BSNC ANNOUNCES 2017 SHAREHOLDER DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

The BSNC Board of Directors has declared a record-high dividend of $3.75 per share to be issued in December. A BSNC shareholder who owns 100 shares of stock will receive a dividend of $375. The total 2017 distribution will be approximately $2.4 million to BSNC’s shareholders of record. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed $17.9 million in regular dividends.

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 shareholders, descendants and shareholder spouses. In addition to these benefits, BSNC provides Shareholder Bereavement Assistance in the amount of $1,500 to help defray the cost of funeral expenses for an original BSNC shareholder, a lineal descendant of an original BSNC shareholder, or the spouse of a living original BSNC shareholder.

“BSNC is pleased to fulfill its pledge to return tangible benefits to its shareholders and descendants,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. “This dividend comes on the heels of continued growth. BSNC is thankful for the support we have received from our shareholders.”

BSNC MAKES TOP TEN ON TOP 49ER LIST

Alaska Business Monthly announced BSNC as #10 of the Top 49 Alaska-owned business as ranked by their 2016 gross revenues! Here is a history of BSNC’s previous rankings since 2010:

2016: #11
2015: #12
2014: #14
2013: #17
2012: #17
2011: #18
2010: #21

2017 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

BSNC held its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Nome, Alaska. Shareholders voted on the election of five Board Directors. Incumbents Henry Ivanoff Sr., Robert K. Evans, Roy C. Ashenfelter and Homer E. Hoogendorn were reelected and Deborah Atuk 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 by the Oct. 4 proxy deadline or registered to vote in person at the meeting. Checks were mailed to winners who were not present at the meeting. Shareholders who could not attend the Annual Meeting this year in Nome were invited to join via live webcast at www.beringstraits.com.

BSNC is pleased to announce the results of its 2017 Election of Board Officers.

Chairman: Henry Ivanoff Sr.
Vice Chairman: Lee Ryan
President: Gail R. Schubert
Secretary: Roy Ashenfelter
Treasurer: Tim Towarak
Assistant Secretary: Eugene Asicksik
Assistant Treasurer: Ella Anagick

BSNC thanks outgoing Director Fred N. Sagoonick for his longstanding service to the Corporation as a board member.

BSNC TO HOST ANCHORAGE OPEN HOUSE AND HOLIDAY BAZAAR

BSNC invites shareholders and descendant to its Open House and Holiday Bazaar taking place on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5-7:30 p.m. at 3301 C Street. The Open House and Holiday Bazaar will feature refreshments as well as arts and crafts tables by BSNC shareholders and descendants.
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

I hope everyone had a successful summer fishing, hunting, and harvesting berries and greens in preparation for winter. The summer flew by and as we head into the winter months, we will be able to enjoy the fruits of our labors. Our Region is blessed to have many subsistence resources close to our villages, and I am proud that our youth have continued the centuries-old practice of sharing our resources with Elders and other households, both in the village and in urban Alaska. That has been the stronghold of our survival for many, many generations.

This year, the BSNC Board of Directors declared a record-high dividend of $3.75 per share to be issued in December. The Board also voted to declare a one-time special Elder dividend distribution of $750, an increase of $250 more than the 2016 special Elder distribution. We have been fortunate that our business development and support staff have had success in securing both government and commercial work, which has allowed us to focus on shareholder hire and development, hire and retain top quality employees, and increase the benefits we provide to our shareholders and Region. Because of our efforts, Alaska Business Monthly announced BSNC as #10 of the Top 49 Alaska-owned businesses ranked as 2016 gross revenues.

During the 2017 Annual Meeting in Nome on Oct. 7, BSNC honored the lifelong efforts of Arthur “Guy” Martin to preserve and promote the rich cultural and historical resources of our Region. It was with great sadness that we learned of Guy’s passing on the evening of the Annual Meeting. On behalf of BSNC and our Board of Directors, I extend sincere condolences to Guy’s loved ones. During various points in his career, Guy worked for BSNC, Kawerak, Inc., Nome Eskimo Community and Sitnasuak Native Corporation. He was active in the community and served on many boards. Guy was a great believer in the power of persistence, even in the face of setbacks, and he worked tirelessly to see that our Region’s traditional knowledge is continued and respected.

