable to Indian Eskimo Association	300.00
	2,411.74
DONATED SURPLUS - Statement B	2,028.98
	$ 4,440.72

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

This is the balance sheet referred to in my accompanying report dated April 16, 1969.

Chartered Accountant

Statement B

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF DONATED FUNDS AND EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969

FUNDS DONATED		
Government grants		$ 36,600.00
Indian Eskimo Association Grant		2,830.00
Donations		3,158.80
Memberships		495.39
		43,084.19
EXPENSES		
Salaries	$ 23,246.96	
Travel	5,297.00	
Broadcasting	4,468.40	
Honorariums	2,828.50	
Office	999.08	
Postage, printing and newsletters	1,803.02	
Advertising, brochures and memberships	570.52	
Bonuses	400.00	
Canada pension	353.20	
Parking	198.60	
Miscellaneous	284.10	
Rent	99.16	
Repairs	84.05	
Equipment rental	66.50	
Bank charges	50.62	
Subscriptions	35.50	
Depreciation	270.00	41,055.21
Excess of funds donated over expenses		$ 2,028.98

This is the statement of donated funds and expenses referred to in the accompanying report of G. T. Miniely, Chartered Accountant, dated April 16, 1969.

Statement C

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969

RECEIPTS		
Grants		$ 39,430.00
Donations		3,158.80
Memberships		495.39
Loan from Indian Eskimo Association		300.00
		43,384.19
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	$ 22,739.66	
Travel	5,217.67	
Broadcasting	4,211.90	
Honorarium	2,828.50	
Radio equipment	2,046.84	
Office	888.08	
Postage, printing and newsletters	1,448.57	
Advertising, brochures and memberships	570.52	
Bonuses	400.00	
Loans	387.62	
Canada pension	228.48	
Parking	198.60	
Miscellaneous	284.10	
Rent	99.16	
Office equipment	87.95	
Repairs	84.05	
Equipment rental	31.50	
Bank charges	50.62	
Subscriptions	35.50	41,839.32
Excess of receipts over disbursements		$ 1,544.87

This is the statement of cash receipts and disbursements referred to in the accompanying report of G. T. Miniely, Chartered Accountant, dated April 16, 1969.

REPORT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

HELD AT

CHARLES CAMSELL HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

APRIL 25, 1969

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HELD AT

CHARLES CANSELL HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

APRIL 25, 1969

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FOREWARD AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The task of planning the first Annual Convention and preparing the report was eased by the co-operation and active assistance of our staff. Particular mention however, needs to be made to our sincere members who travelled for many miles at their own expense to attend and participate in their first annual meeting. Furthermore, the impact of the convention was encouraged through participation of our members at the social evening of the first day. This shows that native people are proud of their cultural performances whether, it be modern or traditional. Special thanks must also go to officials of both levels of Governments, Resource Personnel and to Honourable Grant E. McKewan who attended our social evening.

INTRODUCTION

The Alberta Native Communications Society originated through the Alberta Cree Radio Program, (see Executive Director's Annual Report) on page 12, which was chartered on April 1, 1968 under the Provincial Societies Act. A provisional Board of Directors for 1968-69 fiscal year was set up which consisted of the following native people:

PROVISIONAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE

President	James Ducharme	13004-132 Avenue, Edmonton
Vice-President	William Thomas	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Secretary	Ed Lavallee	10218-108 Street, Edmonton
Treasurer	Phil Thompson	Worsley, Alberta
	(Resigned in June due to other committments and replaced by Francis Kewaquado)	

Other members of Provisional Board

Mrs Clara Yellowknee	Wabasca, Alberta
Mr. Tom Cardinal	Foisey, Alberta on Saddle Lake Reserve
Mr. Gordon Currie	Hobbema, Alberta
Mr. Stan Daniels	12414-112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
Mrs. Mary Desjarlais	Grande Cache, Alberta
Mr. Adrian Hope	Kikino, Alberta
Mr. Sam Johnston	Paddle Prairie, Alberta
Mr. John Willier	Grouard, Alberta
Mr. Francis Kewaquado	Box 2812, Edmonton, Alberta
	(Appointed in June to replace Phil Thompso

It is significant that the initiative as well as the ground work involved was totally a native endeavor. Those on the Provisional Board represented a cross-section of tha native population in Central and Northern Alberta. It is important that Federal and Provincial Governments finance assistance and cooperation be recognized which was always of supportitive nature; never did it become a directing force. During the year of operation, the provisional board were careful not to control or diract the functions of the Society; nor were they too hasty or impulsive to impose their activities on the southern Indian tribes. It can be said that the Alberta Native Communications Society as a native organization, was successful as a communications program, simply because its members of central and northern Alberta were involved

in all phases of its development. Late in the fiscal year, the people in southern Alberta were informed and asked whether they would participate. As a result, two representatives from the Gleichen Blackfoot Reserve, including the chief were present at the annual meeting. Members from the Blood Reserve were also invited and were present. At the election of six new officers for the new Board in the Society, two members from Gleichen were nominated and elected as board members by the members attending at large.

The annual convention we feel was another step in breaking the social barrier that exist between the various native groups in Alberta. Through the media of communications, it is felt that many exciting things will continue to happen in the future for the native people in Alberta.

LIST OF ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors - Executive

President -	James Ducharme	13004-132 Avenue, Edmonton
Vice-President	Willian Thomas	Lac La Biche, Alberta
	(absent due to committments in Ottawa)	
Secretary and acting Treasurer		
	Ed Lavallee	10218 - 108 Street, Edmonton

Other Provisional Board Members:

Mrs. Clara Yellowknee	Wabasca, Alberta
Mr. Tom Cardinal	Foisey, Alberta
Mr. Gordon Currie	Hobbema, Alberta
Mr. Stan Daniels	12414 -112 Avenue, Edmonton
Mrs. Mary Desjarlais	Grande Cache, Alberta
Mr. Adrian Hope	Kikino, Alberta
Mr. Sam Johnston	Paddle Prairie, Alberta
Mr. Francis Kewaquado	Box 2812, Edmonton, Alberta
Mr. John Willier	Grouard, Alberta

(was absent due to committment at Native Development Institute training centre at St. Albert)

Federal - Provincial Officials

Federal

Mr. Don Stewart- Social Programs Director Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.
C.N. Tower 27th Floor

Mr. Roy Peipenburg	Alberta Regional Office Indian Affairs Branch

Provincial

Mr. J. E. Oberholtzer	Director of Human Resources Authority Provincial Government Legislature Building, Edmonton
Mr. R. French	Administrator of Alberta Human Rights Terrace Building, Edmonton
Mr. Clayton Sauve	Research and Planning Human Resources Authority 100th Avenue - 104 Street Edmonton
Mr. Victor Jenzen	Research and Planning Human Resources Authority 100th Avenue - 104 Street Edmonton

Full Members Present:

Mike L'Hirondelle	Kikino, Alberta
Adrian Hope	Kikino, Alberta
Mary Desjarlais	Entrance, Alberta
Joe Dion	Edmonton, Alberta
Doug Cuthand	Edmonton, Alberta
Adolph Gairdener	Edmonton, Alberta
Jack Bellerose	Edmonton, Alberta
James Cardinal	Edmonton, Alberta
Ann Anderson	Edmonton, Alberta
Pat Callihoo	Edmonton, Alberta
Leona Willier	Grouard, Alberta
Mrs. Clara Yellowknee	Wabasca, Alberta
Tom Cardinal	Foisey, Alberta
Chief Adam Solloway	Brocket, Alberta
Russel Wright	Gleichen, Alberta
Ed Bellerose	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Ben Courtreilled	Edmonton, Alberta
Mrs. Ann House	Pouce Coupe, B.C.
Willy Littlechild	Edmonton, Alberta
Alice Lacboucane	St. Paul, Alberta
Fayant Verda	Grande Cache, Alberta
Tom Badger	Kehewin, Alberta
Ed Lavallee	Edmonton, Alberta
Mrs. Marie Anderson	Sputinow, Alberta

