

BERING STRAITS THE AGLUKTUK

Winter 2017

BSNC BEGINS RECRUITMENT FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

BSNC is helping prepare tomorrow's leaders for the workforce by providing paid internships and professional development training to qualified shareholder or descendant students each summer. Shareholders and descendants can gain valuable work experience and skills by working with staff in Nome and Anchorage.

BSNC will hire 4-6 interns for its highly competitive summer internship. Internship positions are full-time (40 hours per week). The internship period is from May 8 to August 18. Applicants must be a shareholder or shareholder descendant enrolled full-time in college or technical school, recent college graduate and/or plan to attend in the fall. The minimum GPA requirement is 2.5.

Visit www.beringstraits.com/internship to apply. The deadline to apply is March 31.

PILGRIM HOT SPRINGS CELEBRATES FIRST HARVEST



Vegetables harvested at Pilgrim Hot Springs were donated to Elders and those in need.

In 2015 BSNC, the managing member of Unaatuq, LLC, was awarded a U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Innovation Grant for a geothermal greenhouse at Pilgrim Hot Springs.

In September approximately 15 lbs. of lettuce, 10 lbs. of chard, 30 lbs. of assorted onions and a variety of potatoes, radishes, carrots, turnips and herbs were harvested at Pilgrim Hot Springs for donation to the Nome Community Center and Nome Eskimo Community. The vegetables were in turn distributed to Elders and those in need.

The new infrastructure at Pilgrim Hot Springs includes a bathhouse near the earth pool, an outhouse at the parking lot and a gate with pedestrian access. There has also been a great deal of effort put into collecting debris and general cleanup of the property. A soil enhancement project of composted horse manure mixed with seaweed collected from Nuuk will be tilled to prepare for the 2017 agriculture growing season.

BSNC, the managing partner of Unaatuq, LLC thanks the volunteers, residents of Nome and the surrounding communities, as well as the visitors to our region for their support with the test garden and activities this year.

Shareholder Addresses Needed

IYABAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC COMPLETES MAJOR RENOVATION TO BSWG SHELTER



Iyabak Construction renovated the interior and exterior of the BSWG Shelter.

lyabak Construction, LLC, a subsidiary of Bering Straits Native Corporation, recently completed a major renovation to the Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) Shelter as part of the State of Alaska's Domestic Violence Shelter Deferred Maintenance Project. Located in Nome, BSWG is a nonprofit that provides programs and shelter for domestic violence victims. The shelter, originally constructed in 1959, was in a severely deteriorated state due to heavy use and limited funding.

lyabak began the onsite construction work in June 2016. Due to temporary displacement of the clients, women and children of the community, lyabak aimed for the work to be complete by September. lyabak not only met this goal, but clients were able to move back into the facility on Aug. 16, several weeks ahead of schedule.

Improvements included interior finishes, a new heating fuel tank, plumbing and light fixtures, power and data upgrades, doors and windows. These solutions not only included all of the safety code compliant upgrades, but allowed the entire facility to be renovated into modernized living quarters and office spaces, and all within the available funding.

BSNC MAILS SPECIAL ELDERS' DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

The BSNC Board of Directors voted on Aug. 11 to declare a one-time special Elder dividend of \$500. This special dividend was paid in November to original BSNC shareholders who were 65 years of age or older on Nov. 10, 2016, the date of record.

"This special dividend is given in gratitude of those who have given so much to our communities and our people," said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. "BSNC honors the contributions of our Elder shareholders."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



I hope that everyone had a wonderful winter filled with seasonal outdoor activities with your loved ones and friends. Daylight is starting to return and many are already preparing for the return of spring hunting of migratory waterfowl, seals, other marine mammals and king crab harvesting!

For thousands of years, the people of our region have sustained their families and communities with the abundance of natural resources that our

region is blessed with. Time-honored traditions such as replenishing subsistence food supplies with fresh seal, walrus and oogruk, all kinds of migrating birds and their eggs, and fresh crab are all part of our Native way of life.

