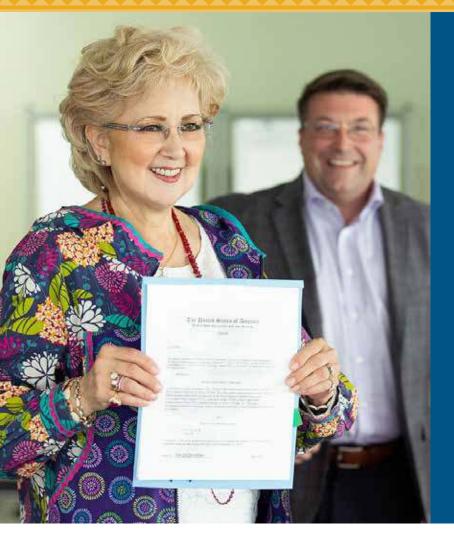


## TRAITS THE AGLUKTUK

Summer 2020



#### **BLM CONVEYS LANDS TO BSNC**

Lands could support infrastructure development at Pt. Spencer

An historic milestone was reached when the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed a final patent transferring more than 2,000 acres of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) land at Point Spencer, adjacent to Port Clarence, to BSNC on July 30. The lands and adjacent waters of Port Clarence have served as a port of refuge for people of the Bering Strait region for centuries and the site holds important strategic geopolitical as well as historic ancestral and cultural significance.

"On behalf of the BSNC Board of Directors, shareholders and descendants, I express our deep appreciation for those who helped make this land conveyance a reality," said BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert. "As our country prepares to defend our shores in the Arctic, we hope that this port will once again stand as a beacon of safety and security in service to our great nation."

The U.S. Coast Guard Authorization Act of Feb. 8, 2016 authorized conveyance of lands at Point Spencer to BSNC and the State of Alaska, in concert with the Coast Guard's need to retain jurisdiction of portions of the site. According to the legislation, the lands

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BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert holds the final patent to land at Point Spencer. Alaska Bureau of Land Manager Chad Padgett is pictured at right.

## BSNC ACQUIRES NORTHWEST CONTRACTING

BSNC announced it has acquired Northwest Contracting, an Alaska-based industry leader in pavement marking and grooving. Northwest Contracting was founded in 2008 by co-owners Charlie McAllen and Chris Hubble.

"BSNC has carefully evaluated the opportunities this acquisition offers. Northwest Contracting will complement the growing Bering Straits portfolio of companies," said BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert. "We are pleased to announce that Charlie McAllen and Chris Hubble will stay with the company and continue to manage day-to-day business activities. We welcome Northwest Contracting employees into the Bering Straits family."

Through this purchase, BSNC is implementing the strategic plan established by its Board of Directors to diversify and expand its holdings. Northwest Contracting offers BSNC an opportunity to expand into a new market, grow the company through Small Business Administration certification and extend geographical reach.



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TRANSITIONED TO BSNC BERINGIA SETTLEMENT TRUST

The BSNC Board of Directors have transferred BSNC's future donations of funding and administration of scholarship program benefits from the Bering Straits Foundation to the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust. This action was taken by the BSNC Board in light of favorable federal tax changes involving settlement trusts and plans to grow the corpus of the scholarship program. The BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust will assume administration of a scholarship program starting with the spring 2021 semester and will work with BSF to transition remaining program responsibilities prior to the spring 2021 application process.

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"We thank BSF Board Directors for their service to generations of BSNC shareholders and descendants," said BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert. "Since 1991, the BSF has distributed more than \$3.1 million to support the educational goals of our shareholders and descendants. BSF's efforts have helped many of Our People achieve their educational goals and career aspirations."

Fall scholarship applications will be administered through MyCache at https://my-cache.org/. Application deadlines for all types of education scholarships are June 30 (Fall) and Dec. 1 (Spring). For questions, please email BSNC's Shareholder Development Department at shdevelopment@bsnc.net.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Dear Shareholders,

The COVID-19 pandemic
has challenged many of us
in ways that we never could
have imagined. Despite these
challenges, I have seen
resilience and strength in BSNC's
shareholders, descendants and
employees. In our Region, Our
People have enjoyed a bountiful
spring subsistence season.
Subsistence foods continue to
provide important nourishment

and a connection to the land that is especially meaningful during these times. I encourage everyone to help protect our Elders by taking precautionary steps to reduce or prevent transmission of COVID-19. Please remain vigilant by following local community travel restrictions, wearing masks in public, washing hands frequently and if possible, avoid gathering together in large groups.

