

## 2022 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

### JOIN US IN COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF A MISSION BEYOND BUSINESS

BSNC announces the 2022 in-person Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in Nome, Alaska.

**Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at 10 a.m.**  
Nome Recreation Center  
208 E. 6th Ave  
Nome, Alaska 99762

Questions about BSNC's business, programs and benefits will be compiled and answered during the Annual Meeting. Please submit questions by 5 p.m. AKDT on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, to [questions@beringstraits.com](mailto:questions@beringstraits.com).

## BSNC PRESIDENT & CEO GAIL R. SCHUBERT TO JOIN ALASKA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME



The Alaska Business Hall of Fame has announced its selection of BSNC President & CEO Gail R. Schubert as a Laureate Inductee. Under her leadership, revenues have grown from \$14 million in fiscal year 2003 to \$543 million in fiscal year 2022. In the last decade alone, BSNC distributed \$48 million in shareholder benefits, representing 82.8% of all benefits paid to BSNC shareholders since the Company was incorporated in 1972.

Schubert is Iñupiaq and was born and raised in Unalakleet, Alaska. In addition to serving as President and CEO of BSNC, she serves on the boards of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Native Justice

Center, ANCSA Regional Association, Commonwealth North, the Iditarod, Native American Contractors Association and the University of Alaska Foundation Investment Committee.

She is an ATHENA Society awardee, recipient of the Northwest Indian Bar Association's Unsung Hero Award and YWCA Alaska/BP Women of Achievement Awardee for her leadership and excellence in her professional and personal endeavors as well as her contributions to the larger community.

Schubert has served on the BSNC Board of Directors since 1992, was hired as Executive Vice President and General Counsel in 2003 and was promoted to CEO in 2009. She became BSNC's President the following year. Prior to joining BSNC, Schubert practiced law in Anchorage after a successful career on Wall Street, where she worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and two Wall Street law firms. She earned an undergraduate degree from Stanford University, a Master of Business Administration from Cornell University's Johnson School of Management with an emphasis in accounting and finance, and a Juris Doctorate from the Cornell University School of Law.

In 1987, Junior Achievement of Alaska, Inc. began the Alaska Business Hall of Fame to honor outstanding Alaska business people. Since then, the Hall of Fame has become one of the state's most prestigious events, inducting new Laureates annually. Congratulations, Gail!

## BSNC ANNOUNCES 2022 SHAREHOLDER AND ELDER DIVIDENDS

### SHAREHOLDER DIVIDEND

The Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC) Board of Directors has declared a record-high dividend of \$10.25 per share, a 7.9% increase over the 2021 shareholder dividend. This distribution will be paid by Dec. 31 to shareholders (on record as of Nov. 28) through the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust and is not taxable. Shareholders who own an average of 100 shares of stock will receive \$1,025.

"BSNC is pleased to provide this record-high dividend to its shareholders," said BSNC President and CEO Gail R. Schubert. "BSNC's resilience and growth is founded on our Board's commitment to our mission and our shareholders. Quyaana for your continued support and involvement in your Corporation."

The total 2022 dividend distribution will be approximately \$6.5 million. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed \$47.5 million in 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 \$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.

### ELDER DIVIDEND

The BSNC Board of Directors has voted to declare a 2022 Elder dividend of \$1,500. This Elder dividend will be paid to original BSNC shareholders who are 65 years of age or older on the record date of Nov. 7. This distribution will be paid by Dec. 31 through the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust and is not taxable. Since 1972, BSNC has distributed \$10.5 million in Elder dividends.

"The BSNC Board and Management are very thankful for the support we have received from our Elder shareholders," said BSNC President and CEO Gail R. Schubert. "We are pleased to honor our Elders with this dividend."

*Checks will be mailed or direct deposited. Receive your dividend sooner by signing up for direct deposit by visiting the MyBSNC shareholder portal at <https://shareholder.bsnc.net/home>. Shareholders are requested to sign up for direct deposit by Nov. 7. If you wish to receive a check in the mail, please make sure your address on file is up to date.*



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



Dear Shareholders,

I hope each of you had a good summer and early fall, spending time outdoors with family and friends. Autumn is traditionally a busy time of engaging in subsistence activities in preparation for the coming winter season.

