

BSNC ANNOUNCES 2020 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS



Kingikmiut Singers and Dancers of Anchorage

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) held its virtual 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, Oct. 3. Shareholders voted on the election of five board directors. Incumbents Henry Ivanoff Sr., Robert “Bobby” Evans, Deborah “Debbie” J. Atuk, and Roy C. Ashenfelter were reelected and Fred N. Sagoonick was newly elected to the Board. Directors serve three-year terms.

“Congratulations to BSNC’s incumbent candidates, and a warm welcome to our newly-elected Director, Fred N. Sagoonick,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff Sr. “I would like to thank retiring Director Homer E. Hoogendorn for his more than three decades of service to BSNC.”

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PERCENTAGE
Roy C. Ashenfelter	216,797.924	13.6%
Deborah "Debbie" J. Atuk	235,763.775	14.7%
Martin Aukongak	89,989.224	5.6%
Frederick A. Eningowuk (Pushulq)	82,089.127	5.1%
Robert (Bobby) Evans	223,669.344	14.0%
Tony Haugen, Sr.	125,225.687	7.8%
Henry Ivanoff, Sr.	216,988.347	13.6%
Asta Keller	196,239.896	12.3%
Fred N. Sagoonick	213,021.286	13.3%

Drawings were held for shareholders who voted online or mailed in a valid proxy by the Oct. 1 proxy deadline. Checks were mailed to winners within 10 business days.

BSNC DECLARES SPECIAL ELDERS’ DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

The BSNC Board of Directors voted to declare a 2020 special Elder dividend distribution of \$1,500. This special distribution was paid through the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust on a tax-free basis to original BSNC shareholders who are 65 years of age or older on Nov. 2, 2020, the date of record. Checks were mailed or direct deposited via the MyBSNC shareholder portal in November. Shareholders who have not signed up for direct deposit are encouraged to do so through the MyBSNC shareholder portal which can be found at <https://shareholder.bsnc.net/home>. Since inception, BSNC has distributed a total of \$7.25 million in Elder dividends.

“The BSNC Board and Management are very thankful for the continued support from our Elder shareholders,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. “BSNC honors the knowledge of our Elder shareholders.”

BSNC ANNOUNCES 2020 SHAREHOLDER DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION



BSNC Board of Directors has declared a record-high dividend of \$8.33 per share to be issued in December, an increase of \$1.33 per share more than the 2019 shareholder dividend. The average BSNC shareholder who owns 100 shares of stock will receive \$833. Checks will be mailed or direct deposited via the MyBSNC shareholder portal. Shareholders who have not signed up for direct deposit are encouraged to do so through the MyBSNC shareholder portal which can be found at <https://shareholder.bsnc.net/home>.

This dividend distribution will be paid through the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust on a tax-free basis. The total 2020 distribution will be approximately \$5.3 million to BSNC’s shareholders of record. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed \$33.2 million in regular dividends.

There are many benefits that come with being a BSNC shareholder or descendant, including eligibility to receive scholarships from the Beringia Settlement Trust and hire preference for qualified shareholders, descendants and shareholder spouses. In addition to these benefits, BSNC provides Shareholder Bereavement Assistance in the amount of \$2,500 to help defray the cost of funeral expenses for an original BSNC shareholder, a lineal descendent of an original BSNC shareholder, or the spouse of a living original BSNC shareholder.

“BSNC’s continued success is rooted in the Board and Staff’s commitment to our mission, our Shareholders and our Region,” said BSNC Board Chairman Henry Ivanoff. “We are pleased to be able to provide this distribution to our shareholders.”



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Dear Shareholders,

I hope that each of you had a good summer and fall, spending time outdoors with family and engaging in subsistence activities in preparation for the coming winter season. During challenging times like these, it is important that we continue our cultural traditions and look out for each other. The year 2020 has taught us the significance of gathering together and innovative ways to accomplish that. Even when we are not able to meet in person, there are many examples of that spirit being represented during this pandemic – whether it be the innovative ways we have found to subsist and share our food safely, to congregate virtually, and by making sure our high-risk or quarantined friends and family members feel supported.

This December marks the 50th Anniversary of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Since 1971, Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) have strived to build businesses with social missions built on the foundation of our cultural values. On the eve of the 50th Anniversary, I am proud to see BSNC making a positive difference in so many ways.

Many residents may have heard about IPOP, LLC’s (IPOP), proposed mining project in Safety Sound. This mining venture is planned to be executed in waters and lands immediately adjacent to Solomon Native Corporation lands, the subsurface estate of which is held by BSNC. The impact of mining in these sensitive aforementioned areas would be devastating to the people and communities that continue to rely on their lands for survival, which is why BSNC’s Board of Directors announced their opposition to this project. Community trust, engagement and dialogue in operating locations is critical to the short and long-term

success of mining projects. IPOP’s past actions and lack of interest in building community trust is very concerning. Transparency is imperative, and IPOP has not worked with local residents to communicate or address their concerns. BSNC has requested that the State of Alaska revoke the mining permit it issued to IPOP.

