

BSNC ANNOUNCES 2023 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS



BSNC held its 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Anchorage, Alaska. The sole resolution to reduce the quorum requirement from 50% +1 of eligible shares present or represented by proxy to 1/3 of eligible shares was approved by shareholders with 74 percent voting in favor of the resolution. Shareholders also voted on the election of five board directors who will serve three-year terms. Incumbents Roy Ashenfelter, Debbie Atuk, Bobby Evans and Fred Sagoonick were reelected and Tony A. Weyiouanna, Sr. was newly elected to the Board.

Shareholders who were not able to attend in person were invited to view the meeting webcast online at www.bsncvote.com. Proxy prize drawings were held for shareholders who cast a proxy. In addition, the Young Providers, Youth Culture Bearer, Elder of the Year Awards and the Tim Towarak Memorial Scholarship were presented to recipients.

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BSNC WELCOMES TONY AHZOOAK WEYIOUANNA SR. AS NEW BOARD DIRECTOR



BSNC is pleased to announce the election of Tony Ahzook Weyiouanna, Sr. as a BSNC Board Director. He previously served on the BSNC Board from 2007 to 2010. Originally from Shishmaref, Weyiouanna now resides in Nome, Alaska.

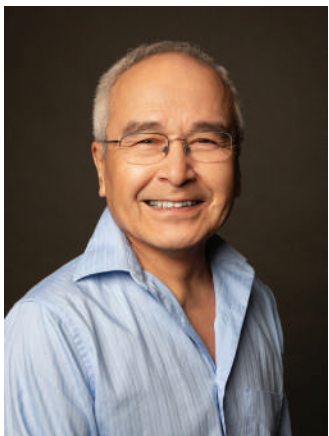
Weyiouanna, now retired, served as the Program Director of Land Management for Kawerak, Inc. Additionally, his previous leadership roles include serving as the Executive Director of Shishmaref Native

Corporation and contributing in various capacities for the Native Village of Shishmaref. He has also served as the City Planner and City Clerk for the City of Shishmaref.

Weyiouanna pursued higher education at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, from 1978-1982, studying Art, Business, Aviation and English. His commitment to service is further reflected in his honorable discharge from the Alaska Army National Guard in 1993. Weyiouanna has been actively involved in numerous boards and councils, including the Native Village of Shishmaref, where he

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BSNC ANNOUNCES THE ELECTION OF ROY ASHENFELTER AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



BSNC is proud to announce the election of Roy Ashenfelter as the Chair of the Board of Directors. Serving on the BSNC Board since 1999, Ashenfelter, originally from White Mountain and now residing in Nome, is a dedicated advocate for the preservation of the subsistence lifestyle.

“Roy’s commitment and passion for preserving our subsistence lifestyle and traditions is invaluable,” said BSNC Treasurer Deborah Atuk. “His dedication will

serve as a guiding light, reminding us of the importance of our cultural heritage and the need to protect our way of life for future generations. We are fortunate to have him serve as Chair of the Board.”

Ashenfelter holds an Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He currently serves on the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Board and has served on the White Mountain Native Corporation Board since 1984. In 2022, Ashenfelter was awarded the AFN Katie John Hunter-Fisher Award. This award is given to an Alaska Native person who exemplifies and preserves the spirit of successful subsistence hunting, trapping and sharing our way of life.

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BERINGIA SETTLEMENT TRUST ANNOUNCES 2023 SHAREHOLDER AND ELDER DISTRIBUTIONS

The BSNC Beringia Settlement Trust (BST) announced a record-high distribution of \$11.00 per trust unit, an increase of \$0.75 per trust unit more than the 2022 BST distribution. The BST distribution is funded primarily through contributions of the corporate earnings of BSNC. The BST beneficiaries are the shareholders of BSNC and have the same number of BST trust units as they have BSNC shares. The average BSNC shareholder who owns 100 shares of stock also has 100 BST trust units and will receive \$1,100.

In addition to the regular beneficiary distribution, the BST Trustees also declared a 2023 Elder Distribution of \$1,500 for each beneficiary who is an original BSNC shareholder aged 65 years or older on Oct. 2, 2023, the date of record. The distributions by BST are paid on a tax-free basis.

The 2023 Elder Distributions were mailed or direct deposited on or before Oct. 13, 2023, and the regular beneficiary distributions were mailed or direct deposited on or before Nov. 17, 2023.

“BSNC remains guided by the mission established by the Board of Directors to improve the quality of life of Our People,” said BSNC Interim President & CEO Dan Graham. “This priority has led us to continued growth as we focus on the future and celebrate the record distribution to our shareholders and Elders.”

The total 2023 regular distribution will be approximately \$7 million to BST beneficiaries of record. The total distribution by BST to BSNC

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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT & CEO



Thank you to those who were able to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Oct. 7 both in person and virtually. It was great to see everyone, hear your thoughts, and share our past performance and future goals as we embark on the next 50 years for BSNC.