I am pleased to welcome Isaiah (Ike) Towarak to the BSNC Board of Directors. Ike was appointed to fill the Board seat previously held by the late Henry Ivanoff Sr. Ike, who resides in Unalakleet, will serve the remainder of the late Chairman

Ivanoff’s term until the 2023 Annual Meeting election. Ike was selected from a pool of 26 applicants, the highest number of applicants ever to apply to serve on the BSNC Board. I am confident Ike’s familiarity with our region’s cultural values and his rural business experience will provide valuable perspective as BSNC continues to grow in pursuit of its mission to improve the quality of life of Our People through economic development while protecting our land and preserving our culture and heritage.

The BSNC Board of Directors declared a record-high 2022 dividend of \$10.25 per share, a 7.9% increase over the 2021 shareholder dividend. The Board also voted to declare a 2022 Elder dividend of \$1,500. This Elder dividend will be paid to original BSNC shareholders who are 65 years of age or older on the record date of Nov. 7. These distributions will be paid by Dec. 31 through the BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust and are not taxable.

Many residents may have heard about IPOP, LLC’s, proposed mining project in Safety Sound. BSNC cares deeply about protecting Our People’s spiritual, physical and cultural well-being through our sacred connection with the land. The Safety Sound/Bonanza Channel estuary is an important area for Our People’s subsistence way of life. We will continue to oppose irresponsible mining in fragile wetlands.

BSNC announced its endorsement of U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski for reelection to the United States Senate. Sen. Murkowski is considered the leading expert in Congress on Arctic policy and polar affairs. Sen. Murkowski works to raise awareness amongst her colleagues on Capitol Hill that the U.S. — because of Alaska—is an Arctic nation. She has worked hard to represent all Alaskans, working diligently on issues important to our state – responsible natural resource development, protecting our subsistence lifestyle and growing a stronger military presence in Alaska.

I encourage shareholders and descendants of voting age to exercise their right to elect a candidate of their choice and to vote. Every vote counts, and Alaska Native representation matters. No matter whom you personally support in the upcoming elections, I hope you make your voice heard by casting your vote this fall.

I am pleased to share that BSNC will host its Annual Meeting of Shareholders in person on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m. in Nome, Alaska, at the Nome Recreation Center, 208 E. 6th Ave. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BSNC has not been able to host the Annual Meeting in person since 2019. I look forward to seeing and meeting with shareholders and descendants who reside in the Nome area.

In closing, I am saddened to share the passing of former Board Director Percy Nayokpuk. Percy was elected to the BSNC Board in 1985 and served for 30 years on the Board. Percy was first a family man, and then a successful businessman. He will be remembered as an active and dedicated community member who valued and practiced our subsistence way of life. Percy passed away on Aug. 2, 2022.

Please continue to look after yourselves and your families. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your Corporation.

Quyaana,

Gail R. Schubert  
BSNC President and CEO

## BSNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lee Ryan  
*Chairman*

Deborah Atuk  
*Treasurer*

Becka Baker  
*Director*

Louie Green, Jr.  
*Director*

Gail R. Schubert  
*President and CEO*

Steve Ivanoff  
*Assistant Secretary*

Jason Evans  
*Director*

Fred Sagoonick  
*Director*

Cindy Towarak Massie  
*Vice Chair*

Roy Ashenfelter  
*Assistant Treasurer*

Robert Evans  
*Director*

Isaiah Towarak  
*Director*

Eugene Asicksik  
*Secretary*

Ella Anagick  
*Director*

Charles Fagerstrom  
*Director*



## HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: THE QARGI/QASGIQ

The qargi (Iñupiaq) or qasgiq (Yupit) is known as a men’s house but was also used as a community gathering place. The purpose of the qargi/qasgiq was to educate and train the young men/boys to become skillful in different trades, survival and/or hunting, as well as a place to provide life lessons. Historically, the men’s house accommodated all the men and boys 7 years and older. The women/ girls would bring food to the men’s house and in the evenings, gather there for traditional singing, dancing and festivals. It served as a ceremonial and spiritual place for Our People where culture was celebrated. It also served as a schoolhouse and traditional workshop and official business was also conducted between individuals, the village and with other villages or groups of people.

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](mailto: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\_\_\_\_\_

County 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](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 attempts to 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](mailto: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

- AGIBINIK, STEVEN GILBERT

ALEXANDER-HICKS, DARREN B.

ALURAC, GEORGE D.

ALURAC, MARY ANN

AMAROK, BENJAMIN

ANALOAK, WILLIAM PETER

ANDERSON, JONI

ANDERSON, THERESA KAY

ARNOLD, CRISTA LYNN

ASILA, RAYMOND THOMAS

BAILEY, AUDREY

BENNETT, SHARON YVETTE

BOSTWICK, SARA

BROWN, MABEL

BUCK, MARY

BURSE, KARISMA

BURSE, ZAIRE

CABBELL, VERN A.