BSNC held its 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders virtually on Oct. 3. On behalf of BSNC, I would like to thank retiring Director Homer Hoogendoorn for his 30 years of service to BSNC. Homer joined the Board in 1989 and also served as an employee for BSNC subsidiary Bering Straits Development Company. I thank Homer for his hard work and dedication to BSNC.

I am pleased to welcome Fred Sagoonick to the BSNC Board of Directors. Fred served as a Board Director from 2008-2017. Fred is a resident of Shaktoolik and a commercial fisherman. He is a retired General Manager of Shaktoolik Native Corporation, is currently a Director of the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative and a member of the Village of Shaktoolik Tribal Council.

I am proud and inspired by the way our company and shareholders have risen to the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic - with courage, flexibility, resilience and heart. This pandemic has tested us, yet we remain steadfast in our mission to improve the quality of life of Our People through economic development while protecting our land and preserving our culture and heritage. BSNC is blessed to be able to continue to provide enhanced benefits to our shareholders and descendants. Let’s work together, across all parts of business, community and region to keep going.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families. Quyaana, and be safe and healthy.

Gail R. Schubert
BSNC President & CEO

BSNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Henry Ivanoff Sr.
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Director

Fred Sagoonick
Director

Roy Ashenfelter
Secretary

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Director

Charles W. Fagerstrom
Director



HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: UNALAKLEET COMMUNITY GARDENS

Unalakleet once proclaimed itself the garden capital of the state when gardens grown there in the 1920s and 1930s produced enough food to sell region-wide. Many credit Reverend Ernest B. (E.B.) Larsson who introduced many Unalakleet residents to agriculture in 1923. This gardening tradition was practiced up until the 1970s when larger gardens were being replaced for housing and construction. The cultivation of vegetables also dwindled because many were abandoning the work of farming for high wages in defense construction at White Alice and the DEW Line station.

“Potatoes were the main crop then, but cabbage, cauliflower, rutabagas, turnips, carrots, beets, parsnips, lettuce, celery, onions, rhubarb, peas, radishes, Swiss chard and spinach were all grown successfully. Each year five or six thousand dollars’ worth of produce was grown, and most

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

Print name: _____

New mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Social security number: _____ Date of birth: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

(If applicable)

I am also a custodian for: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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 email us at shareholders@beringstraits.com.

For name changes, BSNC requires that you attach a legal document with your new name, such as a copy of a court record, valid government ID, marriage certificate or divorce decree.

New name: _____

Former name: _____

Social security number: _____

Date of birth: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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

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

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 _____, 20____.

CityState

Signature of Testator_____

Borough of: _____(or _____Judicial District)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____,

the testator, this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public or Postmaster _____

In and for the State of _____

Are you receiving important mailings from BSNC, including newsletters and dividends? It is important that shareholders keep their mailing address up-to-date. Visit http://beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms/address_name_change.pdf to update your address today or use the form above.

MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

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

DORIS ADAMS MELISSA ADOLPH STEVEN GILBERT AGIBINI ISAAC AHKVALUK MARY ANN ALURAC BENJAMIN AMAROK BEATRICE A. ANARUK BENJAMIN B. ANARUK DEREK PETER ANARUK JONI ANDERSON THERESA KAY ANDERSON ED ROY ANDREWS ETHAN J. ANGASAN SHAWN A. ANGASAN STEVEN DAVID ANOWLIC PENELOPE LOUISE ARCA CRISTA LYNN ARNOLD DENISE ASHENFELTER MICHELLE MAMIE AUKON AUDREY BAILEY JOHN DANIEL JAMES BAILEY DEBRA BASHAM BRIANNA L. BAUMEL DAISY KEE NOK BAXTER ENGENIA TERESA BENTLEY JERRY DEAN BERNHARDT DENNIS P. BLANKENSHIP BEVERLY A. BOND BRENDA L. BOUDREAU PHILLIP GEORGE BOURDON STELLA N. BRANDON ROBERT BRISTOW MABEL BROWN MARY BUCK VERN A. CABBELL STEFANEY CAMPBELL WANDA JACQUELINE CARLSON KRISTIE EMMA CAROON SHERRILL JEANNE CARR FLORA H. CHARLES DAISY CHISKOK HILDA MABEL CLARK KATIE CLARK ROBERT NORMAN COLE RYAN COOPER AGNES DARLENE CRAWFORD	ELIZABETH LEONA CURRIER JADE A.R. DANIELS RANDALL EUGENE DAVID ALAN T. DAVIS MICHAEL E. DAVIS ANTONIA MARIE DENMARK TONY JOHN DESARRO HAYLEY SUMMER DICKSON SCOTT DIXON DEGEE A DOBSON OWEN FRANCIS EBEN NANCY EDWARDS JONATHAN ELACHIK VIRGIL JOE ELLIS FREDERICK EARL ERNAK STEVEN DAVID ESKELDSO NORMA ANDREA EVAN CARLA JUNE EVANS ERIC KALANI FINLEY CLIFFORD CHARLES FITKA ROBERT GEORGE FOSTER ANTHONY LANE FRY JUAN GALLEGOS ANTHONY R. GANDIA KEVIN RAY GARRIS SANDRA LEAH GEDDES LAURA ANN GIFFIN LOIS A. GOLD MYLES GONANGNAN DAVONTE GONANGNAN- MELGREEN JAKOB W. GONANGNAN- MELGREEN DAVID M GRAHAM JEFFERY EUGENE GRANT JOHN GREEN KHAILA GREEN MELONY L. GREEN TERRELL GREEN EARL D. GREIST KIMBERLEY LOUISE HADLEY-JONES LYDIA ANN HANCOCK STEVEN LEE HANSEN LONNIE HAWES TYLER J HAWK SETH ANTHONY HELTON	PATRICK S. HENRY ELIZABETH HICKOK VINCE HIRATSUKA MAXINE O HOFFMAN VANESSA HOLDER-GUTIERREZ BEVERLY MARION HUCKSTEP THOMAS LEE HUFFMAN PAULINE S IMMINGAN KEVIN RANDELL IONE ARTHUR IVANOFF ARTHUR CONRAD IVANOFF KYLE O IVANOFF BERNADETTE ROSE IYAHUK FRANK CARL IYATUNGUK HAZEL NANCY JACK JOHN W JACKSON NANCY VIRGINIA JACKSON THOMAS B. JAMES TIMOTHY DAVID JAMES JULIA C JOHNSON VIOLA VERA JOSEPH ROBERT PETER KAKARUK ROMALD K KATEXAC JACK SPOTTED CROW KEECH KEVIN ANDREW KEECH LINDA A. KIMOKTOAK WESLEY KIMOKTOAK JENNIFER KINNEY FRANCIS KIRK CRAIG KISSELL DOLLY KIYUTELLUK RUTH JANET KIYUTELLUK BRIAN KOTONGAN GERALDINE RENEE KOTONGAN VERNA FAYE KOUTCHAK CLARK KOWCHEE HARVY GEORGE KOWELUK EDWARD JOGUES KOYUK WILFRED J. KOZEVNIKOFF LOVELY NATASHA KUNAYAK PETULA ANN KUNNEMANN PHILIP N KUNULUK WIGGINS LAMPE ANGELICA LAROSE DARRELL MICHAEL LARSEN ELIZABETH JANE LARSEN	RANDOLPH DANIEL LARSEN MIKE LEE HERMAN LESTENKOF GAIL LEWIS MATHILDA LICK SCOTT LITTLEFIELD ADRIENNE DEANNA LOCKWOOD KRISTY ROSE LOCKWOOD RICHARD WAYNE LOCKWOOD LAURISA LOMAN TONY DEAN LONG ERICA LONGLEY LYNNETTE LOPEZ LORRAINE LUPSON LORRI LUPSON MARRIE LUPSON RONNIE H KEITH LUPSON JOLENE LYON MAGGIE LYON KIMBERLY MAGESTRO CHERYL MAE MARROW SHAWN CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ ANTHONY PITOOKNUK MAZONNA ROBERT LEIGH MCMAHAN GARY R. MERRILL MARIE ANN MILLER SHERRY MILLIGROCK SCOUT ADAM MONEGAN LYNNEA C. MOON JAMES F MORGAN LOWELL H MORGAN MARVIN L MORGAN JONATHAN SHADOE MUNN LOUCILLE CATHERINE MURPHY MCBRIDE STEVEN CHARLES MURPHY VANESSA MURPHY PETER NAKARAK PATRICIA NELSON MCINTURFF CHARLES NEPHEW DONNA M NORBERT JOHN BEVIS NORBERT JOSEPH NORBERT MARISSA M. NUNOORUK JENNIE ANNA ESTHER OAKIE	EUGENE O'CONNOR JOHN R. OCTUCK PEGGY ODLE RACHEL OKINELLO THERESA M OKPEALUK MELANIE OLANNA VICKI MARLENE OLIVER SHIRLEY OLLOM RICHARD RAYMOND OMELAK MARION M ORTIZ WILMA LUCY OSBORNE MATTHEW ERICK OST DARLENE ROSE OTTEN JEREMIAH R. OUTWATER CRYSTAL OYOUNICK ANGELA MARIE OZENNA IDA GAIL PANIPTCHUK JAHOMITT PARKER GABRIEL PENATAC JOSEPH PENATAC CHRISTOPHER PENETAC NANCY P PEREZ ALEXIS PHILLIPS JULIA MAY PICKUS KIMBERLY PORCH GLORIA PUSHRUK MEGAN PUSHRUK BRIAN MITCHELL RAGLAND TERRY ANN REMSBERG ROBERT EARL REYNOLDS RICHARD STEVEN RIDER-GRAY ERIC MARTIN RINGSTAD LUZ MAE RIVERA ANTHONY DAVID ROBERTS JONATHAN ROBERTS KELLY DAWN ROBERTS NICOLE JEAN ROBINSON REUBEN SAVOOK ROCK ROBERT CHRISTOPHER SACCHEUS NATANE SAMBO-FREEMAN ANNOKAZOOKA LAZYNA SANCHEZ JEFFREY VANCE SANDERS CAROLYN SARREN BRENN A. SCHOLTEN	DANIEL SCHOLTEN ALBERTA E. SETON NORMAN LEO SETON DOUG SETTERS ELGEN R. SHELDON LESLIE SHOOGUKWRUK LEVI ALFRED SILAS WILLIAM LAURENCE SMITH ADA CECILIA SNOWBALL JAMES K. SOCKPICK STEVEN SOLLICH DALENE RUTH SOXIE RANDALL JOSEPH SPENCER CYNTHIA JEANNE SPREER DENISE CHERYL STARR VALERIE TAKAK GILBERT TAXAC DANIEL TEELUK REBECCA E TOKEINNA ALFRED TOPKOK CHARLES VANN ROBERT W. VANN ERIC CHRISTIAN VELTRANO HAROLD CLAUDE WALKER GARY RUSSELL WALLACE MARGARET WALLACE JAMES MELVIN WALSER FRANK T WALUNGA DONNA MICHELLE WASHINGTON MARTHA MARIE WASHINGTON PRESTON WASHINGTON CRYSTAL LYNN WASSMANN REBECCA MAE WEDIN MILLER Z WESTON MIKE WHEELER ALBERT K WHITE PERCY M. WHITE WILLIAM G WHITE GEORGE H WIDEMAN LEA LOVE WILLOYA CLAUDE WILSON WAYNE WILSON ROBERT C. WRIGHT RAY CURTIS YAZZIE MARY JILL YOUNG PAUL T. YOUNG
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BSNC REGION NEWS