It has been heart-warming seeing photos that our shareholders and descendants have submitted to the annual BSNC Photo Contest sharing their successful hunting and harvesting efforts. It is gratifying seeing that our tradition of sharing with Elders, the infirm and others is still as important now as it was hundreds of years ago. I am proud that our youth have demonstrated a strong dedication to this tradition and their deep connection to the land and their culture. While changes in our environment and lifestyles have occurred, our traditions are what bind us together and ensure that our Native way of life will live on well into the future.

As we head into 2017, I would like to take the opportunity to thank BSNC's shareholders for their continued support for and involvement in their corporation. 2016 was a noteworthy year for BSNC. 2016 marked the ninth consecutive year the corporation has paid dividends to its shareholders.

The record high dividend of \$3.50 per share declared by the BSNC Board of Directors is a reflection of BSNC's commitment to providing meaningful benefits to its shareholders. BSNC's Board of Directors also issued a \$500 special Elder dividend to original BSNC shareholders who were 65 years of age or older on Nov. 10, 2016. This dividend was given in gratitude of the contributions of Elders to our region's communities and people. BSNC looks forward to focusing on delivering strong financial results to you, our shareholders, while focusing on operational excellence, diversifying revenue and enhancing shareholder opportunities.

The achievements of the past year(s) are the result of the collective dedication and resilience of BSNC's Board of Directors, and the continued efforts of management and staff to the ongoing growth of our Company. We have built a successful Alaska Native corporation that holds true to its mission of improving the quality of life of our people through economic development, while protecting our land and preserving our culture and heritage. Heading into 2017, we look forward to continuing the growth and diversification of BSNC. Thank you to our shareholders for your ongoing support and involvement in your company.



Gail R. Schubert

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: THE ALASKA TERRITORIAL GUARD

During World War II, the Alaska Territorial Guard (ATG), also known as the Eskimo Scouts, held an important role in defending United States soil from foreign invasion. The ATG was organized in 1942 and was comprised of more than 6,000 Alaska Native volunteers from across the state. In the year 2000, ATG service people were granted U.S. veteran status.

BSNC honors American Veterans who have sacrificed to serve our country. We remember the many Alaska Native service members from our region who volunteered in the ATG to serve our country by defending our shores during World War II, those who fought on foreign soil and those who continue to serve today in the armed forces.



SHAREHOLDER ADDRESSES NEEDED

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SHAREHOLDER NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

BSNC shareholders should update the Shareholder Records Department directly in writing anytime their mailing address or name changes. Address changes for shareholders under the age of 18 must be signed by the minor's custodian. Mail in this form or send a signed letter with your social security number, date of birth and new address to:

You may also call our Nome or Anchorage offices at (907) 443-5252

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

Bering Straits Native Corporation

P.O. Box 1008 Nome, Alaska 99762

Print name:		or (90/) 363-3/88 or email us at shareholders@beringstraits.com.
New mailing address:		— For name changes, BSNC requires that you attach a
City:	State: ZIP:	legal document with your new name, such as a copy of a court record, valid government ID, marriage
Social security number:	Date of birth:	
Contact phone number:		New name:
Email address:		Former name:
(If applicable)		Social security number:
I am also a custodian for:		Date of birth:
Signature:		Signature:
Date:		Date:

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION ALASKA STATUTE 13.16.705(b) WILL **ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1971**

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Bering Straits Native Corporation P.O. Box 1008 Nome, Alaska 99762

Bering Straits Native Corporat	tion and	village corporation to: Name of village			
Name	Current Address	% of Shares			

This instrument shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alaska.

State

Dated at	State of:		
	County of:	(or	Judicial District)
thisday of, 20 Signature of Testator	Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by		
I, being first sworn, declare that the testator signs and executes this instrument as his/her last will and that he/she signs it willingly, and I sign this will as witness of	the testator, this day of	, 20	
the testator's signing, and that to the best of my knowledge the testator is 18 years or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.	Notary Public or Postmaster		

In and for the State of _____

BSNC NEWS

2016 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

BSNC held its 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, Oct. 1 in Anchorage, Alaska. Shareholders voted on the election of five board directors. Incumbents Gail R. Schubert, Louie Green Jr., Eugene Asicksik and Tim Towarak were reelected and Charles W. Fagerstrom was newly elected to the Board. Directors serve three-year terms.

