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BSNC Young Provider's Award

The BSNC board of directors adopted the BSNC Young Provider's Award at its February meeting. The award will recognize two people 30 years or younger and who reside in the Bering Straits Region at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The recipients will receive a \$1,000 credit at their local store or fuel vendor. The first recipients of this award will be recognized on October 13, 2012 in Anchorage. BSNC will pay for transportation and hotel cost for the recipients to receive the award.

The choices faced by the young people today are great, and the despair they face can be equally great. There are many reasons for this. Some would say the only opportunities lie outside of the village, away from their home town, in higher education and the pursuit of a western lifestyle. This is true for some, and we value these members and the lives they embark upon. But it sometimes seems that we don't pay attention to, or formally recognize those that stay home, tend to their grandparents and successfully raise their children, nieces and nephews. Young people,

some in despair over their inability to contribute financially or to compete outside of their community, see this and feel it as an added burden. BSNC would like to take this first step and say "thank you" to all of the young people in our communities, and to recognize those that are succeeding at home, not through some measure of academic or financial success, but by the measure of their community's appreciation for their efforts and contributions.

A person can be nominated if he/she exemplifies being involved with activities that benefit the community such as suicide prevention programs, youth sports, and community well-being and health. A 2006 study found that the BSNC region had the second highest rate of suicide in Alaska. The impact of suicide in rural Alaska communities was a major topic during the 2011 Alaska Federation of Natives Convention. Every person in rural Alaska has been affected by the loss of a friend, family member, partner, or child to suicide. The groups of young people that fall victim to the depression that results in suicide are

primarily between the ages of 20 and 29, with young men forming the larger part of this number. This award is not a suicide prevention effort by itself, but a means of telling and showing our young people that we value them and that their efforts at making a productive and generous life in their community matters. It is important to celebrate the actions and everyday contributions our young people make to sustain their communities.

Another factor in which people can be nominated under is that he/she cares for family through subsistence activities, Elder care, or mentors our young people in traditional activities and values or education.

Individuals or groups may nominate youth for the BSNC Young Provider's Award. Nomination forms will be mailed to the Village Native Corporations, Tribal organizations, and each community high school in the region in May. Notice will also be put on the BSNC Facebook page and at www.BeringStraits.com.

Paul Johnson Memorial Norton Sound 450 Sled Dog Race

The inaugural running of the Paul Johnson Memorial Norton Sound 450 sled dog race started in Unalakleet on February 8. The route took the teams from Unalakleet to Kaltag and back and then through Shaktoolik, Koyuk, Elim, Golovin, White Mountain and ended in Nome. This race is also approved as a qualifier for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race.

The race was named for the late Paul Johnson of Unalakleet, known throughout the region as Uncle Putty,

who was also a former board member of BSNC. Paul died unexpectedly after surgery this past October.

Paul was first elected to the BSNC board of directors in 1979 at the young age of 21 years old and served through 1992, when he decided not to run for re-election. While on the board of directors he served as Sergeant at Arms and 1st Vice President.



A photo of Paul taken after he was elected First Vice President in November 1991 at a meeting held in Unalakleet.

Greetings from the President & CEO

Spring is just around the corner and it will soon be time for Spring hunting to begin so that our subsistence food supplies can be replenished. This past winter was one of the coldest and snowiest on record for many areas of Alaska. Our Region made world news both for the Snowicane we experienced in the late Fall, and the unprecedented fuel delivery by the US Coast Guard and the Russian fuel tanker in mid-Winter. We are thankful that both events had favorable outcomes. And, as one of the last rites of Winter, by the time you read this message the Iditarod will be over and we will have a new champion.

2011 was a year of continued growth for BSNC, and this trend has continued into the first quarter of 2012. Over the past six months, management has been deeply involved in analyzing whether the Rock Creek Mine could be brought back into production. As you are aware, NovaGold completed construction of the mine in 2008, but opted not to bring the mine online for economic and other reasons. NovaGold instead decided to consolidate its resources elsewhere, and recently finalized a closure and reclamation plan for the mine site. Based upon a recommendations from consultants and experts retained by BSNC, management ultimately concluded that the mine could not be operated profitably, and recommended against reopening the Mine. However, we continue to work closely with NovaGold on the reclamation process to ensure that all measures are taken to safely close and decommission the mine.