2020 YOUNG PROVIDERS AWARD RECIPIENTS

SHAYLA TITUS

BSNC descendant Shayla Titus cares for her grandmother Mary Rose Ann Titus year-round in White Mountain and at their camp in Council. She chops wood, hauls water, picks berries, goes fishing, helps cut up wild game and shares what she harvests or gathers with others. Titus mentors her nieces and nephews and cousins on which berries are the right ones to pick and teaches them how to cut fish and game.

Traditional values are very important to Titus. She actively helped revive Eskimo dancing in her community and learned not only to dance, but drum as well. Her voice is powerful, and she has the very rhythm of Eskimo dancing in her soul, which can be felt and seen. Titus is involved in her school's youth leadership group and is a suicide prevention advocate for her classmates and peers. She plays basketball and volleyball, enjoys running and participates in the Native Youth Olympics. Titus earns straight A's in all her classes and is a positive role model for others. She is community-oriented and cares deeply about the health and well-being of White Mountain. Her parents are Amy Titus and Tyrone Buffas Sr.

Titus was recognized in honor of the late Minnie A. Tucker of Nome who always put the people around her first. Known for watching and raising many children, Tucker took care of others and taught them to care for themselves. Her favorite place to spend time was at camp where she tended to her garden of rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and green onions. On the land, she picked greens, too-guy-ooks and berries and from the water she caught salmon and prepared them to dry, smoke, pickle, can or freeze. Tucker would comb the beach for firewood and burl logs so she could prepare traditional food and heat her cabin, where she was happiest. Whether it was salmon, moose or caribou or even seeds for the birds, she always had plenty for everyone. Tucker was an incredible cook and often experimented with new recipes. She left a legacy of being a humble and caring neighbor and friend. She always helped those in need and never expected anything in return. Tucker passed away April 28, 2010.



Shayla Titus

Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) announced the awardees of its 2020 Young Providers Award as Shayla Titus of White Mountain honoring the late Minnie A. Tucker and Michael Ahkinga Jr. of Wales honoring the late Vincent Ayac Kunnuk. 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. Titus and Ahkinga were recognized during the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders which was held virtually on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020.