CAMPBELL, STEFANEY

CARLO, ELIZABETH

CAROON, KRISTIE EMMA

CARR, CATHERINE

CARR, SHERRILL JEANNE

CHARLES, FLORA H.

CLARK, KATIE

COLE, KATHRYN ANNE

COLE, ROBERT NORMAN

COLEMAN, GRETCHEN

DALILAK, TERESA MARIE

DAVID, LAURA

DAVID, RANDALL EUGENE

DAVIS, WILBUR

DENMARK, ANTONIA MARIE

DESARRO, TONY JOHN

DOBSON, DEGEE A

DUNN, ANASTASIA MARIE

EAGLE, JOHN DAVID

EDWARDS, NANCY
- ERNAK, FREDERICK EARL

ESTVOLD, GUY GRANT

FAIRCHILD, LORRAINE M.

FINLEY, ERIC KALANI

FITKA, CLIFFORD CHARLES

FOSTER, CHANDLER

FRANZEN, DEAN

FRY, ANTHONY LANE

GABLICK, DYLAN

GARRIS, KEVIN RAY

GOLDSBERRY, HARRY

GONANGNAN, MYLES

GRANT, JEFFERY EUGENE

GRAY, LESLIE RENE

GREEN, JOHN

GREEN, KHAILA

GREEN, MELONY L.

GREEN, TERRELL

HANCOCK, LYDIA ANN

HANSEN, STEVEN LEE

HAWES, FRED R.

HEIDLEBAUGH, JAMES N. P.

HELTON, SETH ANTHONY

HENRY, CAROL KAROKA

HICKS, TANYA

HOFFMAN, MAXINE O

HOLDER-GUTIERREZ, VANESSA

HUFFMAN, THOMAS LEE

HUKILL, TASHA MARIE

IVANOFF, CHARLEEN LEE

IYAPANA, JESSICA LYNN

JACK, HAZEL NANCY

JACKSON, JOHN W

JAMES, JESSE T.

JAMES, THOMAS B.

JAMES, TIMOTHY DAVID

JOHNSON, KEYAHNA DESTINY

JOSEPH, VIOLA VERA
- KATCHATAG, CHARLIE H.M.

KATEXAC, ROMALD K

KEECH, JACK SPOTTED CROW

KIMOKTOAK, WESLEY

KIRK, FRANCIS

KISSELL, CRAIG

KLOSS, KAY GENEVIEVE

KOTONGAN, BRIAN

KOUTCHAK, VERNA FAYE

KOWCHEE, CLARK

KUNNEMANN, PETULA ANN

LARSEN, ELIZABETH JANE

LEE, CHRISTOPHER

LEE, DERALD ROBERT

LEE, LINCOLN DONALD

LEE, MIKE

LESTENKOF, HERMAN

LICK, MATHILDA

LILLEY, HARRY DREWLETTE

LUPSON, LORRAINE

LUPSON, LORRI

LUPSON, MARRIE

LUPSON, RONNIE H KEITH

MAESTAS, JUSTINE A.

MAYOKOK, ROBERT WEOKONA

MAZONNA, ANTHONY PITOOKNUK

MCCOMAS, JOSHUA D.

MERRILL, GARY R.

MILLER, BESS

MILLER, MARIE ANN

MILLIGROCK, NORA MARGARET

MILLIGROCK, SHERRY

MIXSOOKE, CYNTHIA

MOGG, LUCY JEAN

MONEGAN, SCOUT ADAM

MONTAGUE, LINDEN

MORGAN, JAMES F

MORGAN, MARY LOUISE
- MORTON, FLORA ANN LUKE

MURPHY MCBRIDE, LOUCILLE CATHERINE

MURPHY, ANTHONY J

NAKARAK, PETER

NELSON MCINTURFF, PATRICIA

NELSON, JONATHAN W.

NORBERT, JOSEPH

NORD, MICHAEL JOHN

NORMAN, HENRY

O'CONNOR, MARTIN

OKITKUN, MARY RIVERS

OKPEALUK, THERESA M

OKSOKTARUK-WOOD, LENA PAULINE

OLANNA, FANNIE

OLANNA, PERCY

OLIVER, VICKI MARLENE

OLLOM, SHIRLEY

OMELAK, RICHARD RAYMOND

OUTWATER, JEREMIAH R.