BSNC employees have shown impressive adaptability. Most BSNC corporate employees are currently working safely and productively from home to provide continuous support to more than 1,650 employees at project sites across Alaska, the United States and world. While BSNC's corporate offices remain closed to visitors and the public, BSNC is not currently experiencing any significant disruption to most of our business operations. BSNC temporarily closed the Aurora Inn in Nome out of an abundance of caution, and we look forward to fully reopening when the time is safe and appropriate.

BSNC's Shareholder Department continues to serve our shareholders remotely via phone and internet. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BSNC postponed and has now canceled its Shareholder Informational Meeting that was scheduled to take place in March. To ensure the health of BSNC's shareholders and employees, BSNC will host its 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders via internet on Saturday, October 3. Please make sure your mailing address and contact

information is up to date in your MyBSNC profile, or by contacting the Shareholder Department in Nome. Information will be provided on how shareholders can access the virtual Annual Meeting in the Annual Report packet.

BSNC was pleased to hire nine shareholder and descendant interns for its 2020 Summer Internship Program. While many other companies canceled their summer internship programs, BSNC made it a priority to host its internship remotely. The interns meet regularly online, and are providing valuable work to our corporation while also gaining professional knowledge and experience.

It is my pleasure to welcome Northwest Contracting employees into our family of companies. Northwest Contracting is an Alaska-based industry leader in pavement marking and grooving, and has a long history of success. I am pleased that co-founders Charlie McAllen and Chris Hubble will stay with the company and continue to manage day-to-day business activities. BSNC looks forward to working with Northwest Contracting's management team and employees to grow the business, while creating long-term sustainability and value in service of BSNC's mission and values.

In closing, I would like to take a moment and congratulate all 2020 graduates. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 graduates did not get to experience a graduation ceremony, which is an important milestone and rite of passage that they worked so hard to achieve. I commend the resilience and dedication of 2020 graduates to pursuing and achieving your educational goals through the pain and challenges this pandemic has caused. Your accomplishments have not gone unnoticed and it is my hope that despite the inability to celebrate and recognize your graduation, you will find comfort and meaning in utilizing your education to serve as an advocate and ally to Our People and others. On behalf of BSNC, I send our best wishes to you all.

Quyaana,

Gail R. Schubert BSNC President & CEO

#### **BSNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Henry Ivanoff Sr. *Chairman* 

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Director

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Director



#### HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: INUKSHUK

An Inukshuk is a figure made of piled rocks or boulders constructed to communicate with others. Inukshuks have been part of the Arctic's history for thousands of years. The oldest Inukshuk dated back to a period circa 2,400 to 1,800 BCE. The word Inukshuk can be translated to: "something which acts for or performs the function of a person."

Inukshuks served as communication, navigational and survival aids, marking special places and historical sites. The arrangement, shape and size of an Inukshuk indicate its purpose. The most common shape of Inuksuit (plural) is in the human form, with the stones arranged to resemble arms, legs and a head.

Inuksuit are most commonly found in Alaska, Greenland and Canada and are the national symbol for Inuit in Canada. In Inuit culture, it is considered taboo or bad luck to destroy one.

As a part of the BSNC Summer Internship Program's cultural component, interns created their own mini Inukshuks.

#### 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 to BSNC with your social security number, date of birth and new address to:

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

You may also call our Nome or Anchorage

offices at (907) 443-5252 or (907) 563-3788 or Print name: email us at shareholders@beringstraits.com. New mailing address: For name changes, BSNC requires that you attach a \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_ certificate or divorce decree. Contact phone number: New name: Former name:\_\_ Email address: \_ Social security number:\_\_\_\_\_ (If applicable) Date of birth: I am also a custodian for: \_\_\_\_ Signature:\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_ Date:\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: ALASKA STATUTE 13.16.705(b) STOCK WILL Bering Straits Native Corporation P.O. Box 1008 **ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1971** Nome, Alaska 99762 \_, 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 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. \_\_\_\_\_(or \_\_\_\_\_Judicial District) this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by City State Signature of Testator\_\_\_\_ the testator, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ I, being first sworn, declare that the testator signs and executes this instrument as

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#### **MISSING SHAREHOLDERS**

State of:

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.