MICHAEL AHKINGA JR.

Since he was a toddler, BSNC descendant Michael Ahkinga Jr. of Wales has learned the subsistence way of life including gathering, hunting, cooking, preserving, storing and celebrating Native food from each season. Ahkinga is now 21 and has gained the confidence to become a successful hunter and gatherer. Ahkinga teaches the subsistence way of life to other youth in his community. With everything he catches or harvests, he always gives choice meats and gatherings to local Elders out of respect. Ahkinga also participates in Eskimo dancing and is always ready to volunteer and help his community without being asked. His parents are Terry Crisci and Michael Ahkinga Sr.



Michael Ahkinga Jr.

Ahkinga was recognized in honor of the late Vincent Ayac Kunnuk. Kunnuk was born on King Island, Alaska, the second child in a family of 12 siblings. Kunnuk was trained at an early age to provide for his family by watching and learning the needed skills from his grandfather, Chief Olaranna. Kunnuk was able to continue living a subsistence lifestyle until the age of 83. Kunnuk left King Island and joined the Army when he was 18, after serving for a period of time, he chose to make his home in Seattle, Wash., where he lived for 10-years working with the Japanese People and learning to speak nearly fluent Japanese.

Kunnuk moved back to Nome, Alaska, where his parents were residing, so that he could help provide their need for Native foods. He retired from Alaska Commercial Co. in 1983 and relearned the art of ivory carving, becoming an accomplished artist specializing in traditional type carvings. In 1959 Kunnuk joined the National Guard and served his country for 23-years and six-months, retiring as Master Sergeant (E-8) in 1983. He has received the Sergeant Major's Award, the Master Sergeant's Freedom Team Award, a certificate for outstanding service to the nation as a United States soldier and the Chief's Challenge Award. Kunnuk received the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding dedication to performance of his unit's missions. He also received a Medal of Commendation for personally supervising the rescue of a family of 10 during the Nome flood in 1974, only minutes before their home was swept out into the Bering Sea. Kunnuk passed away on May 24, 2017.

SIGN UP FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT IN MyBSNC

BSNC shareholders are encouraged to sign up to receive their dividend via direct deposit through the MyBSNC. Signing up is easy and it ensures that your dividend is delivered faster. To sign up for direct deposit:

1. Sign into your MyBSNC account:
<https://shareholder.bsnc.net>
2. Click on the blue Update Payment Profile button.
3. Click on blue Add Payment Profile button.
4. Once you are at your Payment Profile, you will then select from the Payment Method drop down menu - select Direct Deposit.
5. Add your Account Information.
You will need your:
 - Bank Name
 - Account Type (Checking or Savings)
 - Routing Number
 - Account Number
6. Click Default, Save and Close after you have entered in the information.

If you experience any trouble, or have any questions please contact BSNC at shareholders@beringstraits.com or (907) 443-5252.



CAREER PATHWAYS SERIES – Medicine

BSNC will publish a career pathways series to help showcase jobs held by successful shareholders and descendants. This series aims to raise awareness of these career options and the essential skills needed to succeed in these positions.

Dr. Christina Darby is a BSNC shareholder and sleep neurologist. "At the age of five I threw my arm around my uncle, Dr. Charlie Aarons, and asked my mother to take a picture of the two doctors," said Dr. Darby. "I still remember admiring his ability to help people and how others looked up to him. Many years later I was finally able to add MD after my own name."



Dr. Christina Darby

Dr. Darby grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, and has family ties in Unalakleet, Alaska. She recently returned home to start the sleep clinic as the Medical Director of the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) Sleep Center where she also serves as a full time Sleep Medicine Physician.

Dr. Darby is an American Academy of Sleep Medicine Fellow, ATHENA inductee, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development "Native American Top 40 under 40" awardee and delegate for the 2015 and 2019 World Congress on Sleep Medicine in Seoul, South Korea, and Vancouver, Canada, respectively. She is a member of the Association of American Indian Physicians.

BSNC: Why did you choose a career in medicine?

Dr. Darby: Initially I chose a career in medicine out of a desire to help people on an individual level. Later this evolved into wanting to help contribute to our greater community’s healing in a way I could. Specifically, I go to work every day to help people live more satisfying and healthier lives, but on returning home to Alaska I’ve also been blessed to help develop and grow specialist services previously less available to our population as a whole. I’ve also been blessed to have participated in many diversity outreach and support programs throughout my education, and have remained passionate about not only advocating for but helping represent racial, cultural, and gender diversity.

BSNC: What kinds of study skills and habits did you utilize to achieve your career goals?