The 2017 Annual Meeting in Nome was well attended. Shareholders voted on the election of five board directors. Incumbents Henry Ivanoff Sr., Robert K. Evans, Roy C. Ashenfelter and Homer E. Hoogendorn were reelected and Deborah Atuk was newly elected to the Board. I thank outgoing Director Fred N. Sagoonick for his longstanding service as a board member.

BSNC recognizes the importance of uplifting our youth and young adults who represent the next generation of leaders. This year, BSNC honored Fisher Dill of Unalakleet and Corey Ningeoolook of Shishmaref with the Young Providers Award at the Annual Meeting. The BSNC Board of Directors chose to posthumously honor Norbert Kakaruk, a Qwarianluit Elder from Mary’s Igloo through presentation of this year’s awards. I am proud that our youth demonstrate a dedication to the Region and their respective communities, family and culture. I was pleased to see that BSNC’s 2016 Young Provider, Christian Agragiiq Apassingok of Gambell, gave the youth keynote address during the 34th Annual Elders and Youth Conference in Anchorage. As you may know, Christian faced backlash from online bullies after harvesting his first bowhead whale last spring. I commend Christian for providing for his community and standing up for our people and way of life. His message to continue our traditional subsistence activities while facing opposition was powerful and inspiring.

BSNC’s 2017 Summer Internship Program was a success and provided eight interns the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and skills in Nome and Anchorage. Interns participated in trainings and workshops which included leadership skills, public speaking, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, policy issues that affect Alaska Native people, cultural awareness, business structure, Arctic matters, personal finance and networking opportunities. Several of our past interns have transitioned to full-time employment with BSNC and other ANCSA corporations.

During this year’s Alaska Federation of Natives Convention, you may have been approached by signature-gatherers asking for you to sign a petition that claims to “Stop for Salmon.” In July, the ANCSA Regional Association voted unanimously to oppose this controversial initiative. If the initiative is passed and later becomes law, it may prevent Alaska Native Corporations from developing the lands and resources that were conveyed under ANCSA, and negatively affect our ability to create a sustainable socioeconomic future for our people. It could also delay or deny infrastructure improvement projects and economic development projects on Village lands. We urge you to carefully consider whether you should support this initiative, and for the reasons stated above, recommend a no vote if it is included on the ballot.

Earlier this fall, BSNC’s Anchorage office moved to the third and fourth floors of the Calais II building located at 3301 C Street, Suite 400. To welcome shareholders and business associates to the new location, BSNC will host an Open House and Holiday Bazaar on Thursday, Nov. 30 from 5-7:30 p.m. I hope to see many of you there.

Heading into 2018, we look forward to continuing the growth and diversification of BSNC. I hope that everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. Qyaana for your continued support of and involvement in BSNC.

Gail R. Schubert

BSNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Henry Ivanoff Sr.  Chairman
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Ella Anagick  Assistant Treasurer
Deborah Atuk  Director

Jason Evans  Director
Eugene Asicksik  Assistant Secretary
Deborah Atuk  Director

Louie Green Jr.  Director
Robert (Bobby) Evans  Director
Charles W. Fagerstrom  Director
Neal W. Foster  Director

HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: COVENANT HIGH SCHOOL

For 31 years, Unalakleet was home to a number of students attending Covenant High School, a Christian boarding school for Western Alaskan students. Founded in 1954 by Maynard D. Londeborg with support from the Territory of Alaska and under the direction of the Covenant Missionary Council of Alaska, Unalakleet’s Covenant’s High made a profound impact in Alaska.

The school’s four statements of purpose included: To provide a good secondary education for the promising young people of Unalakleet and surrounding Covenant villages; To aid in the building of an indigenous church through the training of our young people; To build a student body which will give a fertile and productive field from which to choose future native pastors; To provide a sound basis for the spiritual and social life of the adolescents of our field.

At its peak, Covenant High housed anywhere from 40 students to more than 100 students. During this time, the high school found much success in academics, sports, choir and building strong social ties among young people of Western Alaska. The school closed in 1985 due to rapid changes in rural education following the Tobeluk vs. Lind “Molly Hootch” case as well as other factors.

A total of 375 students graduated from Covenant High. Many of those students became teachers, doctors, lawyers, mechanics, executives, pilots and mayors. To many, Covenant High was more than just a boarding school; it was a community, a gathering place and a place that made a lasting impact on the region and its people. The school left a legacy in Alaska that is expressed through the lives of its many alumni.