Francis Dufresene	Sputinow, Alberta
Eugene Steinhauer	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Les Healy	Cardston, Alberta
Wayne Davis	Cardston, Alberta
Sam Johnston	Paddle Prairie, Alberta
Mrs. Cecile Gambler	Desmarais, Alberta
Gilbert Anderson	Edmonton
Ralph Steinhauer	Brosseau, Alberta
Dorothy Daniels	Edmonton
Mrs. James Cardinal	Edmonton
Chester Cunningham	Edmonton
Josette Auger	Desmarais, Alberta
Gordon Currie	HOhbema, Alberta
Rene Lamothe	Edmonton
Nick Sibbestion	Carvel, Alberta
Catherine Gardner	Slave Lake, Alberta
Charlie Blackmen	Beaver Crossing, Alberta
Francis Kewaquado	Edmonton
Clark Cardinal	St. Brides, Alberta
Lloyd Cardinal	St. Brides, Alberta
Mrs. Verna Sallenbeck	Sundre, Alberta
Mary Collins	Edmonton
Leona Makokis	Edmonton
Barbara Crate	Edmonton
Jenny Margetts	Edmonton
Mrs. Christine Josephe	Cochrane, Alberta
Barbara Brule	Edmonton
Tom Big Child	Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
Chuck French Eater3	Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
Sam Strawberry	Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
Lloyd Poitras	Elk Point, Alberta
Mrs. Mary Poitras	Elk Point, Alberta
Maxine Thomas	Edmonton
Harold Cardinal	Edmonton
Don Moses	Edmonton
Pat Anderson	Edmonton
Stan Daniels	Edmonton
William Bull	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Mrs. Agnes Bull	Good Fish Lake , Alberta
Mrs. Linklater	Fort McMurray, Alberta
Mrs. Bertha Clark	Fort McMurray, Alberta
Mr. Clement Doore	Cluny, Alberta
George Manual	Duncan, B.C.
Mrs. Hermain Anderson	Edmonton
Johnny Daniels	Edmonton
Gordon Lee	Edmonton
Henry P. Cardinal	Edmonton
Mrs. C. Daniels	Edmonton

M. A. Daniels	Edmonton
Mrs. M. Daniels	Edmonton
J. Daniels	Edmonton
John Willier	Grouard, Alberta

Associate Members Present:

Mr. E. Tuck	Edmonton
Donald Stewart	Edmonton
Fr. O'Deuver	Edmonton
Harold French	Terrace,Building, Edmonton
Mr. Peipenburg	Legislature Building, Edmonton
Mr. Oberholtzer	Edmonton
Mr. Clayton Sauve	Edmonton
Wayne Getty	Rocky Mountain House, Alberta
G. Minielv	Royal Trust Building, Edmonton
Mr. Ray Albert	St. Paul, Alberta
Tom Maccagno	Workmen's Compensation Building, Edmonton

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY
April 24, 25th & 26th, 1969

April 24, 1969

SOCIAL EVENING Location: Charles Camsell Hospital Auditorium
12815 - 115 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

A. Social Evening

Pow-Wow with tea and bannock

6:00 - 8:00 PM	Registration
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Tea and Bannock (youth club)
	Pow-Wow - have Norman Yellowbird as official singer and Sam McGilver from Saddle Lake

April 25, 1969 Location: Charles Camsell Hospital Auditorium
12815 - 115 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 - 9:15 AM	Indian Prayer from an Indian Chief Provisional Board and staff Introduction
9:15 - 9:45 AM	Coffee Break
9:45 - 12:00 Noon	President's Report Executive Director's Report Question and answer Period
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Report of Constitution Committee
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break
3:30 - 5:00 PM	Elections
5:00 - 5:15 PM	Final comment of outgoing President

Farewell song sung by Indian personality

April 26, 1969	Location: A.N.C.S. Executive Director's Office
10:00 AM	New Board of Directors to meet and select their executive

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I first of all on behalf of the Board and staff welcome you all here to our first annual meeting.

The Job of making the President's report for an organization such as ours is not an easy one for me. I would like to acknowledge everyone's contribution through your support in the many and varied ways that you have in the past year. My fear then is that I may fail to give adequate response to that support.

Let me first of all say to you that we have arrived at our first milestone with much progress and success in many areas of our endeavours. We would not have dared one year ago, even the most optimistic of us to forecast to anyone that we would achieve this much in our first year.

How do we measure our progress? Is it by our ever increasing staff requirements? The mail that arrives daily in ever increasing volume? By the ever increasing number of people that call on us daily in person and by telephone? What about all levels of government, agencies and new cooperation from these people. What about the interest of our own people in their own culture and their affairs generally? How much of all this can we rightly and justly claim as our part in the progress of our people? I can only say that we rightly claim a share and then leave you to make your own judgement from our reports and answers we can give to your questions as best we can.

I want to say also, that we have not made it, and we realize there is much hard work still ahead. We do however feel this does not detract from the fact that we have made a very substantial start in our first year.

Perhaps it would be appropriate at this time to explain the role that this society is playing and its relationships with the other two organizations, the Indian Association and the Metis Association. First of all our operating funds comes from both Governments, the Provincial and Federal because we are serving both Metis and Indians in communications. Our Board of Directors, staff and membership are made up then of both these peoples.

Our Society is not a political one and is also non-sectarian. We do not present briefs for people or groups nor do we attempt to act on behalf of anyone on any issue whatever. Our sole function is communication where we make available our resources to all natives in the Province through Radio, fieldmen and our own newspaper as well as others and perhaps in the foreseeable future, television, to bring to our people in this way the knowledge through communications, they require so they can better understand and solve their own problems.

The Indian Association and the Metis Association work completely separately from these groups. We have found it practical, however, that we work together in areas of mutual concern, dealing with the Human Resources Authority for instance, Northland School Division, Community Development and may other departments and agencies.

We recognize also the social and cultural problems, as well as economic aspects such as job discrimination etc. where for concerted action by our people as a whole is required for best results.

The Indian Association does not interfere in the affairs of Metis people in areas where only Metis people are concerned and on the other hand the Metis Association does not in turn interfere in the affairs of Treaty people.

The Alberta Native Communications Society attempts to serve both of these Association in their communications needs without fear or favor. So far our working together on common fronts has produced some very desirable results in Human Relations with all Canadians, indeed our experience in the past year has shown us the need for a continued unity in our working relationship among native peoples of all kinds, having regard at all times the special needs of each group and to recognize and respect each other in those areas of each one's responsibility. I would be remiss indeed, ladies and gentlemen, if I were not to give you some of the history of this idea and how it developed. Who had it first is not as important to me as the development of that idea into the reality it has become today. No one can quarrel with the fact that it takes dedication and lots of hard work and much faith in one's self and your fellowman to develop and idea into action and reality. We have such a man with that kind of foresight and dedication in our capable Director, Mr. Eugene Steinhauer.

Now it is not my intentions here to tell you that this is a one man show and our Director would be very embarrased if I were to do so. However, his ability to involve people has made this first year the very good one it has been because of this unique ability of bringing people together.

This has been the story of the Alberta Native Communications Society then, Native people working together for mutual objectives and above all, communicating with each other and the rest of Society effectively by this means. Its really as simple as that. We have some mistakes and we will continue to make a few more, no doubt, however, when we stop making them, we will have stopped doing anything at all.

Later on today you will be asked to vote in a new Board of Directors for the coming year, which is a crucial one for our Society. In order to give continuity in our efforts, you will be selecting 6 of the old Board Members from the past year and 6 more to go with these.

This is so there will always be six experience members at least, on every board elected. Where they come from in the Province should be one of your considerations so that the Province will be represented fairly by area as much as possible. The people you select I am sure will be those who will not take their job lightly. It is a very demanding responsibility. Principles before personalities must always be the rule of thumb to insure success in our efforts. I personally commend to you all of the old Board, those that are able and willing to run again, for your consideration. They have done a workman-like job in the past year as the provisional Board. As outgoing President, I want to very sincerely thank them, and the Executive Director and his staff whose cooperation and willingness to work has made my job as your provisional President, a pleasurable one indeed.

Our Director will be giving you this usual detailed report in a few minutes so, again, on behalf of the Alberta Native Communications Society may I thank you for your attendance as this first annual meeting and wish you a safe journey home after we are finished today. Thank you.

Executive Director's Annual Report

April 25, 1969

This report is not a statistical report in great detail, with regard to the operations of the Alberta Native Communications Society during the past fiscal year ending March 31, 1969. But it underscores generally what happened; how this unique Organization became a reality for the Native people of this province; and presents general view how the Community philosophy can work for those that place principles first rather then personalities, when dealing with native people and organization.