PARKER, JAHOMITT

PENAYAH, EMILY THERESA

PEREZ, NANCY P

PETE, JOHN LUKE

PETE, XAVIERA CONSTANCE

PHILLIPS, ALEXIS

PICKUS, JULIA MAY

POLAND, DORIS ABLOOGALOOK

PORCH, KIMBERLY

PUSHRUK, GLORIA

PUSHRUK, MEGAN

REXRODE, CAMEY

REYNOLDS, ROBERT EARL

RICHARDS, MARTHA ARLENE

ROBERTS, KELLY DAWN

ROBERTS, PAUL BRYAN

SAMBO-FREEMAN, NATANE

SANCHEZ, ANNOKAZOOKA LAZYNA
- SEEGANNA, LOUISE MARIE

SEEGANNA, MARK DAMIAN

SETON, SHERRY ANN

SETTERS, DOUG

SHAW, TARA BEATRICE

SILAS, LEVI ALFRED

SMITH, EDWARD

SMITH, ROBERT L.

SMITH, WILLIAM LAURENCE

SOLLICH, STEVEN

SPIVEY, JENNIE RUTH

SPREER, CYNTHIA JEANNE

STEPNEY, MARK WILLIAM

STEVENS, JAMIE MASSAK

STRICKLAND, CHRISTOPHER H.

TEAYOUMEAK, SAM B

VANN, CHARLES

VANN, ROBERT W.

VELTRANO, ERIC CHRISTIAN

WALKER, ANNA

WALLACE, GARY RUSSELL

WALLACE, MARGARET

WALSER, JAMES MELVIN

WASHINGTON, MARTHA MARIE

WASHINGTON, PRESTON

WATSON, LEESA JOAN

WEBB, ELIZABETH J

WETHINGTON, ELIJAH

WHEELER, MIKE

WHITE, PAUL R.

WHITTAKER, GLEN D.

WIDEMAN, GEORGE H

WILSON, EVELYN DELORIS

WRIGHT, BRENDA ANN

YOUNG, MARY JILL

ZACHRY, ERIC B.

Z'AVIER, AHLTIELL



## BSNC NAMES KIM CUNNINGHAM AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



BSNC is pleased to announce the hire of Kim Cunningham as Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Cunningham joins BSNC from NANA Regional Corporation (NANA), where she served as Senior Vice President and CFO for the corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiary, NANA Development Corporation (now Sivu, LLC).

"Kim is a welcome addition to our Executive Team," said BSNC President and CEO Gail R. Schubert. "She brings solid Alaska Native regional corporation accounting and finance experience to

BSNC, and a strong track record of achievement. I am confident that she will work well with BSNC's accounting and finance team leaders as she takes the helm as Chief Financial Officer. We are excited about the continued corporate growth and shareholder development opportunities under her leadership."

At BSNC, Cunningham will be responsible for overseeing all accounting activities, financial strategy and managing and reporting all finance-related activities for the company. Cunningham joins BSNC with 20 years of Alaska Native corporation leadership experience. She joined NANA in 2012 as its Senior Director of Finance for Natural Resources. Prior to joining NANA, Cunningham worked at CIRI for nearly 10 years as its Director of Tax before being promoted to Senior Director of Lands and Resources.

Cunningham began her career in public accounting at KPMG, LLP, an international public accounting firm, where she worked with a variety of clients across many industries, gaining valuable technical skills and expertise in business, governmental, nonprofit and Alaska Native corporations.

Cunningham is a CPA and holds undergraduate degrees in both accounting and finance. She earned a Master of Science in Information Processing and Communication from Montana State University. She currently serves as the chair of the Student Assistance Foundation and its audit committee, is a board member of the Montana Higher Education Student Assistance Corporation and serves as treasurer for the Alaska Association of Professional Landmen. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Council of Petroleum Accountants Society.



## BOARD VOTES TO INCREASE MONTHLY STOCK WILL PRIZE

We are pleased to announce that the BSNC Board of Directors voted to increase the monthly stock will prize from \$200 to \$500! Please visit [www.beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms](http://www.beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms) or call (907) 443-5252 to update your stock will today.

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 BSNC stock must be distributed according to state law and may be distributed to individuals you do not intend to benefit. Not having a stock will on file also slows down the stock inheritance process for your heirs.

## REGISTERED BSNC DESCENDANTS CAN NOW CREATE A MYBSNC PROFILE

BSNC is pleased to share that registered descendants can now create a MyBSNC profile and are encouraged to do so to participate in the Talent Bank and the optional Shareholder-Owned Businesses Registry! By registering, descendants will have access to a MyBSNC profile and will receive important news and information about descendant benefits.