References
**SHAREHOLDER ADDRESSES NEEDED**

- BOBBY COLLINS
- BARBARA RENE' COLE
- GEORGE STEVENS COFFEY
- MICHAEL JOHN CLARK
- CHELSEY ANN CASSIDY
- ELIZABETH CARLO
- JANET L. CARLISLE
- MARY BUCK
- ALLISON BUCHHOLZ
- RONALD MENADELOOK BROWN
- MABEL BROWN
- ENGENIA TERESA BENTLEY
- THOMAS JAMES BALFE
- JOHN DANIEL JAMES BAILEY
- MICHELLE MAMIE AUKON
- DIANE LALITA MARI ATCHISON
- DENISE ASHENFELTER
- STEVEN DAVID ANOWLIC
- NORMA VIRGINIA ANDREWS
- THERESA KAY ANDERSON
- WAYNE B. ANASOGAK
- DEREK PETER ANARUK
- STEVEN GILBERT AGIBINIK
- MELISSA ADOLPH

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You may also call our Name or Anchorage office at (907) 463-5323 or (907) 563-3788 or email us at shareholders@beringstraits.com

**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:

Print name:

New mailing address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

Contact phone number:

Email address:

If applicable:

I am also a custodian for:

Email address:

City:

State:

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Date of birth:

Signature:

Date:

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BSNC congratulates shareholder Franklin “Buddy” Okleasik Jr. of Nome who was awarded the Alaska Federation of Natives Parent of the Year.

NOME STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT PILGRIM

Pilgrim Hot Springs had many visitors during the 2017 season of agricultural activities and issued more than 250 visitor permits. Fifteen Nome students braved the warm weather and mosquitoes for a chance to learn techniques for growing and harvesting produce in the Arctic.

A day of appreciation for the students was hosted on site in mid-September with a picnic and awards ceremony. After harvesting more produce, the students then enjoyed a well-deserved afternoon of relaxing in the hot springs.

BSNC is pleased to announce that former summer intern Lynn Kinney has been hired as a full-time proposal coordinator in the Anchorage office. Kinney earned her Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration Management this year from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

“I highly recommend BSNC’s Summer Internship Program. This experience has opened many doors of opportunities and I am honored to learn from and walk amongst our corporate leaders. Now is my chance to give back. Thank you, BSNC!”

BSNC interns learn how to build a smokehouse from BSNC shareholder Michael Thomas

BSNC’s 2017 Anchorage-based summer interns learned how to build a smokehouse with BSNC shareholder Michael Thomas, who graciously volunteered his time for the training. BSNC thanks Michael Thomas for sharing his knowledge with the next generation!

Since 2013, 30 interns have completed BSNC’s summer internship program. Of those interns, 15 were hired as full-time employees. BSNC hires 4-8 interns for its competitive Summer Internship Program each year. These are paid positions and employment takes place between May and August. Applicants must be a shareholder or shareholder descendant enrolled full-time in college or technical school and/or plan to attend in the fall. The minimum GPA requirement is 2.5.

The goals of BSNC’s internship program are:
- To inform interns of ANCSA and to offer them an opportunity to learn more about BSNC.
- To improve recruitment of high-quality shareholder and descendant job applicants.
- To increase and improve BSNC’s visibility as an employer and corporation.
- To offer an opportunity for interns to work in an environment that relates Alaska Native culture to a business model.
- To offer interns an opportunity to gain experience in the workplace and earn income.

Mandatory training and workshops include orientation, leadership skills, public speaking, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, policy issues that affect Alaska Native people, cultural awareness, speed mentoring, human resources tips, business structure, Arctic matters, personal finance, networking opportunities and reading assignments.

Recruitment for the 2018 Summer Internship Program will begin Jan. 2 and the application deadline is March 30, 2018. For questions, please contact media@beringstraits.com or call (907) 334-8341. Learn more by visiting www.beringstraits.com/internship.

Lynn Kinney

BSNC shareholder Lynn Kinney hired as proposal coordinator

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“BSNC is so fortunate to have had such a capable and talented intern. Lynn generously volunteered her time to assist with the development of proposals throughout the summer. She has been a great addition to our team.”

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From left: BSNC shareholder Michael Thomas and interns Aaron Tolen, Tamaira Tocktoo, Ethan Moats, Patrick Czyz and Lynn Kinney.

