

MILLER ELECTED PRESIDENT NORTHWEST INDIANS FORM MEDIA ASSOCIATION

By Cynthia Stowell

Telex wires may be buzzing with Indian news as the newly-formed Northwest Indian News Association establishes itself in the four-state area. Members of the Indian media in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana have made a commitment to improve communication among themselves and between Indians and the non-Indian public with their July 22 approval of a constitution and by-laws for "NINA."

The nine print and broadcast media represented at the constitutional meeting at Ft. Hall, Idaho last week became charter members of NINA and elected the news association's first board of directors. President of the seven-member board is Spilyay Tymoo's editor Sid Miller, who headed the organizational committee for a year and a half.

Mark Trahan of the Sho-Ban News (Ft. Hall) is the first vice-president and Su Harms of Council Fires (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho) is the secretary-treasurer.

Other board members are Josie Jones (Squol Quol, Lummi, Washington), Andy de los Angeles (Northwest Indian News, Seattle, Washington) and Bob Johnson (Indian Voice, Small Tribes of Western Washington). A representative from Montana has yet to be selected. The board is comprised of a director from each state and three at-large.

The Northwest Indian News Association will offer professional support to Indian journalists while establishing lines of



THE FIRST BOARD of directors of the new Northwest Indian News Association: Josie Jones (Lummi "Squol Quol"), Vice President Mark Trahan ("Sho-Ban News"), President Sid Miller ("Spilyay Tymoo"), Secretary-Treasurer Su Harms (Coeur d'Alene "Council Fires") and Andy de los Angeles (Seattle's "Northwest Indian News"). The Montana member has yet to be selected. CDS Photo

communication with the non-Indian media. Described as an "umbrella organization," NINA is expected to be the parent of a news exchange service and advertising cooperative as well as provide ongoing educational and technical assistance and encourage young people to enter the field of journalism.

While NINA will leave the expression of editorial opinions to its member editors, it will create a code of ethics for Indian journalists and provide unified

communication with the outside.

Plans are underway for NINA's first annual meeting to be held in Spokane this October. The business meeting, where many initial procedural wrinkles will be ironed out by the membership, will be accompanied by educational workshops.

Between now and then, all the known Indian publications and radio stations in the four-state area will be notified of NINA's existence and will be encouraged to apply for mem-

bership. Until outside funding can be found, membership dues and meeting fees will be NINA's only source of income.

Active, voting membership is open to publications and other media forms that have Indian sponsorship and fulfill the function of informing people about Indians and Indian affairs. Non-Indian media, organizations and individuals will be considered for associate membership.

The idea for an Indian

media group was brought to life at a journalism seminar staged by the Advocates for Indian Education in Spokane in February 1977. The demise of the American Indian Press Association had left a news gap that needed filling, especially in light of the public's growing anti-Indian posture.

During the next year and a half the news association gradually took shape, although expected funds from the BIA never materialized.

One component of NINA actually developed before its parent organization. An advertising pool, the brainchild of STOWW's Bob Johnson, is already functioning, making available an official rate book for Indian newspapers and a profile of Indian consumers. Potential advertisers can place an order and buy space in any of the member publications.

The NINA "umbrella" is expected to one day include a formal news exchange, a reality that approaches as Indian media identify their common interests and gain access to means of rapid communication, such as Telex.

The charter members of NINA see no limits to their organization and its potential contribution to both the Indian and non-Indian media and their audiences. Born 150 years after the founding of the first Indian newspaper (The Cherokee Phoenix), NINA has a long tradition of communication behind it and the challenge of improved communication ahead.

For more information, call one of the board members in your area.

COCC BUDGET UP FOR THIRD AND LAST ELECTION

Central Oregon Community College president Dr. Fred Boyle is appealing to "all friends of COCC throughout the tri-county district" to aid COCC by getting out to vote for its August 8 budget election.

"We need anyone and everyone who can help," said Boyle, "because failure of this effort could mean the beginning of a reduction in the programs COCC offers the district."

"The situation COCC is in right now is about as serious as I've seen in the 11 years I've been president," Boyle commented.

Voters will be asked to ap-

prove a \$2.07 million tax levy, a substantial portion of the \$4.3 million needed to run the college for the coming year. The balance comes from student tuition and fees as well as state funds based on the number of students enrolled.

The proposed levy has been defeated twice, the first time on March 14 by 62 votes. COCC lost a tax base proposed at the May 13 primary election by over 1,000 votes in a much larger voter turnout.

The College has since cut \$80,000 from the original request — the cuts coming mostly in the money budgeted for the con-

struction of access roads to its campus, funds it needed to hook up the state-mandated city sewer system and salaries.

Warm Springs traditionally backs up COCC's budget requests but turnout in the last elections was not enough to affect the Jefferson County vote.

COCC president Boyle has indicated that the election is "crucial" to COCC's operations next fall. The college is currently operating without a budget, running its summer session classes on carryover funds.

Because COCC has no tax base, it must each year gain approval of the local portion of its budget before it can begin

FROM THE TRIBAL GARAGE

The Tribal Garage will not be responsible for any loss of property or damage to vehicles left for repairs without first checking with the garage supervisor.

If you have a car that needs

classes in the fall.

Election day is August 8. The teen center in Warm Springs will be open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. for voting.

work done make sure to get it to the garage before five o'clock p.m. for safe-keeping. This announcement is for your own protection as well as for the garage supervisors responsibilities. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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THE LABORS of Kah-Nee-Ta Village groundskeeper Dave Berry almost go unnoticed. He has spelled out "KAH-NEE-TA" in red flowers boarded by white "Summer Snow". Next year he plans to use a 30 degree slope to better feature his artwork. CDS Photo