The BSNC descendant registry is for lineal descendants or adoptees of BSNC original shareholders and is required to: (1) ensure descendants receive important news and updates from BSNC and (2) verify eligibility for certain programs that are limited to original shareholders and direct lineal descendants of original shareholders. Submitted information will be kept confidential and will only be used for BSNC purposes. Please note that registration does not give a descendant voting rights or stock.

### DESCENDANT BENEFITS

- Summer Internship Program
- Recreational and subsistence land use
- Hiring and employment preference for those who meet the minimum qualifications of a job
- Scholarships from the Beringia Settlement Trust Scholarship program
- Shareholder-Owned Businesses Registry
- Talent Bank
- Bereavement assistance

The BSNC Talent Bank is available for shareholders and descendants to share information with BSNC on their talent, abilities, skills, work experience, education and other workforce-related information. BSNC will use this stored talent profile information for targeted outreach.

BSNC's Shareholder-Owned Businesses Registry shares information on shareholder and descendant owned businesses with the greater community and encourages the support of these businesses.

Learn more and register for the Descendant Registry at:

[www.beringstraits.com/descendants](http://www.beringstraits.com/descendants). Already registered?

Create a MyBSNC profile today at: [shareholder.bsnc.net/home](http://shareholder.bsnc.net/home).

For questions, please contact the Shareholder Development Department at: [Shdevelopment@bsnc.net](mailto:Shdevelopment@bsnc.net).



## BSNC'S SHAREHOLDER-OWNED BUSINESSES REGISTRY

BSNC shareholders and descendants operate a wide variety of businesses. BSNC is proud of these businesses and would like to share them with the greater community and encourage the support of these businesses through our Shareholder-Owned Businesses Registry. Check out the list of Shareholder-Owned Businesses here: [beringstraits.com/shareholder-owned-businesses](http://beringstraits.com/shareholder-owned-businesses).

Do you know a BSNC shareholder or descendant who is a business owner? Shareholders and descendants can send their business information to the Shareholder Development Department at [shareholderbusiness@beringstraits.com](mailto:shareholderbusiness@beringstraits.com) or register in the MyBSNC portal. For more questions or comments about registering a business, do not hesitate to get in touch with the Shareholder Development department at [Shdevelopment@bsnc.net](mailto:Shdevelopment@bsnc.net).



MONTHLY STOCK WILL  
DRAWING WINNERS

Mail in your updated stock will today and be entered into a drawing to win \$500. 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 BSNC stock must be distributed according to state law and may be distributed to individuals you do not intend to benefit.

Please visit [www.beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms](http://www.beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms) or call (907) 443-5252 to update your stock will today.

MAIL IN YOUR UPDATED STOCK WILL TODAY &  
BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN \$500!

May:	Alicyn Bahnke
June:	Maggie Miller
July:	Erwin Tucker



BSNC CELEBRATES THE SIGNING  
OF HOUSE BILL 123

BSNC President and CEO Gail R. Schubert joined Alaska Native leaders and government officials to celebrate the historic signing of House Bill 123, an act providing for state recognition of Alaska's 229 federally recognized tribes.

"Tribal recognition in Alaska's legal code is an important first step toward building a stronger and healthier Alaska," said BSNC President and CEO Gail R. Schubert. "Together, Alaska Native corporations and tribes work for the benefit of Our People. As Alaska Native corporations, our mandate under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) is to benefit Alaska Native people through our unique social missions. Our tribal rights were bifurcated by the federal government. Tribes have sovereign status, while ANCSA corporations own Native lands. House Bill 123 is an important first step in building a positive, government-to-government relationship between the State of Alaska and Alaska's tribes."

BSNC MOURNS THE PASSING OF  
FORMER BOARD DIRECTOR  
PERCY NAYOKPUK



The late Chairman Henry Ivanoff Sr. (left) and the late former Director Percy Nayokpuk at an Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Anchorage.

BSNC mourns the unexpected passing of former BSNC Board Director Percy Nayokpuk. Percy was elected to the BSNC Board in 1985 and served for 30 years on the Board.

Percy was an active and dedicated community member who valued and practiced our subsistence way of life. He also spent many years marketing Native art at the Alaska Federation of Natives annual convention.

Percy was born and raised in Shishmaref and attended the University of Alaska, where he studied business administration. In 1980, he began working as Assistant Manager of Nayokpuk General Store and later became the owner and General Manager. He formerly served as the Mayor of Shishmaref and as past President of the Shishmaref Native Corporation. He will be remembered as an active and dedicated community member who valued and practiced our subsistence way of life. Percy passed away on Aug. 2, 2022.