Drawings were held for door prizes for those present and prizes were drawn for shareholders who turned in a valid proxy. Checks were mailed to winners who were not present at the meeting. Shareholders who could not attend the Annual Meeting this year in Anchorage were invited to join via live webcast at www.beringstraits.com.

BSNC is pleased to announce the results of its 2016 Election of Board Officers.

Chairman: Henry Ivanoff
Vice Chairman: Lee Ryan
President: Gail R. Schubert
Secretary: Roy Ashenfelter
Treasurer: Tim Towarak

Assistant Secretary: Fred Sagoonick

Assistant Treasurer: Jason Evans

BSNC THANKS OUTGOING DIRECTOR CLARA LANGTON

BSNC thanks outgoing Director Clara Langton for her more than 20 years of service to the Corporation as a board member. Langton was elected to the Board in 1995 and served as the Board's treasurer. She was a director of Alaska Gold Company, LLC, treasurer



Clara Langton

of Bering Straits Development Company, director of Bering Straits Logistics Services, LLC, Golden Glacier, Inc., chair of Bering Straits Technical Services, LLC and chair of Iyabak Construction, LLC.

"I am extremely grateful for Clara's long-standing leadership while serving as a director," said BSNC President & CEO Gail Schubert. "Her commitment to our shareholders and the Bering Straits region was remarkable and her dedication was instrumental in the growth and success of the Company."

EAGLE EYE COMPLETES CONTAMINATED SOIL EXCAVATION

Eagle Eye Electric, LLC (Eagle Eye), a Bering Straits Native Corporation subsidiary, completed excavation site work in Mountain Village as part of the Alaska Army National Guard's (AKARNG) Defense Environmental Restoration Program project. In 2015 and 2016, Eagle Eye excavated petroleum-contaminated soil from Akiak, Alakanuk, Kwethluk, Mountain Village, Nunapitchuk, St. Mary's and Stebbins. Eagle Eye also conducted long-term monitoring of surface water and/or groundwater wells in Akiak, Kwethluk, and Tununak. Excavated soil will be shipped to Arlington, Oregon for disposal in a permitted landfill. Remaining activities include final waste load out from Mountain Village and long-term groundwater monitoring and reporting.

DNR RECOGNIZES BSNC SUBSIDIARY FOR RECLAMATION AT ROCK CREEK MINE



BSNC Vice President of Corporate Development Dan Graham accepts an award from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources on behalf of Alaska Gold Company and Bering Straits Native Corporation. Alaska Gold Company exceeded reclamation standards required by the State of Alaska during its efforts to reclaim the Rock Creek Mine.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources awarded Alaska Gold Company (AGC), a subsidiary of Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC), the 2016 Reclamation Award at the Alaska Miners Association Annual Convention luncheon for reclamation activities at the Rock Creek Mine on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

"On behalf of BSNC and our Board of Directors, I thank the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources for recognizing AGC's extraordinary work to reclaim the Rock Creek Mine," said Gail Schubert, BSNC President & CEO. "BSNC strives to empower our people as leaders in the development and protection of the Arctic. I am proud that our efforts to restore natural habitat have been recognized as an example of environmental stewardship."

"AGC's dedication of commitment to reclaiming the Rock Creek Mine is made evident through their exceptional efforts to re-contour, armor and seed disturbed areas to blend with the surrounding natural landscape and promote wildlife habitat," said Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Andy Mack. "The State of Alaska thanks Alaska Gold

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BSNC HIRES CRAIG RICHARDS AS VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL

BSNC announced that it has hired attorney Craig Richards as its Vice President and General Counsel. Richards will report to BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert. Richards will offer counsel on legal matters, ensure legal compliance and oversee risk management.

"We welcome Craig's experience in project development and negotiating and managing complex transactions, including identifying and creating financial solutions," said BSNC President and CEO Gail Schubert. "His extensive experience in integrating legal and financial analytical skills in project development will also serve BSNC well as we move forward."