BSNC continues to search for shareholders who may have funds on hold and identify the next of kin of deceased shareholders. Currently, a large amount of dividends are being held for BSNC shareholders because of outdated contact information. BSNC seeks to locate these shareholders to ensure they, or their descendants, receive their dividend distributions. If you know the whereabouts of someone listed, please contact BSNC's Shareholder Department at shareholders@beringstraits.com or call (907) 443-4303 or (907) 443-8110. If you have been contacted by the Shareholder Department, please respond to their requests because you may be entitled to a dividend distribution. Help BSNC ensure that all shareholders receive their dividends. Quyaana!

#### SHAREHOLDER ADDRESSES NEEDED

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### BSNC REGION NEWS

# CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES IN THE BERING STRAIT REGION

#### **DRIVE-UP TESTING AVAILABLE IN NOME**

Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) offers expedited COVID-19 testing for people in Nome who have no symptoms of illness. If you are symptom-free and would like to be screened, you can stop by the testing tent in front of the hospital without an appointment between **8–11 a.m. and between 12:30–5 p.m. Monday-Friday and on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.** If you are experiencing symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, fatigue, new-onset diarrhea, loss of smell or taste, and other cold symptoms), please contact NSHC Primary Care in Nome at (907) 443-3333 or your local health clinic prior to arrival. NSHC asks people to follow the current recommendations to stay six feet apart and wear facemasks to prevent any potential unwanted sharing.

#### **COVID-19 TESTING IN THE REGION'S VILLAGES**

In the villages, symptom-free patients may also receive testing by calling their local clinics. If the clinic is closed, your calls will ring to the Nurse Call Line. You can also call the Nurse Call Line directly at (907) 443-6411 or (844) 586-8773 with any urgent needs 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Stay up to date with the latest by visiting: www.nortonsoundhealth.org/category/covid-19.

### STAMPEDE VENTURES, KAWERAK AND NIT HOST SERVICE OILER COURSE

BSNC subsidiary Stampede Ventures partnered with Kawerak Inc. and Northern Industrial Training (NIT) to host a 10-day Introduction to Service Oiler Course in Nome. BSNC shareholder and Sound Quarry Manager Shane Smithhisler and his crew generously provided the shop and heavy equipment to be serviced. The course was led by Rod Rossing, Master Mechanic from NIT who provided instruction and supervision for the trainees. Stampede employees Cameron lyatunguk (Nome) and Anthony Castel (King Island) as well as Bobby Pate (Golovin), Isaiah Snowball (St. Michael), Hiram Kiyuklook (Savoonga), Lawrence Pete (St. Michael) and Delbert Acoman (Stebbins) completed the Service Oiler Course. This training was made possible by a grant from the Alaska Community Foundation.



Left to right: Lawrence Pete, Instructor Rod Rossing, Delbert Acoman, Cameron Iyatunguk, Isaiah Snowball, Anthony Castel, Bobby Pate and Hiram Kiyuklook.

#### **COMPLETE YOUR 2020 CENSUS**

Alaska lags far behind the rest of the country on the Census response rate. Your participation in the 2020 Census ensures that your community is counted and helps determine how \$3.2 billion in federal funds are allocated and spent in Alaska. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, census-takers have not been able to go door-to-door. You can fill out your census online at my2020census.gov or over the phone at (844) 330-2020.

It is important that you list your tribal affiliation while filling out your Census. Here is the list of federally recognized tribes in the Bering Strait region:

**NATIVE VILLAGE OF BREVIG MISSION NATIVE VILLAGE OF COUNCIL NATIVE VILLAGE OF DIOMEDE (INALIK) NATIVE VILLAGE OF ELIM NATIVE VILLAGE OF GAMBELL** CHINIK ESKIMO COMMUNITY (GOLOVIN) KING ISLAND NATIVE COMMUNITY **NATIVE VILLAGE OF KOYUK NATIVE VILLAGE OF MARY'S IGLOO NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY NATIVE VILLAGE OF SAINT MICHAEL NATIVE VILLAGE OF SAVOONGA NATIVE VILLAGE OF SHAKTOOLIK NATIVE VILLAGE OF SHISHMAREF VILLAGE OF SOLOMON** STEBBINS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION **NATIVE VILLAGE OF TELLER NATIVE VILLAGE OF UNALAKLEET NATIVE VILLAGE OF WALES NATIVE VILLAGE OF WHITE MOUNTAIN** 



Haley Olanna, Tory Olanna and Melody Olanna.