# BOOK COLLECTION

The Bering Strait region has a rich history. In documenting this knowledge, BSNC has collected a wide variety of books written by shareholders, descendants and others about the history of our region, Our People and our lifestyle. The collection of books contains information on ivory carving, survival, the Gold Rush days, dog mushing and historical and cultural stories of our beautiful region. A language dictionary of one of the dialects spoken in the region is also included. Please be advised that some of the books may be hard to come by but most can be purchased online. If you know of any other books that should be added to this list, please email [media@beringstraits.com](mailto:media@beringstraits.com). For more information, go to [www.beringstraits.com/book-collection](http://www.beringstraits.com/book-collection)

**Books by shareholders and descendants:**

1. *Dark Traffic: Poems* by Joan Naviyuk Kane
2. *Eskimo Legends* by Lela Kiana Oman
3. *Grandfather of Unalakleet Lineage of Alluyagnak* by Emily (Ticasuk) Ivanoff Brown
4. *Hyperboreal* by Joan Naviyuk Kane
5. *Igaluinmiutullu Qawiaragmiutullu Aglait Nalaunaitkataat* (A Qawairaq Igaluik Iñupiat Dictionary) by Roy Agloinga, Luann Harrelson, Steven Agloinga and Agnes Komakhuk
6. *Irigak* by Amber Cunningham
7. *Irigak II: Maverick Seizes the Land* by Amber Cunningham
8. *Jesus and the Eskimos* by Fred Savok
9. *Menadelook: An Inupiat Teacher's Photographs of Alaska Village Life, 1907-1932* by Eileen Norbert
10. *Milk Black Carbon* by Joan Naviyuk Kane
11. *Open the Dark* by Marie Tozier
12. *Our Fur-fathers of Southwest Alaska* by Bev Sims and Dianne Zitnik
13. *People of Kauwerak: Legends of the Northern Eskimo* by William A. Oquilluk and Laurel L. Bland
14. *Salt & Roses* by Buffy McKay
15. *Tales of Ticasuk Eskimo Legends and Stories* by Emily (Ticasuk) Ivanoff Brown
16. *The Cormorant Hunter's Wife* by Joan Naviyuk Kane
17. *The Epic of Qayaq: The Longest Story Ever Told By My People* by Lela Kiana Oman
18. *The Longest Story Ever Told: Qayaq, The Magical Man* by Emily (Ticasuk) Ivanoff Brown
19. *The Red Dragonfly from Alaska* by Gertie Ann
20. *The Roots of Ticasuk: An Eskimo Woman's Family Story* by Emily (Ticasuk) Ivanoff Brown
21. *The Straits* by Joan Naviyuk Kane
22. *The Winter Walk: A Century-Old Survival Story from the Arctic* by Loretta Outwater Cox
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# SHAREHOLDER NEWS

## SUMMER 2022 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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### BSNC'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

BSNC hired eight interns for its 2022 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.



#### Amber Ongtawasruk

BSNC shareholder Amber Ongtawasruk interned in the HR Department. She recently graduated from AVTEC in Seward, where she received Accounting Specialist and Administrative Assistant certificates. After the internship, she plans to continue working toward earning a bachelor's degree in accounting. Ongtawasruk's traditional name is Ublugiaq. She is from Wales and Nome. Her parents are Ron and Gerri Ongtawasruk and her grandparents are Patrick Ongtawasruk, Arlene Soxie and James and Vivien Olin.



#### Avery Hansell

BSNC shareholder Avery Hansell was a proposals intern. Hansell is attending the University of Alaska Anchorage to attain an Associate of Applied Science. Afterward, he plans on applying for the Physical Therapy Assistant program. Hansell's Iñupiaq name is Quiqpup. He is Iñupiaq and Yup'ik and was born and raised in Anchorage and Kodiak. His family is part of the Malamute tribe in Nome and Shaktoolik. His parents are Ann Asicksik and Jeffery Hansell and his grandparents are Kipi and Paul Asicksik Sr. and Jerry and Sue Hansell.



#### Jessica Davis

BSNC shareholder Jessica Davis interned in the Accounting Department. Davis is currently working on an accounting degree at Harding University. Originally from Unalakleet, Davis has lived in Sitka for the past 13 years. Her parents are Jack and Jennifer Davis and her grandparents are Chuck and Virginia Degnan.