BSNC interns learn how to build a smokehouse from BSNC shareholder Michael Thomas
The umiaq frame represents us and the skin represents our culture," research, and provides a wide array of artifact conservation and cultural Center on June 8. The facility exhibits the latest in circumpolar
The umiaq was unveiled at a ceremony that took place at the Katirvik students for three weeks on how to build a traditional Bering Sea umiaq
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COBBEL V. SALAZAR SETTLEMENT TRUST SEeks MISSING CLAIMANTS
In 2010, the class action litigation initiated by key plaintiff Eloise Cobell against the Department of Interior (DOI) settled for $3.4 billion. Nov. 27, 2017 is the final deadline for any class member or the heir of a class member to provide documentation so that payment can be made. Unfortunately, many class members of the Bering Strait region have yet to come forward to keep their addresses current with the claims administrator and/or have passed away and their heirs have not presented a death certificate and/or the necessary documentation to substantiate the right to inherit settlement funds. Garden City Group, the claims administrator for the Cobell Settlement, must receive documentation from these individuals no later than Nov. 27, 2017. Visit www.indiantrust.com for additional information and to search the Whereabouts Unknown list for your name or the names of your friends and relatives. All questions should be directed to the claims administrator by calling 1-800-961-6109; emailing info@indiantrust.com; or sending correspondence to Indian Trust Settlement, R.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

Class members of the Bering Strait region:

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BSNC NEWS

BSNC DECLARIES SPECIAL ELDERS’ DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

The BSNC Board of Directors voted on Aug. 10 to declare a one-time 2017 special Elder dividend distribution of $750, an increase of $250 more than the 2016 special Elder distribution. This special distribution will be paid to original BSNC shareholders who are 65 years of age or older on Nov. 30, 2017, the date of record. Checks will be mailed on or by Dec. 31, 2017. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed a total of $2.1 million in Elder dividends.

“BSNC is honored to be able to give back to the Elders of our region who pass on cultural knowledge and contribute so much to our communities,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. “BSNC thanks each and every one of you.”

BSNC SUBSIDIARY AWARDED REMEDIATION MONITORING CONTRACT FOR BLM

BSNC subsidiary Paragon Professional Services, LLC won an award to perform Land Spread Remediation Progress Monitoring at the Red Devil Mine in Alaska for the Bureau of Land Management. Paragon will be documenting the remediation progress of petroleum-contaminated soil at a facility located on the Kuskokwim River—approximately two miles upstream from Red Devil village.

BERING STRAIT REGION ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE FOR AFN

The Bering Strait region booth at AFN was staffed by employees of BSNC, Kawerak, NSEDC and NSHC. From left is Anna Serannon, Danielle Trumpy, Naomi Beinette, Miream Aaron, Diolene Dewey, Teresa Martin and Nilson Missooke.

Bering Straits Native Corporation, Kawerak, Inc., Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation and Norton Sound Health Corporation shared an informational booth at this year’s 2017 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. The 2017 Convention theme, “Strength In Unity: Leadership—Partnerships—Social Justice”, underlines the importance of a statewide unified approach to the many shared challenges and opportunities the Native community is facing this year.

GROW YOUR CAREER

WITH MORE THAN 1,500 EMPLOYEES WORKING ON PROJECTS ACROSS THE U.S. AND GLOBE, BSNC EMPLOYEES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HELPING BSNC FULFILL ITS MISSION.

BSNC gives hiring, promotion, training and retention preference to BSNC shareholders, BSNC shareholder descendants and BSNC shareholder spouses, in that order.

For questions, please contact Human Resources via email at hr@beringstraits.com or via phone at (907) 563-3788.

beringstraits.com/careers

DESCEDANT BENEFITS AND gifting SHARES

DID YOU KNOW THAT BSNC DESCENDANTS RECEIVE MANY OF THE SAME BENEFITS AS SHAREHOLDERS?

CHECK OUT THESE DESCEDANT BENEFITS:

- Scholarships from the Bering Straits Foundation
- Hiring preference
- Summer Internship Program
- Recreational and subsistence land use
- Bereavement benefits
- Receive gift of shares from shareholders

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GIFTING SHARES?