Introduction

It has been a year ago, since the Alberta Native Communications Society was founded and chartered under the Provincial Societies Act with the objective to improve and utilize better communication services for the native people, through radio broadcasts, press, and to engage in research in order to not only determine and focus attention upon the needs and problems of the Indian and Metis. But also to advance knowledge and appreciation of, and to stimulate interest in the culture, tradition, and thus, to restore the pride and self-confidence of the native people of Alberta.

Communications by Radio

Firstly, it should be explained, however, that during 1966-68, the forerunner of the Alberta Native Communications Society was the Northern Alberta Cree Radio Program, sponsored directly by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in the Alberta Region.

Early in 1966, it was evident through various reports and surveys taken by Community Development Officars in northern Alberta, that there was a gap in communications between the Indian and the Indian; but even more so there seeminely was a wider gap in communications between the native and the Government Civil Servant who had travelled for many years through Indian Reserves and Metis Settlements to talk about the various services and programs that could be made available for the development of the Indian and his community.

It was also obvious that a new approach to improve communications for the native communities was necessary which had to be found and implemented some way. It was then, that the idea to develop and Indian language Radio Program was borne. However, when the ideas were introduced to some native people there was very little response, and in some cases, negative reaction and suspicion occured. Because some Indians felt that Government was again trying to impose something on them. After consulting with the Regional Indian Advisory Council and seeking more advice from Indian leaders in Alberta, a final decission was made by the Indian Affairs Branch to finance a Cree Radio Program. But it was also necessary for this pilot project to be conducted by an all native advisory committee. In addition, a native director was appointed under a service contract to develop and produce the Cree Radio Program with the native people of central and northern Alberta.

The necessary office, secretarial help, radio equipment and a vehicle for field work was also provided for the Director by the department. While sponsored and financed by the department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, costs for operations of the Cree Radio Program within a period of two years did not exceed the amount of $13,000.00 annually.

After five months of research and consultation with the Indian and Metis people of central and northern Alberta, a fifteen minute Cree and English language radio program was launched finally on September 17, 1966 at 5:00 P.M. over C.K.U.A. Radio Station in Edmonton. Following this fifteen minute program, and as a result of requests by the native listeners for more radio time, two other Cree Programs were placed over C.F.C.W. Camrose and C.K.Y.L. Peace River country stations. From this experiment, three half hour native programs are now heard each Sunday, reaching an area inhabited with approximately 56,000 native listeners in central and northern Alberta and outside boundaries of northern Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

In the past two and one-half years, the Cree Radio Program has proven very successful and popular to the native communities as means of intercommunication and interpretation of news and general information which is broadcast in a non-partisan and objective manner to the native people, and more recently, a newspaper was established and distributed to all native communities and to various centres across Canada.

The term Cree Radio was chosen because of the predominant Cree speaking people that live within the reaching distance of the boradcast areas in central and northern Alberta. In some of these regions are to be found three Indian minority groups with language differences i.e, Stonys, Slaveys and Beavers and the Chipweyans. Nevertheless, as a result of maintainging close contacts, and in some cases intermarrying with the Crees, they are able to comprehend, and many can speak the Cree language fluently.

Further to this, a large portion of Cree speaking people living in these areas are, and have been subjected to retain differences in status through Federal and Provincial Government legislation. In many cases the Indian and the Metis live and work side by side in harmony despite the difference in legal status, and seem to maintain a common bond which can be attributed by sustaining a one Language and social environment. It has been noticeable, that the Cree Radio Program since its inception has helped tremendously in developing a closer and a positive relationship between the Indian and the Metis, at least in the central and northern Alberta region.

Organization 1968-69 Fiscal Year

On its recongition as a meaningful service to both the Indian and Metis, the Alberta Government in 1968 agreed to underwrite one half of the finances to support the operations of the Cree Radio Program with the Indian Affairs Department. In the latter part of 1967, discussions held with both levels of Governments by the Advisory Committee of the Cree Radio Program, indicated that at some time the Radio Program would have to be independent of Government sponsorship.

Thus early in 1968, plans to set up a Communications Society was discussed with Government Authorities in order that any monies or grants received would be turned over to the organization to run its own affairs. At this point it should be explained that because of the limited time to organize and set up a society, it was not feasible to consult with the native people in Alberta regarding plans for an all native organization.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors at the outset, were selected to stand as the provisional Board only, and were not duly elected by the

people or the areas they represent. Some Board Members, composed of half treaty and non-treaty, represent various native organization in Alberta.

In the past year these members were able to carry out policy decisions and guidelines for the operation of the Alberta Native Communications Society in tem Board Meetings held in Edmonton. It can be said, that those members who attended Board Meetings regularly did so with sincerity, which represents an example that an all native Board and Executive, not withstanding their limited education, can work and plan together at the policy making level to affect changes for consistent operation of an organization.

Executive Committee

In the Board, three Executive members were appointed at the first Board of Directors Meeting to serve in the Executive positions as President, Vice-President and Secretaty-Treasurer. The Executive Committee, according to constitution, have and exercise all powers of the Board of Directors, provided that they take no action inconsistent with any policy established or approved by the Board of Directors. At each meeting of the Board, the Executive Committee report on all its actions since its previous report, and any action or proceeding of the Executive Committee is subject to approval by the Board of Directors at such meetings.

The Executive Committee, in the past year held several meetings called by the Executive Director for the purpose to plan on some emergency decisions that had to be made for society operations.

The Board of Directors were also assigned and delegated to certain responsibilities made up of various committees. These members were appointed to carry out the following duties without renumeration for the benefit of the society.

1. Personnel Committee

This committee was appointed by the Board to advise in hiring and termination of staff or employees of the Society. They interview applicants for employment, and advice the Executive Director on hiring and termination of personnel.

2. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was set up to see that Society funds are accounted for and used properly by the Executive Director, and when the need arises to seek more funds for continued operation of the Society.

3. Public Relations

The duties in Public Relations was intended to have Board members promote the Society and inform the people in the respective areas or communities they serve regarding Society activities, and to generally explain the role of the organization at community meetings.

Administration and Staff

The administration of the Society is directed by an Executive Director appointed by the Board and is given the authority to make administrative decisions and supervise the staff that work under his direction. However, he has not the full authority to run the Society as he sees it, but he must consult with the Executive from time to time for advice when the need arises to affect any changes in the Society. The Executive Director tries to maintain a positve relationship with all Governmental Departments, various agencies, news media and with the native people. His primary duty is to plan and setup programs; to handle budgets and to see that the administration of the Society is managed properly at all times.

Additional staff which make up for the total operation of the Communications Society are as follows:

1. General Secretary

(A) Assists in typing, filing and sees that all correspondence is circulated and mailed in order.

(B) Sees to it that all Society accounts and books of the Society are in order

(C) Looks after monthly and other expense accounts of the Society.

(D) Assists in supervising inservice trainee and assistant secretary.

(E) Makes contacts with various agencies and native communities regarding Society business.

2. Assistant to General Secretary

(A) Assists in typing, filing and mailing of correspondence, and performs other duties when assigned by the General Secretary.

3. Inservice Trainee

(A) Assists through orientation the office procedure i.e. typing, filing and other duties assigned by general secretary.

4. Editor for the Society Newspaper

(A) Editor is responsible for editing of all incoming articles for the monthly newspaper, and makes contacts with various resources in order to implement and set up a meaningful newspaper format for the native readers.

5. Secretary to Editor

(A) Assists by compiling and typing news reports for the Editor.

6. Radio Operator

(A) Edits and produces three weekly radio programs to be broadcast for the natives in central and northern Alberta.

7. Field man for Radio Program

(A) Gather information through taped interviews with the native people in rural areas of Alberta, for the Cree Radio Programsand the monthly newsletter.

In a very near future, the Society will hire more personnel to fill positions in the Editorial Staff and the Radio Program.

Due to limited budget for 1968-69 operations, the Society was unable to provide expenses for office space, telephone ser-

and therefore, all the above services were made available by the Department of Indian Affairs. In addition, the department was able to provide chartered accountant and public relations services for the Society.

More recently, the Alberta Government was approached, for assistance and they were able to provide more office space, furniture, telephone services and office supplies for the Native organizations on location at 100 Avenue and 104 Street.