## KAWERAK JOINS BSNC AS CO-MANAGING PARTNER OF UNAATUO

BSNC is pleased to share that Kawerak, Inc. has joined BSNC as a co-managing partner of Unaatuq, LLC and the 320-acre Pilgrim Hot Springs property. The Pilgrim Hot Springs property is currently open to local residents, visitors and tourist groups. This re-opening is welcome news for local residents and visiting tourists after two years of limited access to the hot springs. In 2018, Unaatuq closed the property to visitors due to safety concerns and in 2019 the property was reopened to visitors, but it saw little use due to difficult road conditions. Residents can look forward to the road being resurfaced once weather, road and health conditions are permittable.

#### **ACCESS TO PILGRIM HOT SPRINGS**

All visitors are required to fill out a permit, which serves as an entrance ticket and liability waiver, in order to enter the property. Permits can be acquired at the Nome BSNC office located at 110 Front Street, Suite 300. An entrance/access fee will soon be required in order to support maintenance and a sustainable future. BSNC and Kawerak will keep the public informed about any fees, visiting information and access requirements.

## LEGACY FUNERAL HOMES PROVIDES BEREAVEMENT ASSISTANCE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Losing a loved one is difficult and sometimes the expenses associated with it can make it even harder. Legacy Funeral Homes in Anchorage offers BSNC shareholders and their family members a funeral home package for \$2,500. For more information about the "Norton Sound Plan" and BSNC Shareholder Bereavement Assistance, go to: https://beringstraits.com/bereavement.

### SHAREHOLDER NEWS

## SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: M. HUNTER MCALISTER GRADUATES FROM U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

BSNC shareholder M. Hunter McAlister graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Ocean Engineering from the United States Naval Academy (USNA) on May 16, 2020 where he was virtually commissioned as a Naval Officer. The USNA is a military undergraduate university that prepares and develops young men and women to commission into the Navy and Marine Corps upon graduation.

While attending the USNA, McAlister was a member of the 11th Company and participated in the Varsity



M. Hunter McAlister

Offshore Sailing Team during his first two years. During his senior year, McAlister participated in the Training and Research in Oceanic and Atmospheric Processes in Tropical Cyclones internship with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron which conducted research on Hurricane Dorian. As part of the internship, McAlister flew through the eye of the Category-5 storm multiple times during each 10-12 hour mission. The data they collected was not only part of their research coursework in the Oceanography Department, but part of a larger joint-interagency effort combining the Naval Academy's oceanographic data with the Air Force's atmospheric data collection effort in order to improve the accuracy of hurricane forecasts.

McAlister will attend Flight School in Pensacola, Florida in August to become a Naval Aviator. His older sister Lieutenant Kya McAlister received her Naval Aviation Wings of Gold from the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas in 2018. McAlister is the son of Mark and Debra McAlister and grandson of Gary McAlister of Medford, Ore.; Linda and Ken Leak of Sparks, Nev.; and Clara and Morris Coffey (late) of Stebbins, Alaska. McAlister grew up throughout rural Alaska and loves subsistence hunting and fishing. He returns to Alaska as often as possible to stay connected to his family traditions.

Congratulations, Hunter!

## SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT: JARED A. EDENSHAW GRADUATES FROM THE ALASKA STATE TROOPER ACADEMY

BSNC shareholder Jared A. Edenshaw graduated from the Alaska State Trooper Academy in Sitka, Alaska on June 12, 2020. Edenshaw graduated from Mt Edgecumbe High School in May 2015 where he participated in the Law Enforcement Cadet Corp. After graduation, he took a job as a Public Safety Technician for five seasons in Dillingham, Alaska where he worked side by side with Alaska State Troopers patrolling Bristol Bay.

Trooper Edenshaw will patrol the Mat-Su Valley once his training is completed. Edenshaw is the son of Marie Edenshaw of Nome and Dean Edenshaw of Hydaburg. He is the grandson of Marlene and the late Alvin Edenshaw of Hydaburg, George Brown of Dunsmuir, California and the late Angela Brown of Anchorage. Congratulations, Trooper Jared Edenshaw!