Richards has more than 16 years of legal experience. Prior to joining BSNC, Richards served as Alaska Attorney General from 2014 to 2016, and subsequently provided legal counsel on oil and gas issues to the State of Alaska under contract. Richards holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and a Juris Doctor degree from Washington & Lee University. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Virginia.

BSNC REGION NEWS

NACTEC FEATURED AS CAT® SUCCESS STORY

The Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center (NACTEC) in Nome, Alaska was recently featured as a CAT® success story. For five years, more than 1,800 students have logged time on eight different CAT® Simulator models at NACTEC. According to NACTEC Director Doug Walrath, 229 students have continued on to more advanced and focused training utilizing the simulators.

NACTEC is a joint venture between the Bering Straits School District and Nome Public Schools and provides important training, skills and resources to students to prepare them for high school graduation, post-secondary education and careers. BSNC provides substantial support to NACTEC and other in-region nonprofits.

"BSNC's support of NACTEC has contributed to a 66% growth in student enrollment at NACTEC over the past seven years. Graduation rates have climbed during this time from a low of 32% in 2008 to a high of 84% in 2015, the 2nd highest graduation rate in Alaska," said NACTEC Director Douglas J. Walrath. "BSNC's support of NACTEC is making a profound difference and impact in our region, to which we are so thankful to be partners for seven years running."

IVORY BAN - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

On July 6, 2016, a near-total ban on commercial trade in African elephant ivory went into effect in the United States. This federal ban only applies to elephant ivory but a few states, including California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York and Washington, have passed laws that include walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivory. Under these laws, residents may face prosecution for buying, owning or bringing home legally acquired ivory from Alaska. The ban also has an economic impact on rural Alaska communities who use the resource, buyers of walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivory products and gift shops that sell them. The ban has caused confusion and concern among many Alaska Native ivory carvers.



Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, Alaska Native hunters can harvest, buy and carve walrus ivory and anyone can purchase the art. Although the California measure restricts most ivory, Alaska leaders stress that the wording is not specific enough to clearly exempt traditional Alaska Native arts and crafts.

BSNC President and CEO Gail Schubert attended the first Arctic Science Ministerial, an important gathering of Arctic leaders, where she raised the issue of the purchase, sale and possession ban on ivory. She emphasized the adverse impact the ban will have on Alaska Native communities and Alaska Native artists.

BSNC shareholder and ivory carver Susie Silook spoke about the ivory ban at the Alaska Federation of Natives annual convention in Fairbanks. She created an online petition which can be found at

http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/protect-indigenous-alaskan/.

In addition to signing the petition, you may also voice your support for by contacting your congressional delegation to let them know you support excluding legally acquired walrus, mammoth and mastodon ivory from the domestic ivory ban.

BSNC HONORS YOUNG PROVIDERS AND ELDERS AT THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

BSNC awarded Sierra Tucker of Nome and Christian "Agragiiq" Apassingok of Gambell with the 2016 Young Providers Award at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Oct. 1. The Young Providers Award honors young people from the BSNC region who contribute on a daily basis to the health and well-being of their families, communities and culture. The BSNC Board of Directors chose to posthumously honor the late Irene Tagumaaq Aukongak and Paul Johnson by presentation of the awards.



Sierra Tucker and Christian "Agragiiq" Apassingok

BSNC also honored Elders selected by their respective village corporation in appreciation for their accomplishments in maintaining traditional lifestyles and the determination to share valuable knowledge with our youth in preserving the culture and heritage of the Bering Straits region. The following Elders were recognized at the Annual Meeting:

Mary "Rose Ann" Titus Hilda M. Clark Agnes I. Mayac Vincent A. Kunnuk Lillian Hanaka Robert K. Joe Sr. Joseph Charles Steve Winton Weyapuk, Jr. Council Native Corporation
Golovin Native Corporation
King Island Native Corporation
King Island Native Corporation
Shaktoolik Native Corporation
Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Stebbins Native Corporation
Wales Native Corporation