Membership

Individual membership to the Alberta Native Communications Society presently stands with 413 natives, and 104 associate members. Membership fees for natives or full members is one dollar per annum, ending each calender year in December 31. Full members residing in Alberta have the voting power at general or special meetings of the Society. Associate membership fee is one dollar for natives who live outside the province of Alberta, but hold no voting power. For non-native associate membership, the annual fee is two dollars. These members are also supporting members and have no voting power at any meeting of the society.

In addition there are 107 Complimentary members in the Society. All members receive the monthly newspaper published by the Society, plus other literature and general information.

Discussions held with some Band Councils and Metis groups have indicated that group membership maybe arranged through payments on per-capita basis by the councils, and the group shall be considered to have one vote as per a qualified member.

Projects

While the Cree Radio Program and the monthly newsletter called "The Native People" were two major areas of operation for the society during 1968-69, fiscal year, the staff in the Society were also engaged in doing referral services for native people who came knocking in the doors of the society offices to seek employment, educational opportunities, and often times requesting to be counselled on various problems that they encounter when they arrive in the city.

Although, the offices of the Communications Society were not intended to become referral centres, it was felt that native people who approached the society personell for advice or assistance were more at ease, and were able to communicate more freely by using their own language, and thus, could not be ignored or turned away.

Research Project

In order to determine the overall interest of the Native people towards the communications program plus other provincial native organizations, that exist, the Alberta Native Communicatio Society undertook a communications research project early in January of 1969. This research program financed by Agricultural Rural Development Act, was carried out in liaision with the Rural Development Research Branch, Agricultural Economics Division and with the Alberta Department of Agriculture for advise and technical assistance in three phases of research, field survey, tabulation and printing. The survey itself was conducted by an all Native staff, a director and town field workers, who visited all the Indian Reservations and Metis Settlements to obtain information about the needs and communications problems of the native people through a questionnaire type of survey. Presently, the questionnaire formats are being compiled and tabulated, and the report will be made available in a near future to all Governmental Departments, Indian Bands, Metis Settlements and to various agencies in Alberta. Following a study based on the report, the society will proceed to lay out plans in order to utilize and run an efficient and effective communications program for the Native people in Alberta on long term basis.

Conclusion

It can now be said that Communications Society, as a native organization, which is run by an all native Board of Directors and staff is perhaps the single, most exciting, and dynamic manifestation of Community Development in Alberta, and as such it will continue to expand and will be of service to both the Indian and non-Indian Society in communications.

It will explore through research, the methods and techniques, which could best be implemented in areas of cultural development, which will help the native people gain greater awareness of their past heritage and present potential.

In a very short while, this unique organization has become a vehicle through which Governments have demonstrated to native people their desire to promote Indian leadership and social development. As a result of setting up this style or tone, native leaders have developed rapidly, because they saw there was a real chance for them to utilize their leadership skills.

It must be known that the Alberta Native Communications Society is non-political, and when any time political pressure was placed on it to become political, its Board of Directors and staff helped other natives to understand what its role is. With this challenge, the native leaders of other groups were encouraged and placed in a position to work harder and reorganize the Indian Association and the Metis Association of Alberta. These three major organisations, are now in a position to expand their operations, and each has a role to play in seeking alternatives to promote the socio-economic welfare, and more basically the cultural development, and thus, to restore the pride and self-confidence of the Native people in Alberta.

Board of Directors of the Alberta Native Communications Society

Who served in 1968-69 Fiscal Year

Executive Director

President	James Ducharme	13004-132 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
Vice-President	William Thomas	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer	Ed Lavallee	Y.M.C.A. Edmonton

Members of the Board

Mrs. Clara Yellowknee	Wabasca, Alberta
Tom Cardinal	Foisey, Alberta
Gordon Currie	Hobbema, Alberta
Stan Daniels	12412-112 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
Mrs. Mary Desjarlais	Grande Cache, Alberta
Adrian Hope	Kikino, Alberta
Sam Johnston	Paddle Prairie, Alberta
Francis Kewaquado	Box 2812, Edmonton
John Willier	Grouard, Alberta

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

I have examined the balance sheet of Alberta Native Communications Society as at March 31, 1969 and the statements of donated funds and expenses and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at March 31, 1969 and the results of its operations and cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
APRIL 16, 1969

G. T. MINIELY,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

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EDMONTON, ALBERTA
APRIL 14, 1969

G. T. STINSON,
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Statement B

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF DONATED FUNDS AND EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969

FUNDS DONATED

Government grants	$ 36,600.00
Indian Eskimo Association Grant	2,830.00
Donations	3,158.80
Memberships	495.39
	43,084.19

EXPENSES

Salaries	$ 23,246.96	
Travel	5,297.00	
Broadcasting	4,468.40	
Honorariums	2,828.50	
Office	999.08	
Postage, printing and newsletters	1,803.02	
Advertising, brochures and memberships	570.52	
Bonuses	400.00	
Canada pension	353.20	
Parking	198.60	
Miscellaneous	284.10	
Rent	99.16	
Repairs	84.05	
Equipment rental	66.50	
Bank charges	50.62	
Subscriptions	35.50	
Depreciation	270.00	41,055.21
Excess of funds donated over expenses		$ 2,028.98

This was the statement of donated funds and expenses referred to in the accompanying report of G. T. Miniely, Chartered Accountant, dated April 16, 1969.

Statement A

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

(Registered April 1, 1968 under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta)

BALANCE SHEET

MARCH 31, 1969

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		$ 1,544.87
Accounts Receivable		362.62
Loan to Indian Association of Alberta		25.00
		1,932.49
FIXED ASSETS, at cost		
Radio equipment	$ 2,570.38	
Office equipment	270.85	
	2,778.23	
Less - accumulated depreciation	270.00	2,508.23
		$ 4,440.72

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	1,479.72
Employees wage deductions payable	632.02
Loan payable to Indian Eskimo Association	300.00
	2,411.74
DONATED SURPLUS - Statement B	2,028.98
	$ 4,440.72

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

_____ Director

This was the balance sheet referred to by Mr. Miniely dated April 16, 1969

THE ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1969

RECEIPTS		
Grants		$ 39,430.00
Donations		3,158.80
Memberships		495.39
Loan from Indian Eskimo Association		300.00
		43,384.19
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salaries	$ 22,739.66	
Travel	5,217.67	
Broadcasting	4,211.90	
Honorarium	2,828.50	
Radio equipment	2,046.84	
Office	888.08	
Postage, printing and newsletter	1,448.57	
Advertising, brochures and memberships	570.52	
Bonuses	400.00	
Loans	387.62	
Canada pension	228.48	
Parking	198.60	
Miscellaneous	284.10	
Rent	99.16	
Office equipment	87.95	
Repairs	84.05	
Equipment rental	31.50	
Bank charges	50.62	
Subscriptions	35.50	41,839.32
Excess of receipts over disbursements		$ 1,544.87

This wasthe statement of cash receipts and disbursements referred to in the accompanying report of G. T. Miniely, Chartered Accountant, dated April 16, 1969.

Following Mr. Miniely's report it was moved by membership that all reports be adopted as read. Carried.

5. Questions and discussion period

A question from the floor was raised regarding the role and expansion of the Alberta Native Communications Society. It was explained also by the President that the Alberta Native Communications Society will develop and expand its role as a communications program through radio and newspaper. The organizational budget of $180,000.00 for 1969-70 will be used to set up the administration, staff and involve the younger generation as workers for the society; but any native people with experience will not be overlooked. People with skills and experience in areas of radio work, journalism and good public relations are required in order to run a successful Communications Program. Through expansion, the society has reached southern Alberta, and one person from the Blood Reserve is now on staff in the Society running a radio program with his people out of Lethbridge. The role of the Society is not to speak for Indian people politically; there are two native organizations who are in a position to play this role, namely the Indian Association of Alberta and the Metis Association of Alberta. They look after political and legal matters for the native people they serve respectively.

Further questions from the floor

Question Number 2

Have you gone further south to elect members for the Board?

Answer: Primarily, the Society has operated on the premise that it does not impose on one particular person or groups, and will wait until the southern people are ready to get involved in the Society.

Question Number 3

Since six of the old Board of Directors are to be retained for the coming fiscal year, will the six be members of the Board?