I am pleased to report that the Nome and Anchorage operations continue to meet performance expectations, and that the performance benchmarks established by the Board of Directors have either been met or exceeded. BSNC utilizes profits from our operations, including our 8(a) businesses, towards expanded shareholder benefits, such as increased educational support and employment opportunities. We fund scholarships through the Bering Straits Foundation and Northern Alaska Career and Technical Center. We also provide shareholder services such as assistance with stock transfer, dividends, shareholder outreach meetings, and improved communication with our shareholders. At the end of March, we will be holding an informational meeting in Washington state for our shareholders and descendants living in the Washington/Idaho/Oregon region. We look forward to our Board and Staff catching up with family, friends, and shareholders who live in the area.

The BSNC Board recently established the Young Providers Award designed to recognize young individuals in the Bering Strait communities who contribute to their community through their everyday activities. The award is meant to encourage those individuals who stay in their respective communities and contribute to the community through elder care, subsistence, or community projects. The focus is on individuals who engage in the kinds of activities that make the Region's communities great places to live and work in. More information about the award is provided in this Newsletter.

During the last elections, Robert (Bobby) Evans of Nome, was elected to the BSNC Board and I welcome him and look forward to his contributions to BSNC as a Board member. Eileen Norbert, a BSNC Board member for 18 years, will be recognized for her past service at the upcoming shareholder informational meeting described above to be held in Washington state. We will also be recognizing Dr. Deanna Kingston, a shareholder of BSNC and King Island Community Member, who recently passed after a long and hard fought battle against cancer. Deanna was the inspiration and leader for a multi-year program documenting the culture and history of King Island, and her work ensures that the information will live on for future generations.

While changes and growth continue for BSNC, there have been developments in the business world and environment that affect the welfare and future of our communities. There has been a huge surge in programs targeting exploration and development of offshore gas and oil reserves in Arctic waters. In conjunction with, and in response to these initiatives, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) is evaluating its role in safety and shipping Bering, Chukchi, and Beaufort Seas. Our communities are poised on the coastline of the Bering Strait and Norton Sound, and will likely experience the effects of increased traffic and development in Arctic Waters. BSNC is working closely with industry, the USCG, and research programs to ensure that the environmental concerns of our communities are heard, and that economic development in our region benefits the communities, our region, and our shareholders. While we don't oppose responsible resource development, we must ensure that our subsistence ways of life are protected.

I hope everyone has a safe and productive Spring season.

Shareholder Receives 2011 Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement Award

Shareholder and Commissioner of Public Safety Joseph "Nashalook" Masters was the recipient of the 2011 Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement award by AFN. He was nominated by the BSNC Board of Directors.

This award is named for the late Glenn Godfrey, Colonel and Director of the Alaska State Troopers and Alaska Commissioner of Public Safety. This award recognizes an Alaska Native law enforcement officer (federal, state or local) who has shown outstanding dedication to the safety of the public in any location within Alaska, often requiring heroic courage in the face of danger.

Joe is involved in numerous community organizations. He joined the Alaska Native Justice Center as a Board Member in 2005. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, FBI National Academy Graduate, Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, Alaska Peace Officers Association, American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. Joe has also served on the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council, Committee on Government to Government Relations, Mat-Su Commission on Police Powers, Board of Western Community Oriented Policing, Civil Air Patrol and Alaska Rural Justice Commission.



Shareholder Joe Masters with his wife Michelle and President Gail Schubert with the gift he received from BSNC as recipient of the 2011 Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement award. The seal, carved from whale bone, was made by Bill Jones of Shishmaref.