RICHARD FOSTER BUILDING OPENS IN NOME

The Richard Foster Building celebrated its official opening on Oct. 29, 2016 in Nome, Alaska. The facility houses the Katirvik Cultural Center, Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and the Kegoayah Kozga Library. Named in honor of BSNC shareholder and former Alaska state legislator Richard Foster who served as a BSNC director from 1983-1984 and 1992-1994. The cultural center's name "Katirvik" comes from the King Island Inupiaq word for "gathering place." The museum provides a community space that can be used to facilitate the teaching of local knowledge and is meant to imitate the traditional qasgi house. The Richard Foster building is located on 7th Avenue in Nome and is open 12-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

SHAREHOLDER NEWS

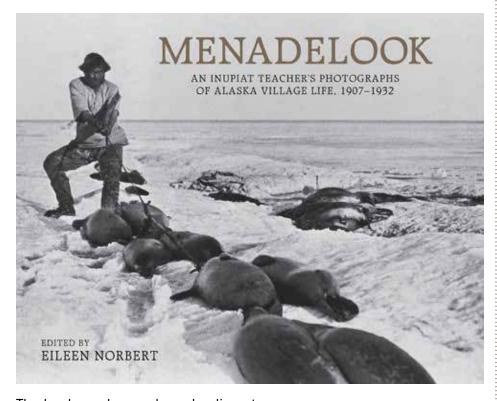
CULTURAL PRESERVATION EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, members of the Native Village of Unalakleet (NVU) traveled to Kaltag for a meeting between NVU, Kaltag Tribal Council and Nulato Tribal Council. NVU representatives expressed gratitude to Kaltag and Nulato community members for protecting Unalakleet's traditional songs and dances. One narrative of the history of how Unalakleet songs traveled to Kaltag is as follows: In the late 1800's, seeing that missionaries were banning Unalakleet songs, dances, ceremonies and language, members of Unalakleet sent three women to Kaltag to be married with the instruction to take traditional songs with them to protect them. For years, people from Unalakleet would travel by dogsled to Kaltag at New Year's to hear their songs and dance their dances.

To this day, both Kaltag and Nulato communities sing these songs, having protected them throughout the generations, although over time many songs have a blend of Inupiaq and Koyukon words. BSNC thanks all involved in this effort.

SHAREHOLDER EILEEN NORBERT PUBLISHES BOOK: MENADELOOK

BSNC shareholder Eileen Norbert has published a book titled Menadelook: An Inupiat Teacher's Photographs of Alaska Village Life, 1907-1932. The book showcases nearly one hundred photographs by her grandfather Charles Menadelook which document life in Kingigin (Wales) in the Bering Strait between Alaska and Russia. The pictures provide a view into the Inupiaq world traditions and historical events during the early twentieth century.

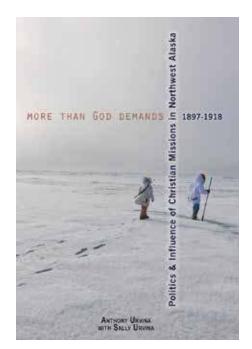


The book can be purchased online at: https://store10786133.ecwid.com/

SHAREHOLDER ANTHONY URVINA PUBLISHES BOOK: MORE THAN GOD DEMANDS

BSNC shareholder Anthony Urvina, with Sally Urvina, recently published his book More Than God Demands: Politics and Influence of Christian Missions in Northwest Alaska, 1897-1918.

"Near the turn of the twentieth century, the territorial government of Alaska put its support behind a project led by Christian missionaries to convert Alaska Native peoples—and, along the way, bring them into "civilized" American citizenship. Establishing missions in a number of areas inhabited by Alaska Natives, the



program was an explicit attempt to erase ten thousand years of Native culture and replace it with Christianity and an American frontier ethic."

Urvina's book can be purchased online at http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/M/bo23333225.html.

INTERESTED IN A SHAREHOLDER ID CARD?



Are you interested in obtaining a BSNC shareholder ID card? BSNC's Nome headquarters and Anchorage office are open during regular business hours for shareholders who wish to walk in to receive a shareholder ID card. Proof of identity must be presented. Shareholders not residing in Nome or Anchorage who wish to receive a shareholder ID card are asked to email shareholders@beringstraits.com or call (907) 443-5252.

SHAREHOLDER ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT: INUUSIQ INC.