Answer: Six members will definitely remain on board and the other six if they wish to run for nominations will be nominated again. In any case, there will be six openings for other nominations. This is done in order to maintain a continuity of experience on the Board.

Question Number 4.

Do you have to reveal the background of people that are nominated?

Answer: Yes, when nominating, state the background and ability of your nominee.

Question Number 5.

Will you place any field workers in the Peace River area and the borders of British Columbia?

Answer: This will be taken into consideration as to their ability, involvement in the past, and their attitudes toward the native people.

Question Number 6.

Do you have sponsors for the Radio Program?

Answer: No, we have not gone that far, we pay for radio time. But in the future we are thinking of setting up our own radio network.

Question Number 7.

Do you broadcast in southern Alberta, and who represents south on your board?

Answer: Consideration have been given to people from south, so as to have a geographical representation. At this meeting we will request a motion from the floor for nominations for south.

Question Number 8.
Has the Society thought of going to the various institutions to talk to the immates particularly here in Alberta?

Answer: We plan to talk with any groups whatever we are called upon to do so; and we are mailing our monthly newsletter to the institutions in Alberta for the immates to read. We also know that they listen to C.F.C.W. Radio Program where ever the location may be close to radio stations.

Questions Number 9.
Is there a possibility of setting up a radio program for the Chipwayan people?

Answer: Yes, we are looking forward to placing a program in Cold Lake soon.

Question Number 10.

Is there a possibility to work with C.B.C.?

Answer: Thus for, we have to a certain extent, encouraged C.B.C. to promote the image of the native people in Alberta through television programs. There was some discussion held with one of their resources personnel 2 years ago, but there was nothing definate proposed as to how we could work with them.

Question Number 11.

You say you have some prospective field workers taking a training course in St. Albert, how many field men do you employ at the present time?

Answer: The Alberta Native Communications Society is sponsoring 7 people on the St. Albert Native Development Training Institute; but this does not mean that they are going to work for the Society. However, we have four field men at the present time as radio operators and reporters for the monthly newspaper.

Question Number 12.

Will the southern Radio Program be introduced to the Alberta Native Communications Society?

Answer: Yes, the Alberta Native Communications Society is financing a program in the Blood Reserve, by hiring one person under a service contract to develop and produce a weekly broadcast with the people. The Program is entitled the "Blackfoot Report"

Question Number 13.

Will the "Blackfoot Report" include the Stony and Sarcee?

Answer: This was left entirely to the people down south.

Question Number 14.

Some groups would like to take part in the Society, could you tell us how to go about this?

Answer: Yes, through membership. This could be arranged through individual, or group membership. For individual full membership--fee is $1.00 per year. For associate membership--

the fee is $2.00, and group membership is $25.00 per year which would take in all Indian Band or Metis Settlement. Plus other Non-Native groups if they wish to join as supporting members.

After a short discussion on the various roles of native organizations the morning session was adjourned by a motion from the floor and carried.

The meeting convened at 1:00 P.M. and the chairman entertained a suggestion to the floor for introduction of native leaders present.

Mr. Harold Cardinal, President of the Indian Association of Alberta, Mr. Stan Daniels, President of the Metis Association of Alberta and Mr. Moses, President of the North American Indian Brotherhood of British Columbia were introduced.

Mr. Daniels was asked to address the meeting. He informed the members that he had resigned as Board member of the Alberta Native Communications Society. Because he felt his position on the Board should be left open, and to practice a democratic procedure in voting. He mentioned that the Metis Association of Alberta would give support to the Indian Association of Alberta whenever necessary, and expressed his thanks to the Alberta Native Communications Society for handling communications and assisting the native organizations. He concluded, by encouraging the Communications Society to continue to maintain a positive relationship which was vital for their progress.

The President accepted Mr. Daniels resignation with regret, and thanked him for his efforts as Board member in the past year.

Mr. Harold Cardinal, President of the Indian Association of Alberta expressed his appreciation to the Alberta Native Communications Society for all the support they had received in the past year. He said the three organizations had reached an agreement concerning the different roles each organization should play, and stated that in all of Canada, they had the most unique set up; and were fortunate to have the Alberta Native Communications Society which is dedicated solely with Communications, through radio, press and television. He concluded, by saying the Indian Association of Alberta role was to facilitate, to meet and to put pressure on any level of Government, to ensure that all of our communities get the fairest deal possible.

Mr. Moses, President of North American Indian Brotherhood in British Columbia informed the gathering about their organizations, and gave information on some aspects of British Columbia Indian situation.

Proposed Amendments and By-Laws

The Executive Director of the Alberta Native Communications Society was asked to introduce the By-Laws and proposed Amendments to the Constitutions of the Alberta Native Communications Society.

He informed the group that arrangements were made with a legal advisor to explain the By-Laws and Consstitutions to the meeting.
Mr. Tom Maccagno, Legal Advisor for the Alberta Native Communications was introduced to the meeting. He explained thoroughly the meaning of the Constitutions and proposed Amendments. He asked the floor for questions to the Amendments. A motion was made from the floor to accept any changes, deletions, additions, and that the proposed ammendments to the Constitutions, and By-Laws of the Alberta Native Communications, as recommended by the Executive Director and Provisional Board of the Alberta Native Communications Society be accepted. Motion was carried.

Election

A lenghty discussion was held on the methods and procedures of an election of Board members prior to a coffee break.

The meeting was called to order after a half hour break. It was suggested from the floor that the method of voting be decided upon by the Provisional Board of Directors. Furthermore it was agreed that the new Board should be equalled by having six Metis and six treaty on Board. A motion was made from the floor to half six treaty and six Metis elected for the Board of Directors. Motion was carried. It was also decided that elections be done through secret ballots.

Old Board members nominated and elected to remain were as follow:

1. Clara Yellowknee - Metis
2. James Ducharme - Metis
3. Ed Lavallee - Metis
4. Tom Cardinal - Treaty
5. Adrian Hope - Metis
6. Gordon Currie - Treaty

The floor was left open for nominations for other six posts. Elevan people were nominated by members from the floor. Nominators were called upon to campaign for persons they nominated. It was moved and carried that the nominations cease.

The six new slate of officiers elected to the Board of Directors were as follows:

1. Leona Willier -Treaty
2. Wilton Littlechild -Treaty
3. Edward Bellerose -Treaty
4. Russel Wright -Treaty
5. Clement Doore -Treaty
6. Mike L'Hirondelle -Metis

The chairman explained to the floor that a slight problem had occured. The counters of ballots had selected the nominees carefully. However, they came out with seven treaty to five Metis.

It was unanimously agreed that the elections be accepted as it was; with seven treaty and five metis or non-treaty people to be on Board.

Clement Doore, an elected member to the Board from Gleichen, Blackfoot Reserve was asked to speak about his activities in Southern Alberta. He also outlined what the three Blackfoot Indian Reserves in southern Alberta were doing in terms of social and economic development.

Mr. James Ferguson, Director of the Indian Centre in Peace River of northern Alberta was also asked to speak about the north country and what the Indian Centre was doing to assist the native people in Peace River.

It was explained that the new Board would meet the following day to elect a new Executive and committees.

The Executive Director, and the outgoing President thanked the membership for their cooperation and their efforts to make the convention a success.

At 4:00 P.M. a motion was made and carried from the floor to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Results of elections of Officers from first Board Meeting Held on

April 26/69

The new slate of officers elected for the Executive positions and committees are as follows:

Board of Directors

Executive

President	-	James Ducharme	-	Retained
Vice-President	-	Clement Doore		
Treasurer	-	Ed Lavallee	-	Retained
Secretary	-	Willy Littlechild	-	

Committees

Personnel

Chairman : Mike L'Hirondelle
Ed ~~Lavallee~~ Bellerose.
Tom Cardinal.

Finance Committee

Chairman: Ed Lavallee
Clara Yellowknee
Adrian Hope

Public Relations

Gordon Currie
Leona Willier
~~Russel Wright~~ Rufus Good Striker

It was suggested that the Executive Committee members would act in the capacity of public relations which completes the committees on the Board.

ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

MINUTES RECORDED AT

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

HELD AT

HOLLAND HOUSE
12940 - 127 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.

April 24, 1970

ALBERTA NATIVE COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE SECOND

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Place: Holland House,
12940 - 127 Street,
Edmonton, Alta.