Law enforcement is a rewarding career path. It provides steady employment while making a positive impact in your town and will give a new perspective on the community around you.

For more information about Alaska Law Enforcement Training, visit https://dps.alaska.gov/Comm/Academy/Home.



Trooper Jared A. Edenshaw

## THREE BERING STRAIT RESIDENTS COMPLETE VPSO PROGRAM

BSNC congratulates Harry Ivanoff of Unalakleet, Nicholas Toolie of Savoonga and Darrin Topkok of Teller for completing nine weeks of training and graduating from the Village Safety Police Officer (VPSO) program. These VPSOs have recently returned to their hometowns where they will be serving. As VPSOs they will provide police, firefighting, emergency medical treatment, water safety and search and rescue coordination for their communities and provide reports to the Alaska State Troopers and the parole and probation office.

The eight other communities in the Bering Strait region that need VPSOs include Diomede, Elim, Gambell, Koyuk, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins and Wales. VPSOs must attend training in law enforcement, firefighting, search and rescue and emergency trauma training. For more information and to apply, please visit https://kawerak.org/job/village-public-safety-officer/.



From left: Harry Ivanoff of Unalakleet, Nicholas Toolie of Savoonga and Darrin Topkok of Teller.

### BSNC NEWS

## BSNC ANNOUNCES HIRE OF NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE



Viktor Baklanov

BSNC is pleased to announce the hire of Viktor Baklanov for the position of Vice President of Finance. As an experienced Certified Public Accountant with a background in operational, financial and accounting management, Baklanov brings valuable expertise to BSNC's team.

"I am very pleased to welcome Viktor as our new Vice President of Finance," said Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer Laura

Edmondson. "His extensive experience in multiple industry areas and his knowledge of financial planning, diversification strategies and investment analysis will serve BSNC well."

Before joining BSNC, Baklanov spent the last 10 years working across multiple departments within ASRC and its subsidiaries. He most recently served as the Director of Operations at ASRC supporting the strategic direction of the company while assisting in investment analysis. Prior to serving ASRC, Baklanov worked as the Senior Audit Associate for KMPG LLP, the U.S. member firm of KPMG International, one of the largest international professional service networks. Baklanov graduated cum laude with a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and completed multiple executive education courses at Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School.

#### **BSNC'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

BSNC hired nine interns for its 2020 Summer Internship Program. The internship program provides interns valuable experience in the workplace and trainings/workshops on BSNC's corporate business structure and history, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, speed mentoring with Alaska Native leaders and education on Alaska Native policy issues in addition to many others.

While many other companies canceled their summer internship programs, BSNC made it a priority to host its internship remotely. Through the company's smooth transition online using Microsoft Teams, BSNC was able to provide the valuable internship program to its shareholders and descendants. Adaptation and resiliency are key values held by BSNC.



#### **Annalise Contreras**

BSNC descendant Annalise Contreras is an intern in the Shareholder Development Department and a sophomore at University of Alaska Anchorage, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Speech Pathology. She was born and raised in Nome and is currently living in Anchorage.



#### **Charlotte Flynn**

BSNC descendant Charlotte Flynn is a second-year intern in the Business Development Department and a junior at Northern Arizona University, majoring in Strategic Communications with a minor in Applied Indigenous Studies. She is living in Anchorage and her family is from Nome and King Salmon.

"This internship has helped me grow as a young professional and learn about my heritage. I've been able to apply what I've learned in school to a real business environment. I'm grateful for all the opportunities I've been given through Bering Straits and everyone here truly cares about my growth and success. I would highly recommend this internship."



#### Faith Itta

BSNC descendant Faith Itta is an intern in the Legal Department and is pursuing a degree in Social Work and a minor in Public Health at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Her family is from Shishmaref but she currently lives in Palmer.



#### **Allie Ivanoff**

BSNC descendant Allie Ivanoff is an intern in the Communications Department and a freshman at the University of Oregon majoring in Journalism with minors in Music and Native American Studies. She is from Unalakleet.



#### **Breanna Kakaruk**

BSNC descendant Breanna Kakaruk is a Proposal Compliance intern and currently a senior at Oregon State University, double majoring in Management and Business Administration. She is from Anchorage and her family is from Shishmaref.