BSNC SHAREHOLDERS AND DESCENDANTS BEGIN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROJECT

Inuusiq, Inc. (Inuusiq) is a Alaska Native organization with a mission to empower Inuit people through the revitalization of Inuit languages, cultural values and practices. Inuusiq means "our way of life" or "life" in Inupiaq. Inuusiq was incorporated in early 2016 by four young Inuit women: BSNC shareholder Hattie Keller, Chair; BSNC descendant Marjorie Tahbone, Vice Chair; Rachael Bauman, Treasurer; and BSNC shareholder Madelyn Alvanna-Stimpfle, Secretary.

Inuusiq is scheduled to open the first free child care center/ language nest in Kigiqtaq (Shishmaref), Alaska in Spring 2017. An Inuit linguist will speak Inupiaq to the children for six hours a day, five days a week and the curriculum will be taught based around subsistence seasons. Inuusiq hopes to open other locations in the Bering Strait region. If you would like to hear more information or donate to Inuusiq Inc. please contact Hattie Keller at hattiekeller@gmail.com.

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DNR RECOGNIZES BSNC CONT.

Company and BSNC for their excellence in responsible stewardship and for exceeding reclamation standards as required by the State of Alaska. We congratulate Alaska Gold Company as most deserving recipients of this award."

The Rock Creek Mine was included in the 2012 purchase of AGC by BSNC. After analyzing the potential for restarting the mine, AGC and BSNC chose to proceed with reclamation of the mine in 2014 when it was determined that it could not be reopened as a profitable venture.

While the Rock Creek project was not successful as a producing mine, the reclamation made use of local labor and businesses which provided economic benefit to the Bering Strait region and BSNC's shareholders. Tumet Industries, LLC was contracted to fulfill the reclamation plan and worked with BSNC subsidiary staff. During the 5 months of work at the site more than 30 shareholders or shareholder descendants/family members worked for Tumet.

BSF LOWERS GPA REQUIREMENT, IMPLEMENTS ONLINE APPLICATION

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) changed its GPA requirements from 3.0 to 2.5 for high school graduate scholarship applicants. BSF also has a new application process with the www.my-cache.org website. MyCache is a free service provided by BSF, Kawerak, Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation, Norton Sound Health Corporation and Sitnasuak.

BSF RECRUITING PROGRAM OFFICER

The Bering Straits Foundation (BSF) is recruiting for a full-time Program Officer to provide overall administration for all BSF education programs and to support activities intended to achieve BSF's core purpose and mission. The position may be based in Anchorage, AK or Nome, AK and will be open until filled. Qualified individuals should submit a current resume, cover letter and at least two written reference letters from previous employers (dated within the last year) to Tabetha Toloff at Toloff@hotmail.com. For more information about BSF, please visit www.beringstraits.com/foundation.

GCI OFFERS BSNC SHAREHOLDERS A DISCOUNT

Are you provided service through General Communications Inc. (GCI)? GCI offers BSNC shareholders a discount. To see if you qualify for a discount on your current GCI or to sign up for a new discounted service, email gciconcierge@gci.net with your name, phone number and BSNC shareholder ID and a representative will contact you. You may also call (888) 563-2413.





BSNC DISTRIBUTES SHAREHOLDER DIVIDEND

The Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$3.50 per share that was issued in December. The average BSNC shareholder who owns 100 shares of stock received \$350. The total distribution was approximately \$2.2 million to BSNC's shareholders of record.

"This is a record high dividend and a 7.7 percent increase from BSNC's 2015 distribution," said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. "This dividend is a reflection of BSNC's commitment to providing meaningful benefits to its shareholders."

There are many benefits that come with being a BSNC shareholder or descendant, including eligibility to receive scholarships from the Bering Straits Foundation and hire preference for qualified applicants at all BSNC companies. In addition to these benefits, BSNC provides bereavement benefits in the amount of \$1,500 to families to assist after the death of an original BSNC shareholder or lineal descendant of an original BSNC shareholder, or the spouse of an original BSNC shareholder.

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- · Professional development skills
- · The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- · Arctic matters
- · Policy issues that affect Alaska Native people
- · Cultural awareness
- · Public speaking
- · Business structure
- · Mentorship opportunities



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