Dr. Darby: Time management! Never underestimate the power of an early start, and even if you are short on time, confidence, or skills, use your focus and drive to make the best out of whatever you have left. Alaska Native values include a strong work ethic and responsible custodianship for our lands and resources in our gathering and harvesting while making our livelihood. Consider this a cultural resource and approach your studies with the same values.

BSNC: What were some barriers or challenges that you overcame to get to where you are today?

Dr. Darby: There will be days where you feel you are not up to the task or where you feel you don’t belong, or days when you feel discouraged over the many sacrifices you will make – financially, personally, temporally. Find your support, whether it be from your friends, family, local cultural support groups or offices, and financial aid officers and counselors, and don’t be afraid to ask for help. Your hard work and dedication WILL eventually pay off.

BSNC: What resources did you utilize to earn your degree?

Dr. Darby: I was blessed to attend many very helpful preparatory programs throughout school, from middle school through medical school, including summer American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) STEM summer camps, U-DOC UAA minorities in medicine summer camp, Indian Health Pathways Program at University of Washington School of Medicine, and received many merit-based scholarships for minority students. Utilize all your resources, and visit your local minority support office or school counselor’s office to see what they have to offer.

BSNC: What advice would you give to Alaska Native young people interested in pursuing a career in medicine?

Dr. Darby: Find a good mentor! You will need them. Be open to looking at things in a new way. Let yourself evolve into the person you know you can be. Be strong. Be resilient. Don’t listen to those who say you can not do it (and there will be some, I have certainly had a few of those myself). Trust that with hard work, belief, and resilience, anything can happen. Know that YOU can do it, because that is what you need to succeed.

BSNC THANKS HOMER E. HOOGENDORN FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

BSNC thanks Homer E. Hoogendorn for his more than 30 years of service to BSNC as a Board Member and for his service from 2003-2017 as a valued employee with Bering Straits Development Corporation. Hoogendorn's wisdom and leadership on the board helped forge the way for BSNC's current success.



Homer E. Hoogendorn

Hoogendorn earned his Airframe and Powerplant certificate and pilot’s license and worked for Munz Northern Airlines briefly as an aircraft mechanic. He then worked for the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller for 26 years. In 1979, Hoogendorn acquired and operated the air taxi Seward Peninsula Flying Service and today he owns Anvil Aviation.

Hoogendorn served as a director for both the Arctic Native Brotherhood and Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Hoogendorn is a father to six children, with whom he shares his subsistence traditions and passion for fishing and flying. His wife Peggy Hoogendorn serves as BSNC's Vice President of Administration.

Thank you, Homer, for contributing your time and knowledge and for your support of BSNC's mission to improve the quality of life of our people through economic development while protecting our land and preserving our culture and heritage.

BSNC HONORS ELDERS AT THE 2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

In appreciation for their accomplishments in maintaining our traditional lifestyle and their determination to share their valuable cultural knowledge with our youth, the following Elders were recognized at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders that was held virtually on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020. Elders were selected by their respective village corporations.

Larry F. Fagerstrom Sr.	Golovin Native Corporation
Joseph Kunnuk Sr.	King Island Native Corporation
Virginia Menadelook	Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation
Edgar Jackson Sr.	Shaktoolik Native Corporation
Ida Ruth Nayokpuk	Shishmaref Native Corporation
Homer E. Hoogendorn	Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Carol Piscoya	Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Blanche Cragle	Unalakleet Native Corporation
Joseph Senungetuk	Wales Native Corporation
Phillip Brown	White Mountain Native Corporation

BSNC thanks these esteemed Elders for their tireless efforts to promote, advance and perpetuate the traditions, culture and heritage of the Bering Strait region.

BSNC ANNOUNCES AWARDEE OF TIM TOWARAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



BSNC is pleased to announce Jolene Nanouk as the 2020 awardee of the Beringia Settlement Trust (BST) Tim Towarak Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is a \$10,000 merit-based competitive scholarship awarded annually to one high-performing student enrolled in an accredited college or university. The scholarship honors the late Tim Towarak, who worked tirelessly to advocate for Alaska Native people.

Nanouk has worked for the Bering Strait School District for 26 years; 23 years of which have been as a bilingual/bicultural teacher. She is a culture-bearer who teaches the Inupiaq language and culture to youth. Nanouk helps to build a historical and cultural foundation for youth to understand and follow Inupiat values in their daily lives. Nanouk is a subsistence gatherer, harvester and fisher. She has served as a Director of Unalakleet Native Corporation for 19 years. Nanouk earned a Bachelor of Arts in Alaska Native Studies with a minor in Inupiaq and is pursuing a Master's degree in Rural Development. She expects to graduate in May 2022.