Time: 9 a.m.
Date: April 24, 1970

Members Present:

Flora Whitford
Louis Boucher
Emiline Ward
Anne House
Diane Calliou
Joe House
Elmer Sinclair
Frank Morin
Evelyn Ladouceur
Fred Ladouceur
Mary Deejarlais
Albert Powder
Henry Desjarlais
Albert Larocque
Edgar Boucher
Elaine Croweagle
Hugh Croweagle
Madeline Gladue
Yvonne Giroux
Dolphus Quinn
Richard Jackson
Fred House
Francis Primeau
Rene Primeau
Joseph Berard
Dave Cardinal
Joe Anderson
Susie Fisher
Adolph Gladue
Alphonse Jacknife
Horace Patenaude
Marvin Piochon
George Boucher
Ernest House Jr.
Norman Quinney
William J. Cardinal
Lawrence Mountain
Sam Johnston
Magloire Cardinal
George J. Boucher
M. Cardinal
George Swan
Raymond Whitford
Minnie Cardinal
Annie Tremblay
Ronald Cardinal
Nancy Berland
Shirley Cardinal
Roger Ladouceur
August Cardinal
Rodger Boucher
Lucy Gladue
Mrs. Tom Cardinal
Tom Cardinal
Adelaide Quintal
Dorothy Bourque
Tom Boucher
George Cardinal
Ernest Primeau
Peter Desjarlais
Mrs. Anne House
Peter House
Joe Ladouceur
Kenny Ladouceur
Lois Soop
Joe Gladue
Doris Boucher
Mary Ann Cardinal
Fred Larocque
Margeurite Giroux
Anne Anderson
Albert Lavallee
Pat Quintal
Gordon Dominique
Archie Quintel
Lillian Blyan
Francis Larocque
Walter Howse

Mrs. Agnes Bull
Josephine Heavyrunner
Evelyn Healy
Les Healy
Bill Heavyrunner
Martha Gladue
Gabe Gladue
Alex Gambler
Robert Smallboy
Melvin Nad
Alex Shortneck
Sykes Powderface
Caen Bly
John Willier
Rodger Cardinal
George Gairdner
Mrs. George Gairdner
Louise Charbonneau
Mrs. Lena Fleury
Mr. Ed Fleury
Alma Cuaig
Les Tailfeathers
Ed Fox
Ralph Sangret
Fred Reid
Ernie Sangret
Jack Bellerose
James Lapatac
Rufus Goodstriker
Judy Brule
Delores Pruden
Roger Ebersbach
Sam Bull
Albert Angus
Clark Cardinal
Charlie Boucher
Francis Dufresne
Arnup Lewis
Mary Jane Lewis
George Calliou
Gilbert Anderson
Sam L'Hirondelle
Florence L'Hirondelle
Lillian Piche
Rod Callihoo
Ed Bellrose
George White
Pat Callihoo
Clement Doore
June Stifle
Linda White
Mrs. Josephine Desjarlais
Muriel Lee

Mavis Brertton
Mike L'Hirondelle
Harold Cardinal
Mrs. Elzaida Cunningham
Ray Manychief
Willie Eagle Plum
Beverly Tailfeathers
Everett Soop
Jenny Margetts
Mary Collins
Roy Louis
Mrs. Roy Louis
Edith Dalla Costa
A Dalla Costa, (Assoc.)
Eugene Houle
Wayne Getty (Assoc.)
Emma Minde
Walter King (Assoc.)
Mike Steinhauer
Emma Steinhauer
Elsie Woods
Marcel Piche
Nancy Samson
Bella Potts
Barbara Willier
Calvin Scott
Louis Boucher
Simon Waqun
Mrs. J. Bellerose
Mr. Walter Cunningham
Mrs. Walter Cunningham
Mrs. Freda Turcotte
Mr. and Mrs. Mathews (Assoc.)
Mr. and Mrs. B. Alexander (A)
Delma Supernault
Mrs. Marilyn Swan
Linda Farmer
Clementine Goulet
Rebecca Dussion
J. Johnson
Eugene Makokis
Mr. and Mrs. Fisher (Assoc.)
Mrs. H. Anderson
Mike Remi
Sharon Anderson
Mr. and Mrs. French(Assoc.)
Joe Couture
Corrine Thorsell (Assoc.)
Ron Con (Assoc.)
Mr. and Mrs. K. McLeod
Mrs. Sarah McLeod
Mr. and Mrs. B. Wacko (Assoc.)
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stewart

Barb Cleall (Assoc.)
Mr. and Mrs. G. Paquette
Mrs. H. Cardinal
Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen (Assoc.)
Ray Jones
Mrs. Mary Halfe
Mrs. Lena Gladue
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Large
Urbain Dufault
Howard O'Soup
Chief Goulet
Strater Crowfoot
Bert Crowfoot
Jim Goodstriker
Florence Cardinal
Mary Blackbettle
Mrs. Rachel Smith
Sarah Courtreille
Mr. and Mrs. J Wood
Mr. and Mrs. C. Crane
Eunice Steinhauer
Joanne Steinhauer
Marvin Quinney
Mrs. M. Quinney
Percy Sangret
Jodin John
Mr. Frank Wells
Mr. Frank Wells
Miss Lorraine Wells
Julie Wells
Stella Andrews
Sharlene Wells
Emile Cardinal
Garry Scoville
Madeline Pruden
Lloyd Desjarlais
Walter Desjarlais
Doris Delorme
George Berland
Gabe Boucher
Edward J. Rivard
Clarence Longmore
Marvin Fox
Gordon Lee
Robert Breton
Henry Steinhauer
Florence Willier
Ed Karakonti
Mrs. Ed Karakonti
Roy Piepenburg (Assoc.)
Charlie and Mary Woods
Louie McGilvery
Mrs. Angeline Cardinal
Mr. and Mrs. Ladouroute
Mrs. Melba House

Christine Cardinal
Victor Boucher
Denise Lavallee
Karen Scoville
George Fox
Frank Cardinal
Delphine Quinn
Hector Cardinal
Elizabeth Lazotte
W. H. Ladouceur
Richard Frederick
Earl Lavallee
George Gladue
Mike Bernard
Agnes Cardinal
Henry Lavallee
Pat Cardinal
George Cardinal
Albert Joe
Alex Blyan
Ernest Howse
Samson Dumais
William Bull
Sam Strawberry
Mrs. Cecile Gambler
Mrs. Leona Willier
Albert Charbonneau
Roderick A. Cardinal
Mary Cardinal
Lucille Cardinal
Samuel Jackson
Geoge Manuel
Nellie Auger
Leona Ferguson
Mrs. Clark Cardinal
Robert Ladouceur
Dorothy Ladouceur
Hiliard Ladouceur
Victor Ladouceur
Mrs. Walter House
Fern Major
Delphine Erasmus
Veronica Morin
Elmer Erasmus
Harvey Yellowknee
Adrian Hope
Mrs. Clara Yellowknee
Tony Berard
Ben Auger
Marvin Desharlais
Reggie Boucher
Raymond Whitford
Myrtle Quinn
Alvina Cardinal
Maggie Desjarlais

Mrs. Lena Gallup
Margaret Fox
Jim Goodstriker
Clarence Sangret
Ed Sangrey
Fred Sangrey
Dorothy Daniels
Harold Desharlais
Ed Lavallee
Christine Daniels
Stan Daniels
Bernice Auger
Leonard McFarlane
Edgar Ladouceur
Zella Harris
Adelaide Many Chief
Bea Riley
Christine Joseph
Camille Russel
Joe Wolf

Mr. Ducharme opened the meeting by asking Mr. Magloire Cardinal to open the meeting with a native prayer.

After the prayer, Mr. Ducharme introduced the board of Directors to the general membership present.

Mr. James Ducharme, Edmonton
Mr. Ed Bellerose, Edmonton
Chester Cunningham, St. Albert
Tom Cardinal, Saddle Lake
Clara Yellowknee, Wabasca
Leona Willier, Grouard
Adrian Hope, Kikino
Wilton Littlechild, Edmonton
Clement Doore, Cluny
E. Steinhauer, Executive Director
Caen Bly, Cardston, Kainai News
Les Healy, Cardston, Director, Blackfoot radio

Mr. Hope interpreted the introduction in Cree. The next order of business was the President's report followed by the Executive Director's report. Mr. Steinhauer gave his report in Cree. Mr. Ducharme stated that for anyone who could not understand Cree could read the report in English contained in the booklets handed out at the door.