#### **Degnan Lawrence**

BSNC shareholder Degnan Lawrence is a secondyear intern in the IT Department. He graduated this spring with a degree in Computer Engineering from Harding University. He grew up in Nome and lives in Anchorage.



#### **Hannah Lowery**

BSNC descendant Hannah Lowery is a second-year intern in the Operations Department and a junior at Arizona State University majoring in Nursing. She is living in Eagle River but has family from Teller and Wales.



#### Cillian McDonagh

BSNC descendant Cillian McDonagh is interning in the Business Development Department. He was born and raised in Anchorage with family ties in Nome. He is currently a junior at Bowdoin College majoring in Government and Economics and minoring in Music.



#### **Tristan Merchant**

BSNC descendant Tristan Merchant is interning in the Shareholder Development Department and currently is a freshman at Portland State University, majoring in Health Science. She was born in Nome and moved to Wasilla.

### **BSNC NEWS**

#### **EMPLOYEE PROMOTIONS**

BSNC shareholder Sara Leckband has been promoted from Legal Administrative Assistant to Legal Specialist. Leckband's duties and responsibilities have expanded since she joined the Legal Department in January 2019. In her new role of Legal Specialist, she will continue to support the Contracts Department and Legal Team by reviewing BSNC and subsidiary contracts, manage subcontractor insurance certificates and legal files, process contract closeout documentation and assist with the preparation of contract claims. Leckband will also provide litigation support, project management, compile and analyze data for special projects, and track legal/compliance matters. Leckband earned her Bachelor's Degree in Rural Development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2018. Leckband is the daughter of Diane "Oupa" Warnke and George Leckband, and the granddaughter of Marge Apok and Virgil Warnke. She is originally from Nome but now lives in Anchorage with her two children. Congratulations, Sara!

"I am grateful for the support and opportunities I have been provided as a BSNC shareholder, from pursuing my college education to being employed with the Legal Department, and continuing my professional development. I have always believed it is our responsibility as shareholders/descendants to use our education, knowledge and experience in a manner that contributes to the continued success of BSNC. I am happy to be here helping where I can." – Sara Leckband

BSNC shareholder spouse Renee Harrelson has been promoted from Shareholder Registrar to Shareholder Records/Relations Manager. As Shareholder Records/Relations Manager, some of Harrelson's duties are to handle pending stock transfers, respond to shareholder calls, emails and other correspondence and assist village corporations. She began working for BSNC in the Shareholder Department in 2011 as a Shareholder Technician I. Harrelson is married to BSNC shareholder Andrew Harrelson and together they have three children. Harrelson is the daughter of Martha Outwater-Parker and the late Rahn Parker. Congratulations, Renee!

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity. It's such a pleasure to work directly with the shareholders." – Renee Harrelson

BSNC shareholder Gwen Anagick-Walters has been promoted from GL/Project Accountant to Fixed Assets and Fund Accounting Manager. As Fixed Assets and Fund Accounting Manager, Anagick-Walters will be responsible for the review and approval of new fixed asset purchases and oversight of all fixed assets capitalized in the Fixed Asset System. She will also oversee accounting for the Bering Straits Foundation, the Settlement Trust and any future subsidiary ledgers. Anagick-Walters is originally from Unalakleet and has three children. Her parents are Betty J. Anagick and the late Lowell V. Anagick, Sr. Congratulations, Gwen!



Gwen Anagick-Walters

"This experience has given me a solid foundation for the next chapter in my career at BSNC. I am very excited to begin my new job in the Finance Department as the Fixed Assets and Fund Accounting Manager. My passion has always been working in Accounting and I am excited that I can continue to advance in my career within my regional corporation."

Gwen Anagick-Walters

#### MONTHLY STOCK WILL DRAWING WINNERS

### MAIL IN YOUR UPDATED STOCK WILL TODAY AND BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN \$200!

MARCH
Hannah Katongan
APRIL
Vernon Rock
MAY

MAY **Ronald Huffman Jr.** JUNE **Ronald Otten**  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.

#### NOTICE OF

## VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING VIA MYBSNC PORTAL

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020 at 10 A.M.

For the first time in BSNC's history, the Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held virtually via the shareholder portal. Shareholders will need to create a MBSNC account by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 to view the Annual Meeting webcast. Go to https://shareholder.bsnc.net to create your MBSNC account.