#### Jolene Nanouk

BSNC shareholder Jolene Nanouk interned in the Media and Communications Department. Her Iñupiaq names are Mayugiaq and Sagrumin. Nanouk is from Unalakleet. Her parents were Roger and Theresa Nanouk and her grandparents were Peter and Martha Nanouk and Joseph and Anna Etageak. She is currently attending graduate school at the University of Alaska Fairbanks studying Rural Development.

*"WaaNa atiga Mayugiaglu Sagruminlu. UNalaqtigmiuNuruNa. Aakaga QuNchuq, Ataataga Angaiyuk. Aakaga anaiyuqaan Sagruminlu Natiqaqlu, ligaviNmiuNuruq sulī UnalaqtigmiuNuruq. Ataataga anaiyuqaan Qapqanlu Apaachuaglu, KuuyuNmiuNuruq sulī UnalaqigmiuNuruq. InuuniaqtuNa Unalaqtiq Nunami."*



#### Keon Evans

BSNC shareholder Keon Evans interned in the IT Department. Evans is from Nome and his parents are Dave Evans and Lucille Sands. He is currently pursuing a degree in Business Management from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He plans to return to Nome once he receives his degree.



#### Kylie Evans

BSNC shareholder Kylie Evans interned in the HR Department. Evans is from Nome. Her parents are Dave Evans and Lucille Sands and her grandparents are Laura Evans and Robert Evans and Dolly Kugzruk and Glenn Carter. She will be attending Texas Lutheran University to pursue a degree in sociology. Currently, she is finishing her Associate of Arts degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She plans to return to the region after completing her education and work for Our People.



#### Marilyn "Sunikik" Moore

BSNC descendant Marilyn "Sunikik" Moore interned in the Media and Communications Department. Moore is from Golovin and Elim. Her mother, Susan Dexter, is from Golovin and her father, Timothy Moore, is from Elim. Her maternal grandmother, Maria Dexter, is from White Mountain and her paternal grandfather, Joe Dexter, is from Nome. Her paternal grandmother, Jeri Nagaruk, is from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and her late paternal grandfather, Lincoln Moore, is from Elim. She is currently attending the University of Alaska Anchorage, where she is pursuing a degree in social work.



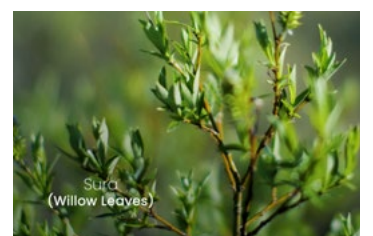
#### Sierra Musgrove

BSNC descendant Sierra Musgrove interned in the Legal Department. She is currently residing on Iñupiat lands in Uḡalaḡiit (Unalakleet). Her traditional name is Arnacuk. Her grandparents are Linda and Clarence (Junie) Towarak. She is currently a sophomore at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington (On Palúspam and Nimiipuu land), pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After completing her undergraduate education, she plans on attending law school.

## BSNC SHARES A NEW VIDEO IN ITS EDUCATIONAL VIDEO SERIES TITLED MAZZAQ TIGITTUAQ

The land has provided a livelihood for Our People for many centuries. Today our land continues to provide an abundance of nutritional plants and berries with vital carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals that sustain us year-round. The knowledge of how to harvest, prepare and preserve these medicinal and nutritional plants and berries have been passed down from generation to generation.

Learn about traditional plants from BSNC shareholder and culture-bearer Marilyn Koezuna-Irelan. Marilyn and her family are originally from King Island. Marilyn is a fluent speaker of Iñupiaq in the King Island dialect. She was taught by her mother about many plants that are traditionally gathered. BSNC thanks Marilyn for sharing her traditional knowledge for this video. BSNC's educational series titled Mazzaq Tigittuaq, Iñupiaq for "sunrise," celebrates the culture and knowledge of Our People. To watch the video, go to Bering Straits Native Corporation's YouTube page or <https://beringstraits.com/cultural-initiatives>.





BSNC BOARD APPOINTS  
ISAIAH (IKE) TOWARAK TO  
FILL VACANT SEAT



At a BSNC Board of Directors meeting held on Aug. 9, 2022, Isaiah (Ike) Towarak was appointed to fill the Board seat previously held by the late Henry Ivanoff Sr.