There were no questions regarding the reports. Mrs. Caen Bly, Editor of the Kainai News gave her report next. She relayed her gratitude to the Alberta Native Communications Society for their support. She stated that they have a staff of 5 and had opened their own office as a result of a grant from Human Resources Development Authority supplemented through the Alberta Native Communications Society. They now have a 20 page format with a circulation of 4,000. She paid tribute to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director of A.N.C.S. and the Provincial people of H.R.D.A. Mr. Ducharme thanked Mrs. Bly and stated that it has

been a pleasure working with such fine people. He introduced Mr. Healy, Director of the Blackfoot Radio program.

Mr. Healy apologized for not being able to pass out his reports and thanked A.N.C.S. and H.R.D.A. etc. He stated that they now had a weekly television show and assured continous cooperation with the Alberta Native Communications Society. He congratulated the Board and Staff of A.N.C.S. for the cooperation shown in the past year.

Mr. Steinhauer gave a bit of an explanation in Cree as to the reports given by Kainai News and Blackfoot Radio.

Mr. Steinhauer introduced the Chartered Accountants who were hired to take care of the auditing of the A.N.C.S. books. Mr. Miniely, the head accountant, was not present, due to a death in the family and therefore he sent his colleague Mr. Powell to represent him. Mr. Steinhauer read a letter from Mr. Miniely expressing his regret for not being able to be at the meeting, but due to a death in the family he had to attend a funeral.

Mr. Ducharme asked the membership to rise for a minute's silence in respect of Mr. Miniely's loss in the family.

Mr. Powell read the auditor's report. He also explained the balance sheet, and the statement of expenses and disbursements. Mr. Ducharme asked if there were any questions from the floor. He also explained that we do our own bookeeping and auditors are hired to go over the books so that the membership will know how the funds are spent, etc.

Anne Anderson asked "What is the Native Development Institute training program of $3,000.00?'

Mr. Steinhauer explained that there was a training program in St. Albert for the 3 native organizations. There was money allotted for the training program however, there was insufficient funds for completing this program, so the 3 native organizations donated $3,000.00 each to complete the program.

Mr. Ladouceur of Lac La Biche asked "Do you involve Metis people in your radio program?", this question was directed to the Blackfoot Radio Program. Mr. Healy states there are not too many Metis people in our area but we do not exclude anyone. Anyone who wants to become involved is welcome. Mr. Ladouceur asked "Has this been advertised over your radio program?" Mr. Healy states our programs are open to anyone interested and we have advertised this.

Mr. Jack Bellerose states "There is reference made to the Indian Association and Metis Association, but he has bent backwards to affiliate with these organizations with no success, as President of Team Products".

Mr. Ducharme explained I cannot speak for the other two organizations, but we in the Alberta Native Communications Society have tried to cooperate with them.

Mr. Bellerose explained that Team Products would like to be recognized also, as they cover a large territory the Alberta McKenzie area, and this contradicts what you said at our general meeting. Mr. Ducharme stated if you are going by the Journal, we got an apology from them as this was not what we said, and this question is not relevant to this meeting.

Mrs. House asked "Was the workshop open to everyone or just to board members?'

Mr. Ducharme explained it was for the board and staff only to help them improve and better know their roles.

Anne House from Dawson Creek asked "Why were the programmes over Dawson Creek discontinued?" Mr. Steinhauer explained due to an overload of work to be carried out and the cutback in finances we had to discontinue this program. However, we wrote to Dawson Creek radio station and asked them to hold this space for us until we get more fieldworkers, etc.

Cultural projects: Mrs. House asked in regard to the cultural programs for Indian Reserves, what about the integrated schools?"

Mr. Steinhauer explained that this project is not finished as yet, and we will be having more discussions as to where these programs would be of most value.

MOTION: Sam Johnston moved that the reports be adopted as read, seconded by E. House of Caslan, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Cuthand was asked to stand and he was thanked for his contribution to the "Native People" in regard to the Cree syllabics. Mr. Cuthand is a liaison officer of Indian Affairs and works closely with the Federation of Sask. Indians. He also worked with the Blood Indians for a period of 8 years. He gave a very good speech to the membership in regard to the Cree syllabics and told a story that was in the "Native People".

MOTION: Mr. N. Quinney moved that the meeting be adjourned for lunch, seconded by Mrs. Veronica Morin.

Meeting reopened 1:20 p.m.

Clement Doore and Wilton Littlechild, Board members of the A.N.C.S. were introduced to the general membership.

First order of business for the afternoon was discussion on the proposed amendments and changes to the constitution. Mr. Hope interpreted the discussion in Cree. Mr. Ducharme explained in english regarding the constitutions and thanked Mr. Hope for the interpretation.

Mr. Ducharme asked the lawyer, Mr. Nemirsky, to explain the constitution. Mr. Nemirsky explained that he works with Mr. Maccagno who was supposed to be at the meeting, but was tied up in Lac La Biche and could not be at the meeting. His purpose of attending the meeting was to explain the proposed changes to the constitution. Copies of the changes have been circulated amongst the people. He explained that before they could become valid, they had to be approved by the general membership, then they must be registered with Government. There are two parts to a constitution. The first one concerns of what it can do, and the second one sets the rules. He read both the existing laws as they now stand and the proposed changes as follows:

Clause 1B - the proposed amendment be changes by striking out the words "interaction of Indian and Metis people". This way it would apply to all people. Mr. Hope interpreted in Cree the constitutional change.

2nd proposed change - Clause 1C - To delete this clause altogether as there are other organizations dealing with this aspect.

3rd proposed change - In the objects - Clause 5 - To delete this clause and following be put in "To encourage and promote cultural development amongst the native people". This completes the objects and now there are changes of the by-laws.

Mr. Longmore asked for an explanation of the first proposed change in regard to omitting the "interaction of Indian and Metis", it was explained it only meant that no one would be excluded to participate in the Society. As it was, it meant that only Indian and Metis could participate in business and otherwise.

Re By Laws: Article 6 - This is to be struck out as it is already covered by a previous article.

Mr. Tom Cardinal explained they are presently working on changing the word Indian Bands to Indian tribes.

Mr. Jack Bellerose asked in regard to Metis Settlements are non-registered Indians included, or enfranchised indians?

Mr. Stan Daniels, President of the Metis Association explained that they have membership in the Metis Association of non-registered Indians.

Re Article VIII (10) "Notwithstanding anything hereinafter contained, no full member of the Society who is President of any other Native organization or group, incorporated or otherwise, is eligible to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Society. The proposed change is the word President be deleted and the word "Officer or Director" be inserted.

Re Article X(1) - Striking out the provision to read as follows: "The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors and perform necessary duties incidental to his or her office".

Fourth Change: Re Article X(3) shall read "The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements and books belonging to the Society, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Society and in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors from time to time. He or she shall also perform such other duties as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors".

Fifth change: To add "Provided no full member shall be entitled to vote unless he has been a member for 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting".

Sixth change: By striking out Article XVlll and by substituting the following: "Remuneration of the officers and Directors, or any member of the Society shall be fixed by the Board of Directors, but shall be subject to increase or reduction by any meeting of the Society".

Mr. Harold Cardinal was asked to give his explanation in regard to the words "band" to be changed to "tribe or tribal". Mr. Cardinal states that the lawyers suggestion that the words band or tribe be used, as the word tribe has not become legal as yet within the Indian Act.

MOTION: Mr. Harold Cardinal moved that the words Indian Bands or Indian Tribes be inserted to the proposed change, subject to the by-laws of the Society, Metis Settlements, Metis Settlement Associations, Indian Bands or Indian Tribes be used, seconded by Tom Cardinal, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Longmore asked to explain re: "Metis Settlement, Metis Settlement Association or Indian Band or Indian Tribe". It was explained to Mr. Longmore that the clause where Metis colony is being used is taken out therefore this will be taken care of.

Mrs. Morin asked Mr. Hope to interpret this in Cree which he did.

Mr. Longmore asked that no member of any board of any other organization to hold a seat on the board of A.N.C.S., could this be explained. The lawyer explained re section Vlll (10) that the word officer or Director be inserted instead of President. The word officer would include Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer, etc. You do not want too much infiltration of other organizations.