Please contact the BSNC Shareholder Department at P.O. Box 1008, Nome, AK 99762 or call us at (907) 443-5252 or tollfree at 1-800-478-5279. You can also send an email to shareholders@beringstraits.com

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BSNC Young Providers Recognized at Annual Meeting

BSNC announced the awardees of its 2017 Young Providers Award as Fisher Dill of Unalakleet and Corey Ningeulook of Shishmaref. 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. Dill and Ningeulook were recognized at the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Oct. 7 in Nome, Alaska.

Fisher Dill is a provider throughout the year and spends a great deal of time outdoors in the Unalakleet countryside hunting, fishing and gathering subsistence foods for his family, community members and Elders. He learned how to hunt and fish from his late grandmother Janet Koutchak and his late great-grandfather Jack “Papa” Koutchak Sr. Dill honors their memories by respectfully continuing their traditions. Dill is a student council member, active volunteer at Unalakleet High School and an Alaska Federation of Natives Youth and Elders representative. Dill also owns his own award-winning photography business. His photographic depictions of rural Alaska show traditional life in a positive light while supporting traditional cultural values and helping instill pride and confidence in his community.

Corey Ningeulook serves as a role model for his community of Shishmaref by engaging other youth in positive, healthy activities such as playing Eskimo baseball, traditional games and teaching other youth how to repair ATVs, snowmachines, motorcycles and build new bicycles. Ningeulook is an avid hunter and often shares his catch with Elders and families in Shishmaref who do not have subsistence hunters in their families. Ningeulook’s in-depth knowledge of ice conditions helped him and six other hunters get back to land safely after they were stranded in sea ice during a walrus hunting trip in July 2016.

This year’s awards are named in honor of the late Norbert Kakaruk, a Qawaramiut Elder from Mary’s Igloo who passed away on Dec. 22, 2013. Born in a sod house, and three months premature, Norbert faced a number of physical obstacles as he grew up, spending time at Igloo and Pilgrim Hot Springs. He lost his eyesight at a young age and attended trade school, becoming an excellent mechanic and carpenter. In recent decades he was recognized as a true culture bearer, and gave his time freely to anyone interested in Qawaramiut history and culture. Norbert’s lifelong perseverance in the face of difficult challenges stands as a model for young and old alike. His traditional knowledge, generosity, and kindness will be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

BSNC Photo Contest

BSNC is pleased to announce its sixth annual photo contest for BSNC shareholders, descendants and family members of shareholders. Each category will have three awards, and an overall grand prize will be awarded. Check out the great awards and be sure to share this with your family and friends! Please submit photos to media@beringstraits.com.

Categories:
• Village Life
• Subsistence Activities
• Scenery and Landscape
• Historical
• Cultural Activities

Rules: Photos should be taken of the BSNC region, or be about residents, history and culture of the region. Contestants must be shareholders or descendants/family members of shareholders. All photos submitted for this contest may be used in BSNC newsletters, Annual Reports, other printed material, web page or Facebook postings. The deadline is March 14. The winners will be announced on BSNC’s Facebook page March 16.

53 valid stock will forms were turned in for the month of October. Mail in your updated stock will today and be entered into a drawing to win $200! Having a Stock Will on file with BSNC lets you decide who will inherit your stock after your death. If you pass away without a Stock Will, your stock will be distributed according to state law, and may be distributed to individuals you do not intend to benefit. Please visit beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms/ or call (907) 443-5252 to update your stock will today!
BSNC HONORS ELDERS

BSNC honored Elders selected by their respective village corporations at its 2017 Annual Meeting held on Oct. 7 in Nome. Elders were recognized for their accomplishments in maintaining our traditional lifestyle and the determination to share their valuable knowledge with youth of the Bering Straits region.

COUNCIL NATIVE CORPORATION
Ruth Bernhardt

GOLOVIN NATIVE CORPORATION
Robert S. Amarok

KING ISLAND NATIVE CORPORATION
Agatha Aluraq Kokuluk

SHISHMAREF NATIVE CORPORATION
Vincent Jones Tocktoo, Sr.

SITNASUAK NATIVE CORPORATION
Sadie J. Reddaway

ST. MICHAEL NATIVE CORPORATION
Lawrence W. Abouchuk

TELLER NATIVE CORPORATION
Rose C. Okbaok

WALES NATIVE CORPORATION
Raymond Seetook, Sr.

WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIVE CORPORATION
Thomas R. Brown, Jr.

Read the honored Elders’ bios at www.beringstraits.com/2017elders.