Towarak retired from the Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative (UVEC) in 2012 after 32 years of service and currently serves as Interim City Administrator for the City of Unalakleet. He is a Director on the UVEC Board,

current member of the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) Finance Committee and previously served on the board of Siu Alaska Corporation, an NSEDC subsidiary. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business accounting from Seattle Pacific University. Towarak was born and raised in Unalakleet and is the son of the late Clarence and Guerie Towarak. He has two children and one grandchild.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT:  
MYRTLE FAGERSTROM



When BSNC shareholder Myrtle Fagerstrom retired from a long and successful management career in the airline industry in 2018, managing a busy hotel operation was the last thing she could have imagined doing. Nonetheless, within a year of retiring, Fagerstrom, who thrives under pressure, was back at work for Norton Sound Health Corporation when BSNC Vice President of Shareholder Development Lucille Sands

reached out to her in July 2019 to ask if she would consider taking on the role of General Manager of the Aurora Inn and Suites in Nome.

“You’re not checking in passengers; you are checking in people,” said Fagerstrom. “In a way, it’s similar. In the airline industry, you work at a fast pace every day. You learn a lot about logistics. It takes a certain kind of personality to work under pressure and think quickly on your feet to fix problems. It’s been really stressful managing the hotel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stress has always been a part of my job, and I think that’s why even when I get tired, I don’t give up.”

Fagerstrom was born and raised in Golovin and attended Covenant High School in Unalakleet, where she lived until 1993. Upon graduating from high school, her first job was as an Office Manager for the Seward Peninsula Flying Service. She then took a brief professional break to be a mother. She later worked at HeadStart and then returned to work for Ravn Alaska, where she worked as a Station Manager until her first retirement on Aug. 31, 2018.

Fagerstrom has excelled at managing the hotel during a challenging time for the hospitality industry. She has taken on more challenging aspects of the position, including working the night shift.

“When my dad died when I was 9 years old, I knew what he wanted for me and he never would have wanted me to give up,” said Fagerstrom. “My dream was to become a pilot, but I married young and started a family. My advice to young people is to go for your goals. If you have the opportunity to go and do something that you want to do, go for it. Just remember that there are consequences for every decision that you make. If you know something you do is good, there will be good outcomes. If you do something bad, you know there are bad consequences. And every day is a new day. Just because today was a bad day does not mean tomorrow will be a bad one.”

Fagerstrom and her husband have a total of nine children and more than 20 grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoys berry-picking, sitting by the fire at camp, being outside, being with family and visiting family in Golovin. Family and subsistence are important to her. She is one of seven siblings. Her parents were Floyd and Alice Fagerstrom of Golovin.

“I enjoy building positive relationships with my employees,” said Fagerstrom. “It’s a challenging job, but you have to have the right mentality. You have to have that strong sense of responsibility that you can’t give up. Even when I have a bad day, I can’t let my employees down because they work just as hard. My office door is open all the time.”

The Aurora Inn typically has 18 employees and is hiring. Apply by visiting BSNC’s careers page at [www.beringstraits.com/careers](http://www.beringstraits.com/careers).

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## VOTE YOUR PROXY!

### EARLY BIRD VOTING PRIZES

Twenty-five (25) Early Bird prizes of \$1,000 will be drawn from those proxies received by the Inspector of Elections by 5 p.m., Alaska Daylight Saving Time, on Sept. 16, 2022. All Early Bird winners are eligible for all other prize drawings.

### FIVE PRIZES OF \$1,000 WILL BE DRAWN FROM THOSE PROXIES THAT HAVE BEEN VOTED ONLINE

Go to [www.bsncvote.com](http://www.bsncvote.com) to vote. You will need your ID# and PIN printed on your proxy card. To be counted, you must submit your proxy no later than 5 p.m., Alaska Daylight Saving Time, on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. All online winners are eligible for all other prizes. Follow the instructions included in your proxy packet to vote. For additional information and the complete list of proxy prizes, go to [www.beringstraits.com/annualmeeting](http://www.beringstraits.com/annualmeeting).



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## Subsistence living video contest



**DEADLINE: SEPT. 30, 2022**

BSNC shareholders, descendants and their family members are invited to share short videos of their subsistence activities throughout the summer. Subsistence activities are integral to who we are in the Bering Strait region. Email your videos to [photos@bsnc.net](mailto:photos@bsnc.net) or send a message to BSNC's Facebook with your name, a short description of the activity and location by Sept. 30, 2022, and be entered to win one of the following prizes!

**Prizes:**

- 4-inch mesh – 50-fathom gillnet (bought from Norton Sound Seafood Products)
- 2 crab pots
- \$200 gift cards – one for each month (July, August and September)
- Ice auger
- Ice fishing tent
- Chainsaw
- Fishing rod and reel

Contestants must be shareholders or descendants/family members of shareholders. All videos submitted for this contest may be used in BSNC-produced videos, social media and website posts. Help us celebrate our unique lifestyle through your videos.