Mr. Longmore states that he objects to this change and feels that it should remain as is.

MOTION: Mr. Longmore moves that Article Vlll section (10) remain as is in our present constitution, seconded by J. Bellerose.

Mr. Steinhauer explained the reason for the proposed change. The intent of the Association was not to become political or to duplicate the work done. We discussed this at a meeting with Mr. Daniels, President of the Metis Association of Alberta and Tom Cardinal, who was then the President of the Indian Association.

Mr. Ladouceur asked what about the Presidents of Metis locals as we have locals in our small communities and we have our Presidents and sometimes those are the only leaders we have in our community. I would like to see them be able to run for board members also.

Mr. Cardinal explained the position stated by Mr. Steinhauer has his full support, however he felt this applied only to the major organizations and not to small locals. If this is not so, then he would like to see it this way.

Mr. Daniels stated he was instrumental in bringing about this change in the constitution so that one President could not take over all the organizations. Like Mr. Cardinal, he supports Mr. Steinhauer's views on this.

Mr. Longmore retracted the motion to read "Article Vlll, section (10) read "Notwithstanding anything hereinafter contained, no full member of the Society who is the President of a Provincial or Nation wide organization is eligible to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Society, seconded by Gilbert Anderson, all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. L'Hirondelle moved that the proposed changes as amended by the membership be adopted, seconded by Bob Ladouceur, all in favor, motion carried.

ELECTIONS: Mr. Ducharme explained that he could not chair this portion of the meeting as he was running for the Board and therefore he asked Mr. Manuel to chair this portion as he is very efficient in this capacity. The legal advisor was asked to sit in on this also.

Before the proceeding with the elections he reminded the people that they were to elect 10 board members as there were 2 from last year that were on automatically.

They would elect 3 Metis for a period of 2 years and 3 Metis for a period of 1 year. Also they would elect 3 Treaty people for a period of 2 years and 1 for a period of 1 year. The nominating committee were Rufus Goodstriker, Leona Willier and Clara Yellowknee and they have recommended John Tustawits, Mrs. Russel and Mrs. Giroux.

Nominations are now open for Metis People.

Jim Ducharme nominated by Robert Ladouceur
Willy Ladouceur nominated by Mrs. Charbonneau
Henry Houle nominated by Mr. Lavallee
Clarence Longmore nominated by Dorothy Bird
Adrian Hope nominated by Mrs. Morin
Susie Fisher nominated by Anne Anderson

Mrs. Giroux moved that nominations cease, seconded by Fred Ladouceur, all in favor, motion carried.

The candidates gave a speech on their background, etc.

Clarence Longmore: I have been involved in the native organizations for a number of years and feel that I have contributed a great deal to both Treaty and Metis people. I have tried to work toward a better understanding amongst the native people and will continue to do so if I am elected on this board.

Adrian Hope: Mr. Hope said that a number of years back there was a meeting of all the native leaders, with the various Government officials and he was asked to make a speech, so he made it in Cree, he spoke for about 15 minutes and they finally got the message that this is what the white man has been doing to the Indians for years, speaking to them in a language they did not understand. Most people know me and I have sat on this board ever since it started.

Mrs. Giroux: I am a housewife from Grouard and have been coming to different native women's meetings, etc. and I am very interested in native people being brought together.

WILLY LADOUCEUR: I used to drive Cab in Hobbema and some of the people present know me. I am a farmer, a commercial fisherman and a family man with seven children. If someone from Lac La Biche was on this board I feel it would be helpful.

Henry Houle: I started 6 years ago when I was involved in the Wabaeca March. I am married and have 7 children. When I was going to school I did not like the way native children were treated. I am presently working for the Metis Association and I also worked for Alberta NewStart.

Mrs. Fisher: I am a housewife and a mother of 3 children. I have attended the ladies meetings and I have a lot to learn. I have worked in an office for the past 15 years and have done payroll for approximately 100 men.

Mr. Ducharme: I would like to thank the people for cooperating so well. I have some regrets in regard to my colleagues which were on the board last year, Mrs. Yellowknee and Mr. Cunningham and people of this calibre, not being nominated. I have been very happy to be of service and if re-elected will continue to do my best. Also to the Blackfeet people who were so patient with us in not understanding Cree, we give a vote of thanks.

MOTION: Robert Ladouceur moved that the vote be by secret ballot, seconded by Dorothy Bird, all in favor, motion carried.

Voting was carried on for 6 Metis and while the ballots were being counted, voting was carried on for 4 Treaty members.

The floor is now open for nominations.

John Tustawits nominated by the nominating committee.
Mrs. Russel nominated by the nominating committee.
Ed Fox nominated by Ed Bellerose
Gabriel Gladue nominated by Henry Ladoucour
Clement Doore nominated by Ed Lavallee
Eugene Steinhauer nominated by Anne Howse
Sykes Powderface nominated by Les Healy
Agnes Bull nominated by Mike L'Hirondelle
Rufus Goodstriker nominated by Lena Gallup

Ed Bellerose moved nominations cease, seconded by Gabe Gladue, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Steinhauer declined nominations for the reason that he is a staff member of Alberta Native Communications Society and cannot become a board member according to the constitution.

Mike L'Hirondelle protests the first election for the Metis for the reason that he did not hear the motion put to the floor that nominations cease.

Mr. Manuel states he has to rule this out of order as there was a vote put to the floor.

Re candidates for Treaty members: Mr. Tustawits was not present but has accepted with the nomination committee to run for board member.

Mrs. Russel: She was not present but Mr. Goodstriker, who was on the nominating committee appointed her and she agreed to run. Mrs. Russel is a teacher and will not be teaching next year but she would be interested in teaching culture of her people.

Ed Fox: I would like to thank Mr. Bellerose for nominating me. I am the tribal manager for the Blood Reserve and from the reports made, it is my understanding that great strides have been made. I will try to my utmost to contribute to this cause and I would also like to cooperate with all native organizations in Alberta.

Gabe Gladue: Most people from the North know me. I am a commercial fisherman and have a large family. I have been active in all native organizations and will do all I can to help and try to satisfy the people.

Clement Doore: I am a Blackfoot and a graduate from Olds College and also St. Xavier University. I am a board member of the Southern Indian Co-op. I am also a liaison officer which involves community development work. I am the past Vice President of the Alberta Native Communications Society and know a lot of people in the Provincial Government. I have enjoyed working with the past board.

Sykes Powderface: I am the band manager of the Stony Tribe. I have 2 years of business college specializing in communications. I am a past board member of the Indian Association of Alberta. I am married and have 2 children. "If nature intended that we talk more than we hear, we would have had 2 mouths and 1 ear." If I am elected I will work to the best of my ability.

Mrs. Agnes Bull: I am a mother of 8 children and I am not educated, but I am interested in trying to help my people.

Rufus Goodstriker: I have accomplished my name nationally and internationally. I spent 7 years as a special R.C.M.P., 8 years as a physical instructor and am very active in all native organizations. I was the first President of the first 10 organizations in the south. I have made different investigations in regard to different situations involving native people. I am a past chief of my tribe and a councillor also.

Voting was carried on for the 4 Treaty members.

Elected people are:

Clarence Longmore for 2 years.

Henry Houle for 2 years

Jim Ducharme for 2 years

Adrian Hope for 1 year

Mrs. Margeurite Giroux for 1 year

Willy Ladouseur for 1 year

Motion: Mr. Fred Ladouceur moved that the ballots be destroyed, seconded by Rene Primeau, all in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Morin asked if there could be women field workers for the Alberta Native Communications Society? Mr. Ducharme states we have nothing against women, if they have good qualifications they would be accepted.

Mr. Quinney would like the system of voting to be changed for the next year.

Mr. Ducharme states it is up to the people to speak up, as the voting may not have been as efficient as we would like to

have, but perhaps next year rules can be made, etc. He also stated that everyone is invited to attend the banquet at 6:30.

The results of the Treaty election are now ready.

Mrs. Agnes Bull for 2 years

Gabe Gladue for 2 years

Rufus Goodstriker for 2 years

Sykes Powderface for 1 year

Leona Willier and Ed Bellerose are automatically in for one more year.

Anne Anderson moved that the ballots be destroyed, seconded by Anne House, all in favor, motion carried.

Fred Boucher moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Norm Quinney.

Minutes recorded and typed by P. Anderson