The majority of Joe's career in law enforcement was within the ranks of the Alaska State Troopers beginning in 1986. In 1999 he transferred to the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection. While in FWP, Joe rose to the rank of Captain and was assigned as Commander of the Western Alaska Detachment. Ultimately, Joe promoted to deputy director of the Alaska State Troopers in June of 2003 and held this position until his retirement in May of 2005. Joe served in both rural and urban Alaska during his nearly two decade long tenure serving in law enforcement in Alaska.

Shortly after retirement, Joe began working for Doyon Universal Services. He was the Director of Security for Petrochemical Operations overseeing protective services for a majority of Alaska's national and state designated critical infrastructures. In September of 2008 he appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

In Alaska, Joe is considered an expert in the area of law enforcement policy, procedures, training and management.

Commissioner Joseph Masters is the son of Lena Savetilik, originally from Unalakleet.

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Middy Johnson, younger brother to Putty, came up with the idea in December to hold the race to honor his late brother. Putty was an affectionate person, worked hard at what he did, displayed passion when helping, giving advice and encouraging the young people in the region. It's no wonder that Middy was able to recruit people and sponsorship monies to make his idea a reality in less than two months.

The first Paul Johnson Memorial Norton Sound 450 sled dog race had an impressive entry of eleven mushers, including Iditarod veterans Dee Dee Johnrowe and Aaron Burmeister among others. Bethel's Pete Kaiser took first place and finished the race in 3 days 13 hours 47 minutes followed by second place finisher John Shandelmeir and Judy Currier, who took third place. No racers scratched.

The Man's Best Putty Award, the musher who took best care of his or her dogs, went to Judy Currier. Other awards included the Sportsmanship award won by Michelle Phillips, Louie Ambrose won the Best in the Bering Straits, and John Shandelmeir received the Fastest Time from White Mountain to Nome award.

At-large Dividend

BSNC issued an at-large dividend in the amount of \$1,328.94 for those shareholders holding 100 shares. The at-large distribution is for those shareholders holding Class A shares. The checks were mailed on February 23. Class A settlement common stock was issued to original enrollees of BSNC in 1971, who did not enroll to a village corporation.

If you have not received your check please contact the Shareholder Department at 907-443-5252 or you may email shareholders@beringstraits.com.

Annual Meeting of Shareholder Highlights

The 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held in Nome on November 5. Incumbents Roy Ashenfelter, Homer E. Hoogendorn, Henry Ivanoff, and Fred Sagoonick were reelected to three year terms each. Robert “Bobby” Evans, a new board member, was also elected for a three year term.

Miss Indian World Marjorie Linne Tungwenuk Tahbone was the guest speaker. She is the granddaughter of shareholder Lillian and the late Linne Rose, and daughter of shareholder Sandy and her husband Carlton Tahbone of Nome. Miss Tahbone spoke about her role as Miss Indian World, a prestigious crown she won by competing with other indigenous Native young women from North America. She is the first from the Bering Straits Region to be honored as Miss Indian World.

Reports were given from staff. Gail Schubert gave the President Report, Jerald Brown gave the Financial Report, Larry Pederson gave the Land & Resource Report, and Kirsten Timbers gave the Bering Straits Foundation Report.

Gail Schubert and the board of directors recognized Eileen Norbert and Peggy A. Hoogendorn. Eileen was recognized for her 18 year tenure on the board of directors and Peggy was recognized for her 30 years and counting as an employee of BSNC.

The next Annual Meeting of Shareholders will take place in Anchorage on October 13, 2012.

Election Results	
Roy Ashenfelter	185,725.9481
Robert K. Evans	185,919.4315
Homer E. Hoogendorn	187,015.2714
Dora Mae Hughes	94,126.8730
Henry Ivanoff	231,006.3746
Melissa A. Johnson	42,758.2436
Gloria A. Karmun	172,024.5729
Paul S. Katchatag	53,620.0555
Emily O. Murray	69,276.6671
Eileen Norbert	162,538.1996
Fred Sagoonick	179,968.6602
Harold M. Snowball	19,330.0543
Tony A. Weyiouanna Sr.	124,144.5632

The elected are in blue.