Candidates for the Tim Towarak Memorial Scholarship are professional career-track shareholder or descendant students with a passion for advocating for, or serving, Alaska Native people. Students do not apply separately for the scholarship. Preference for the scholarship award will be given to students who are Alaska residents.

CELEBRATION OF NATIVE ARTS TO BE HOSTED VIRTUALLY



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BSNC will host its annual Celebration of Native Art (CONA) online through December. Artist shareholders, descendants and shareholder spouses are encouraged to email media@beringstraits.com with a URL link of their personal website/webpage, Facebook page, Instagram profile or Square Market webpage, a photo of themselves or their art and a one-paragraph artist biography. BSNC will share this information on its CONA webpage at: <https://beringstraits.com/cona/>. **Each shareholder, descendant and shareholder spouse artist will receive a CONA hoodie.**

BSNC CONGRATULATES SHAREHOLDERS AND REGION RESIDENT RECOGNIZED AT AFN

BSNC congratulates shareholder Dr. Christina Darby, shareholder Anne Sears and Carol Seppilu who each received Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) President's Awards. These AFN awardees were nominated by BSNC and recognized virtually at the 2020 AFN Convention.

Shareholder Dr. Christina Darby received the President's Health Award for her work as a Sleep Physician at the Alaska Native Medical Center. Awardees are selected for their strong commitment, competence and sensitivity in the health field, whose accomplishments have improved health care for Alaska Native people. Dr. Darby is an American Academy of Sleep Medicine Fellow, ATHENA inductee, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development "Native American Top 40 under 40" awardee and delegate for the 2015 and 2019 World Congressional Sleep Medicine in Seoul, South Korea, and Vancouver, Canada, respectively. She is a member of the Association of American Indian Physicians.



Dr. Christina Darby

Shareholder Anne Sears received the Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement Award. This award recognizes an Alaska Native law enforcement officer who has shown outstanding dedication to the safety of the public in Alaska, often requiring heroic courage in the face of danger. Sears was the first female Alaska Native State Trooper hired and has served as a Trooper for more than 19 years and in law enforcement for more than 20 years. Sears received the Never Quit Service Award from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees in 2016 for demonstrating true dedication to her work. Sears is often recognized as one of the Troopers on National Geographic's show Alaska State Troopers.



Trooper Anne Sears

Nome resident Carol Seppilu received the Hannah Paul Solomon "Woman of Courage" President's Award. Seppilu runs long distances to tell her story of overcoming depression and to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Her goal is to reach every state in the U.S. but she is currently focusing on her home here in Alaska. She and a friend are working on a project called Kilgaaqu Run Series where they will run all three roads in Nome. Kilgaaqu means "a long-distance run" in Siberian Yupik.



Carol Seppilu

MONTHLY STOCK WILL DRAWING WINNERS

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

JULY	Marilyn Corinna Oyoumick	Unalakleet, AK
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SEPT.	Jack Koutchak Jr.	Unalakleet, AK
OCT.	Sharon Willoya	Twisp, WA

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 ANNOUNCES SHAREHOLDER AND DESCENDANT PROMOTIONS

BSNC shareholder employee Tamaira Tocktoo-Austin has been promoted from Accounts Payable Specialist I to Accounts Payables Specialist II. Tocktoo-Austin’s duties and responsibilities have expanded since joining the Accounting department in May 2017. Tocktoo-Austin earned her Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a dual major in Business Management and Accounting, and a minor in Alaska Native Business Management from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2019. She is now pursuing her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Tocktoo-Austin is the daughter of Archie Tocktoo and Kathy O’Connor. Her grandparents are the late Jacob Olanna Sr. and Eileen Ezukameow of Nome, Clarence Tocktoo and the late Sarah Tocktoo of Shishmaref.



Tamaira Tocktoo-Austin

“I am grateful for the support and opportunities that BSNC has provided for me throughout the years. My desire to pursue higher education has been widely encouraged and the leadership within BSNC has been very accommodating. I enjoy taking classes and working for BSNC, I am able to apply my class topics to my work experience to enhance both my studies and work experience. BSNC has provided a plethora of opportunities for me, allowing me to grow within my community and corporation. I want to say thank you to all of those who have supported me, I look forward to my future career with BSNC.”
– Tamaira Tocktoo-Austin

BSNC descendant Annalise Contreras has been promoted from HR Benefits Intern to Benefits Assistant. Contreras is currently a full-time student at the University of Alaska, Anchorage where she is working toward earning a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology with a minor in Speech Pathology. She was recently awarded a \$5,000 competitive scholarship from the Norton Sound Health Corporation for her active involvement in her Native community. Contreras’s goals are to improve the health of Alaska Native and American Indian people. She plans to attend graduate school and earn a Master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology (SLP) followed by a doctoral degree in SLP to fulfill her dreams



Annalise Contreras

of being a dysphagia physician who treats patients who are suffering from swallowing disorders. Contreras’s family is originally from Nome, Alaska.