Register for the MBSNC portal by Aug. 27 to be entered to win a Microsoft Surface laptop, Bose headphones or a \$100 Visa gift card!

#### • HOW CAN SHAREHOLDERS VOTE?

Shareholders can vote online at www.bsncvote.com or mail, fax, email or hand deliver their paper proxy to Sramek-Hightower. Shareholders can vote upon receiving the 2020 BSNC Annual Report packet, which is mailed in August. The deadline to vote online and via paper proxy is Thursday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m., AKDT. There will be no voting at the Annual Meeting. Please see your Annual Report packet for more information.

#### • HOW DO I ACCESS THE VIRTUAL WEBCAST MEETING?

Log into your MyBSNC account by visiting https://shareholder.bsnc.net. Shareholders will need to create a MyBSNC account by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30 to view the webcast.

#### O HOW DO I CREATE A MYBSNC ACCOUNT?

Visit the MyBSNC Portal at https://shareholder.bsnc.net to create your account.

The information you enter during registration must match the information in BSNC's shareholder database. If it does, your registration will be approved and you will receive an email verification during normal business hours.

Through MyBSNC, shareholders can also view information about their shareholder records and sign up for direct deposit.

For more information, go to www.beringstraits.com/shareholders

#### SIGN UP FOR MYBSNC

Through MyBSNC, an interactive portal designed to provide BSNC shareholders information about their shareholder records, shareholders can now receive their dividends via direct deposit!

This new shareholder portal helps reduce BSNC's carbon footprint.

- Sign up for Direct Deposit
- Update Address and Contact Preferences
- View Dividends and Distributions
- View Stock Information
- Download Stock Will Form
- View and Manage Ward Information
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# WE'VE REDESIGNED OUR WEBSITE WITH OUR PEOPLE IN MIND

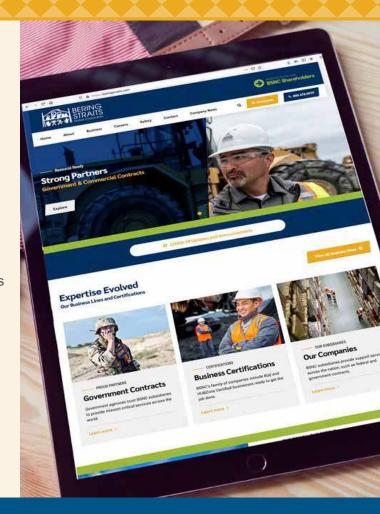
We are very excited to announce the launch of BSNC's newly redesigned website at www.beringstraits.com.

As an Alaska Native Corporation, BSNC is a unique organization whose mission goes beyond business. It is important for us to make information regarding our businesses, leadership, services and opportunities easily accessible to current and prospective clients as well as shareholders and descendants.

Our goal with this new website is to provide website visitors an easier way to learn about BSNC's capabilities and services, simplify content access, provide news updates and increase the visibility of our shareholder services and opportunities. We seek to provide our client partners with the most accurate, up-to-date information and share our knowledge and expertise. We also seek to provide our shareholders and descendants with easy access to opportunities, services and benefits, including the new MyBSNC portal.

The new site contains integrated social media buttons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn to foster improved communication. Please also make sure to sign up to receive our eNewsletter and other important communications. We hope you will take a moment to look at the new website.

We welcome any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments. Please email media@beringstraits.com



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at Point Spencer are of national interest for the Coast Guard to more permanently conduct its duties in the Arctic. The conveyance allows for public and private sector facility and infrastructure development that will benefit the United States. The lands being conveyed to BSNC at this time contain an 8,000-foot airstrip that was constructed by the Coast Guard, and additional lands will be transferred to BSNC at a future date, once environmental mitigation has been completed.

"This conveyance has special meaning to me, as it represents partial fulfillment of lands selected by BSNC's original Board of Directors,

realizing the promise of ANCSA nearly 50 years ago," said BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert. "Specifically, I would like to thank Congressman Don Young, Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan, BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff and the BSNC Board of Directors, BLM State Director Chad Padgett, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation John Reyfield, the 17th District of the U.S. Coast Guard, Governor Dunleavy, Roy Jones, CJ Zane and Matt Ganley."

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