Veteran Employee Recognized for 30 Years



The board of directors recognized Peggy Hoogendorn with a plaque in appreciation of her 30 years, and counting, of service to BSNC and our shareholders. Peggy has seen a tremendous amount of growth and change within BSNC over the years and through it all she has remained a constant positive influence on our company.

Peggy started with BSNC on March 1, 1982 as an Assistant Stockholder Registrar under Helen Bell. During the last three decades she has been promoted as Stockholder Registrar, Director of Shareholder Relations, to her current title of Vice President of Administration. Peggy has been with BSNC through four office moves, a bankruptcy, the selection of lands throughout the Region, and went from paper shareholder records to digital shareholder records.

Peggy is the daughter of the late Floyd and Alice Fagerstrom of Golovin, wife of Homer Hoogendorn, mother of Lindsay and Jack, and grandmother to Grier and Dalton.



White Mountain Native Corporation Elder of the Year Willa Ashenfelter, left, with her friend Rose Kowchee.

2011 Elders of the Year

- Dolly Holly Council Native Corporation
- Morgan Sanders Golovin Native Corporation
- Paul Asicksik* Shaktoolik Native Corporation
- Myrtle Johnson Sitnasuak Native Corporation
- Franklin Okitkon Solomon Native Corporation
- Betty Oxereok Wales Native Corporation
- Willa Ashenfelter White Mountain Native Corporation

*In Memory of



Eileen Norbert, who served on the board of directors for 18 years, said a few words of appreciation after being recognized by President Gail Schubert.



President Gail Schubert presented Miss Indian World Marjorie Tahbone with a wolf pelt in appreciation for being the guest speaker at the annual meeting.



Alaska Legal Services

Alaska Legal Services provides free legal advice and representation to Tribes, low-income Alaskans, and elders in a variety of areas. The Nome Office of the Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) moved into the BSNC Building in 2008 after the BSNC board of directors donated office space. With the donated office space ALSC has been able to continue providing free legal services in the Bering Straits region.

According to Sarah Meyer, staff attorney in the Nome office, there has been an upswing in intake. "So far in 2011, our office's work has had an impact on 200 individuals." Sarah has traveled and worked with clients in St. Michael, Shishmaref, and Unalakleet. She plans on doing more outreach activities in Nome and in the villages.

Sarah Meyer is the full-time Staff Attorney and Reva Boolowon is the part-time Office Manager for ALSC. Contact: phone: 443-2236 or toll-free at 1-888-495-6663.

Alaska Legal Services Nome Office

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Alaska Legal Services Corporation provides free legal advice and representation to Tribes, low-income Alaskans, and elders in the following areas:

- ❖ Public benefits rights (ATAP, Social Security, SSI, food stamps, unemployment, and other programs)
- ❖ Consumer law problems (repossession, foreclosure, problems with debt collectors)
- ❖ Wills, guardianships, and powers of attorney
- ❖ Domestic Violence
- ❖ Family law issues (child custody, divorce, child support)
- ❖ Housing and landlord/tenant problems
- ❖ Education rights/special education
- ❖ Enforcement of the rights of Alaska Natives (for tribes and individuals)

Notes: ALSC does not represent individuals in criminal matters and representation is based on eligibility requirements, not everyone that applies will receive legal help.

Help Locate Missing Shareholders

BSNC is dedicated to keeping in touch with our shareholders and wants to ensure they can be reached for future newsletters, notices for annual meetings, and distributions.

Below is a list of shareholders that we do not have accurate mailing address for. If you know any of the people listed,

please ask them to contact the Shareholder Department or complete the Shareholder Name & Address Change form that is included in this newsletter. If you believe any of the shareholders listed to be deceased please notify the Shareholder Department by calling 800-478-5079 or 907-443-5252.