BSNC shareholder Lynn Kinney has been promoted to Proposal Manager. In her role, Kinney manages business development proposals and submissions. Kinney interned in the Business Development Department during the 2017 Summer Internship Program and began working for BSNC after graduating from the University of Alaska Anchorage with her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in Management. Kinney is the daughter of Dawn and Rodney Kinney, Jr., granddaughter of Rodney P. Kinney, Sr. and great granddaughter of Paul Kinney and Anna Moon, with roots in Koyuk.



Lynn Kinney

“BSNC continues to provide their shareholders - including myself - with endless opportunities for growth and development. For this, I am humbled and forever grateful to be a part of an amazing corporation!”
– Lynn Kinney

BSNC shareholder Brandi Wheelehan has transferred from Communications/Benefits Coordinator to Shareholder Development Coordinator. As Shareholder Development Coordinator, her duties have shifted to assisting shareholders and descendants in identifying and reaching educational and professional career goals. Wheelehan was hired in 2014 as a Human Resources Intern and has participated in other internship programs to broaden her knowledge of Alaska Native organizations. Wheelehan’s family is originally from Deering and Shishmaref and she grew up in Nome.



Brandi Wheelehan

“I have been fortunate to work in a variety of departments within BSNC and I look forward to continuing to learn about the different aspects to better understand the organizational functions as a whole. I am grateful to everyone who has influenced me along the way and for the opportunities that BSNC has provided.”
– Brandi Wheelehan



BERINGIA SETTLEMENT TRUST SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Spring scholarship deadline is Dec. 1, 2020. For more information and to apply, go to <https://beringstraits.com/scholarship/>.



STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline

American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from the highest rates of violence in the U.S., according to the National Institute of Justice. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many survivors have been sheltered with their abuser.

StrongHearts Native Helpline 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) is an anonymous, confidential, safe domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy daily from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m. AKST. Callers reaching out after hours may connect with The National Domestic Violence Hotline, a non-Native based 24-7 domestic violence helpline by selecting option one. You can also connect one-on-one with a live advocate through the Chat Now feature at: <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org>.

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: UNALAKLEET COMMUNITY GARDENS

of it shipped to nearby Nome. The surplus was stored in local cellars, cooled by natural permafrost, and saved for winter use.”
– Here is Alaska by Evelyn Steffansson

Another proponent for self-sufficient farming was Marvin “Muktuk” Marston. Marston’s food security concerns after the war inspired him to promote potato farming in Unalakleet where he resided. A large field was cleared near the North River bridge in Unalakleet by the Covenant High School where a large plot of potatoes and other vegetables were grown. This garden was resurrected this summer by a group of Unalakleet residents looking for a way to contribute to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Harvested vegetables were distributed to Elders, the Elder lunch program and other homes in need within Unalakleet. Many Unalakleet residents still cultivate gardens, including Unalakleet’s eldest female resident Elder Betty Anagick, age 93.

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COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAMS

Kawerak Income Loss Support Program: Kawerak has CARES Act funding to provide financial assistance to Bering Strait region tribal members who were affected and have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding may cover rent, utilities, housing, childcare, fuel, household supplies, hygiene and more. Eligible reasons for lost income include, furlough, lay-off, reduction in work hours, lost work time due to lack of child or Elder care, reduction in sales or business revenue and more. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://kawerak.org/cares/>.

* Due to CARES Act Funding requirements, this program excludes Nome Eskimo Community (NEC) and Native Village of Unalakleet Tribal Members. If you have questions or need assistance, please call (907) 443-4367 or (907) 443-4466.

General Assistance: Kawerak continues to offer General Assistance to Bering Strait region tribal members to assist with unmet need costs when no other resources are available (such as Public Assistance). More information can be found at: kawerak.org/welfare.

* NEC Tribal members receive this service directly from NEC.

Nome Eskimo Community: NEC provides COVID-19 assistance to their tribal members. For more information and to apply, go to: <https://www.necalaska.org> or call (907) 443-2246.

Housing Assistance: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is offering programs to assist with housing payments if you have lost income due to COVID-19. Check eligibility requirements at: <https://www.alaskahousingrelief.org>.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC): CITC aids eligible participants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligibility is not solely based on income. Each family is affected by COVID-19 differently and amount of assistance may vary. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://citci.org/employment-training/covid-19-assistance> or call (907) 793-3300 if you have any questions.

Alaska Unemployment: To file for unemployment, the fastest way to do this is to go to my.alaska.gov and file online. If you do not have internet, please call the Anchorage office at (907) 269-4700.