

is a Major Success for Journalists and Students

Now it's Native American Journalists Association

TACOMA, Wash. (NANS) - Members of the Native American Press Association voted unanimously to change the name of the organization to Native American Journalists Association at the organization's Sixth Annual International Journalism Conference.

President Mark Trahant said the change represents the organization's efforts to include American Indians working in the electronic media and other forms of journalism in addition to print.

Two new members were elected to the NAJA Board of Directors: Gary Fife of National Native News over Alaska Public Radio in Anchorage; and Paul DeMain, publisher of News From Indian Country: The Journal, in Hayward, Wis. Leaving the board is Michael Burgess, editor of Talking Leaf in Los Angeles.

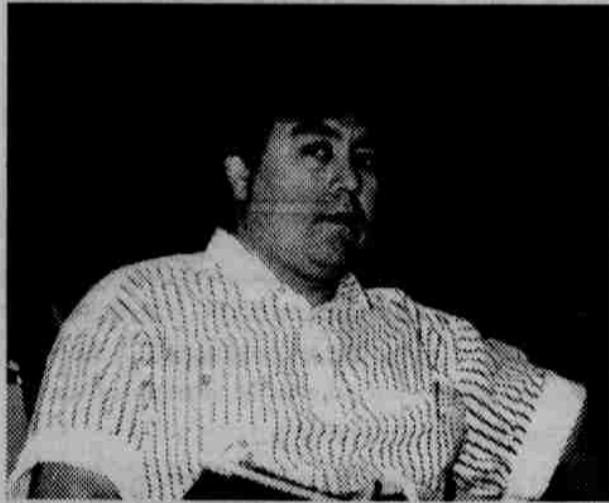
Re-elected to the board were Bert Crowfoot of Windspeaker and the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta in Edmonton; Minnie Two Shoes, graduate student at the University of Missouri in Columbia; and John Tetpon of the Anchorage Times.

All of last year's remaining officers were re-elected to serve on the executive board: Mark Trahant, president; John Tetpon, vice president; Debra Smith, vice president for broadcast; Steve Cristilaw, vice president for print; Minnie Two Shoes, secretary; and newly elected Treasurer Paul DeMain.



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Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii took the time to appear at the awards banquet. Inouye was in town for the signing of the Puyallup Tribal land settlement. Inouye reminded members of the importance of Native press.



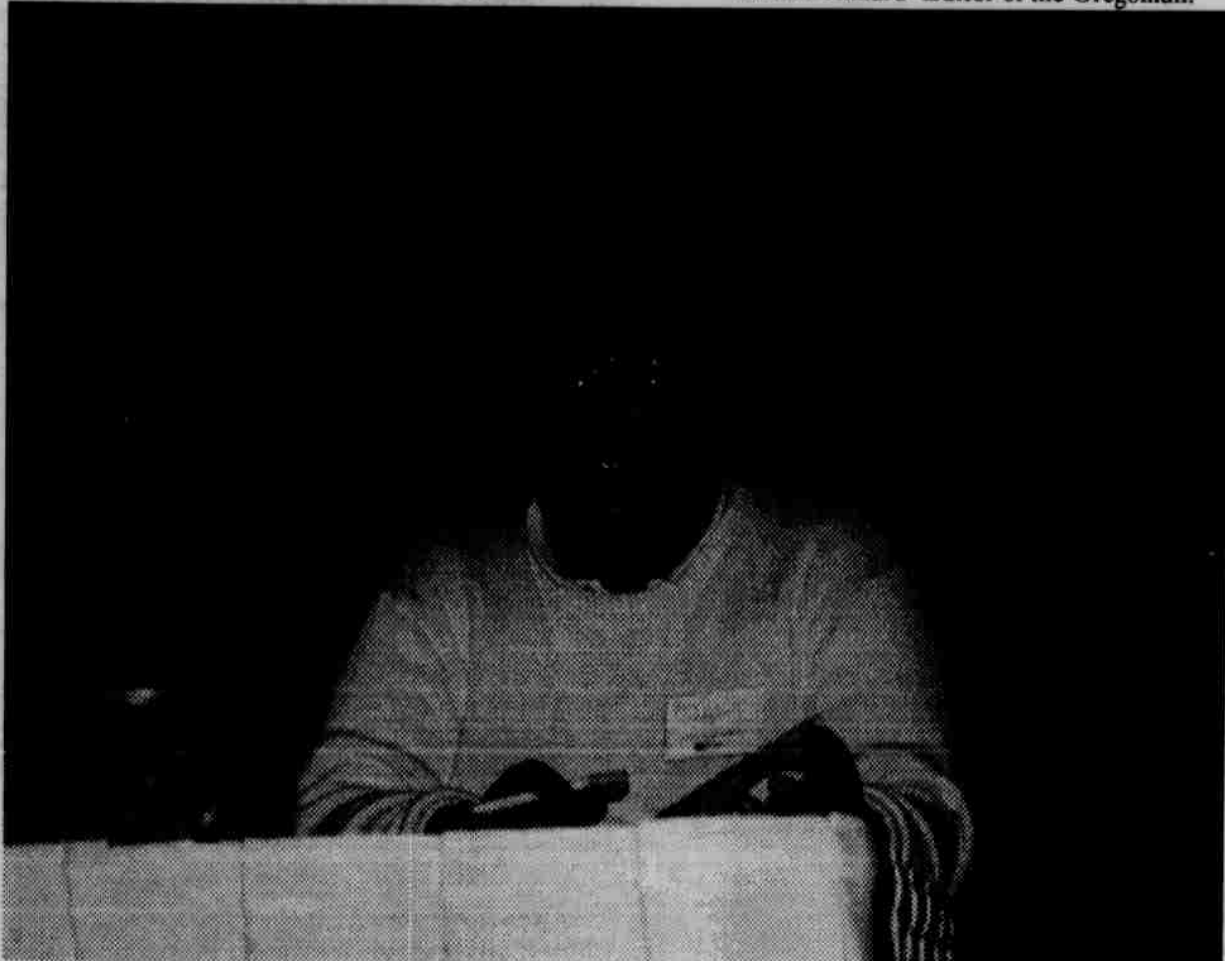
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Mike Burgess is the Editor of The Talking Leaf in L.A.



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William Hilliard -Editor of the Oregonian.



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Bert Crowfoot of Windspeaker and the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society was re-elected to the NAPA board.



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Jeff Green of the Olympian coordinated student events.