List of Missing Shareholders

Arnold, Crista
Baldwin, Gladys
Bell, Craig
Bell, Robert C.
Blankenship, Michael
Boren, Nancy
Brooks, Emily

Brown, Roy
Buck, Mary
Burke, Eugene
Burke, Steven
Burkhalter, Beverly
Carlisle, Kristine
Caroon Jr., James

Caroon, Kristie
Carragher, Theresa
Chapman, Oliver
Chilcote, Terry
Cloud, Delia
Coffee, Gordon
Coffey, George

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Coffey, Karen Ann	Mandan, Kimberly	Roberts, Charles
Coffey Jr., Patrick	Mandan, Pamela	Rogers, Julie
Cole, Robert N.	Martin, Annelle	Rose, Yvonne
David, Earl	May, Michael	Ryan, Julia
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Joseph, Viola	Nunooruk Sr., Howard	Wallace, Margaret
Katexac, Romald	Obrien, John	Walser, James
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Kunnuk, Dagan	Olson, Jennifer	Wells, William
Leal, Shannon	Omelak, Richard	Weston, Miller
Leonard Jr., George	Oquilluk, David	Weyanna, Patrick
Lewis, Gail	Oquilluk, Rollyn	Willoya, Steffannita
Lick, Mathilda	Otten, William	Yokum, Elizebeth
Lilley, Harry	Pezzino, Anita	Young, Mary
Lockwood, Richard	Pickus, Julia	
Long, Marie	Polaretzke, Stella	
Luke, Henry	Pootoogooluk, Gilbert	
Lunderville, Roland	Pushruk, Shawn	
Lupson, Lorraine	Redick, Christine	
Lupson, Lorri	Reynolds, Robert	
Lupson, Marrie	Ritter, Peggy	
Madara, Kimberly	Rivera, Lena	
Maldonado, Marjorie	Roberts, Anthony	

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STOCK WILL DRIVE WINNERS

2012

February Patrick Coffey Sr., Plains, Montana
January Tiny Roger Rees, Seattle, Washington

2011

December Michelle Johnson of Nome
November Albert Ningeulook of Shishmaref
October Jimmy Carlisle of Anchorage
September Kevin Bahnke of Nome
August Holly Reimer of Anchorage
July Warren A. Olanna of Brevig Mission
June Joann Katchatag of Golovin

To enter the Stock Will Drive please complete the Stock Will included in this newsletter. If you have questions about your stock will please contact the Shareholder Department at 907-443-5252.



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Shareholder Name & Address Change Request

The BSNC Shareholder Department will change your records only when you, the shareholder, send in a request. You may do so by phone call, e-mail or using this form. For name changes, we require that you send a legal document for record. Optional information that you wish to provide are your email addresses and phone numbers. Should you wish to provide those, you must remember to provide our office any changes. Please call, email or send this form to:

Bering Straits Native Corporation
ATTN: Shareholder Department
P.O. Box 1008
Nome, AK 99762

Name:	Social Security Number:
(Update) Mailing Address to:	Date of Birth:
	Email address:
Contact Phone Number:	
I am also custodian for:	
Print Name:	
Signature:	
Date:	

Shareholder Comments

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

I, _____, having attained the age of eighteen (18) years and being of sound mind, and solely for the purposes of AS 13.16.705(b) and ANCSA of 1971, Sec. 7(h)(2), freely and voluntarily execute this will and hereby devise and bequeath my shares of stock in Bering Straits Native Corporation and _____ village corporation to:

(Name of village)

Name	Current Address	% of Shares

This will revokes any bequest of the stock, described above, in any previously existing will or codicil. If I now own more shares than I have bequeathed above, I direct that the remaining shares shall be split pro rata among the persons named above. *BSNC recommends that all existing fractional shares of stock be given to one person, and that existing whole shares be given as whole shares and not split into fractional shares.*

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

Dated at _____, _____, this _____ day of _____, 2____.
(City) State)

Signature of Testator _____

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'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.

State of: _____

County of: _____ (or _____ Judicial District)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____,
the testator, this _____ day of _____, 2_____

Notary Public or Postmaster
In and for the State of _____
My Commission Expires _____

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