Our business continues to outperform previous levels as we build on the trajectory established under leaders like Gail Schubert, our former long-standing President & CEO, and Cindy

Massie during her term as Board Chair. I have been working closely with our new Chair, Roy Ashenfelter, as we plan to continue taking steps to make BSNC the premier employer and service provider while guided by our corporate mission and vision.

Your record high dividend was mailed or direct deposited on or before Nov. 17, 2023. This \$11 per share dividend is the highest BSNC has ever paid and exemplifies the strength of your corporation. Both your Board of Directors and more than 2,200 employees remain committed to growing your corporation for years to come.

In closing, please remember our company culture includes Safety for Our People. We want all shareholders, staff, partners, and clients to be safe no matter what they are doing. As we welcome winter, take a moment to prepare your home and vehicles. This includes disconnecting outdoor hoses, keeping a headlamp nearby, and proper safety gear available in your vehicle or on your person when you are out in the elements.

Thank you,

Dan Graham
BSNC Interim President & CEO

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served and led as President. He also held key positions as the President of the Shishmaref Dog Musers Association, President of Shishmaref Emergency Services and President and Chairman of Shishmaref Native Corporation.

He and his wife, Fannie, are proud parents to four children: Tony Jr., Daphne, Clarence and Perry. Outside of his professional commitments, Weyiouanna finds joy in living the subsistence lifestyle, ivory carving and passing down traditional skills to his children.

His dedication to his community and profound knowledge of the Bering Strait region is invaluable as we steadfastly uphold our mission and pursue excellence and growth at BSNC.

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Elders will be approximately \$1.8 million. Since 1972, BSNC and BST together have distributed \$47.5 million in regular dividends/distributions and \$10.5 million in Elder dividends/distributions.

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

BSNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT: DOROTHY B. (KAKARUK) ISABELL INDUCTED INTO THE ALASKA WOMEN’S HALL OF FAME



On Oct. 18, 2023, BSNC shareholder Dorothy B. (Kakaruk) Isabell was posthumously inducted into the Alaska Women’s Hall of Fame. Isabell was pivotal in the early days of the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC), serving as one of its first directors in 1970. The Alaska Federation of Natives appointed NSHC to develop a model for community-based healthcare services, and Isabell played a key role. This first Board was tasked with bringing health care services to remote areas, with an expressed goal eventually to provide, “a comprehensive and quality inpatient facility in Nome.” In 1971, the Health Aide program was established. Isabell became an NSHC Health Aide Assistant Trainer, organizing health clinics

in numerous villages in the region. Isabell was instrumental in helping NSHC become the first tribally owned and operated hospital care provider in the nation. She was also a strong advocate for Alaska Native healthcare needs in Washington, D.C. Isabell impacted the healthcare and lives of many in the Bering Strait region.

Isabell was born at Pilgrim Hot Springs, a Catholic Church mission, where her parents, Annie and David Kakaruk, were caretakers. She was raised in Mary’s Igloo and Teller, Alaska. She had three children: Emily Hughes, Rhonda, who drowned tragically at age five, and James Kevin Isabell. Read more about Isabell at alaskawomenshalloffame.org.

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:

You may also call our Nome or Anchorage offices at (907) 443-5252 or (907) 563-3788 or email us at shareholders@beringstraits.com.

Print name: _____

New mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Social security number: _____ Date of birth: _____

Contact phone number: _____

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(If applicable)

I am also a custodian for: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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: _____

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:

[illegible]

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____.

City *State*

Signature of Testator_____

County of: _____(or _____Judicial District)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by

I, being first sworn, declare that the testator signs and executes this instrument as his/her last will and that he/she signs it willingly, and I sign this will as witness of the testator's signing, and that to the best of my knowledge the testator is 18 years or older, of sound mind, and under no constraint or undue influence.
State of: _____

County of: _____ (or _____ Judicial District)

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____,

the testator, this _____ day of _____, 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 beringstraits.com/shareholders/forms/address_name_change.pdf to update your address today or use the form above.

SHAREHOLDER ADDRESSES NEEDED

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 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!

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ELDER OF THE YEAR AWARDEES

BSNC honored Elders selected by their respective village corporation in appreciation for their accomplishments in maintaining traditional lifestyles and the determination to share valuable knowledge with our youth in preserving the culture and heritage of the Bering Strait region. This year, BSNC recognized the following Elders:

Thomas Ablowaluk	Mary’s Igloo Native Corporation
Eugene Asicksik	Shaktoolik Native Corporation
Sylvester Ayek	King Island Native Corporation
Maria “Isma” Dexter	Golovin Native Corporation
Peggy Hoogendorn	Golovin Native Corporation
Bertha Jackson	Golovin Native Corporation
Thomas Franklin Lee	Council Native Corporation
Frances “Apok” Muktoyuk	King Island Native Corporation
Ralph “Chubby” Olanna Jr.	Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Willa Tauzuak Seetomona	Shishmaref Native Corporation
Arlene Margaret Doris Soxie	Sitnasuak Native Corporation
Mary Rose Ann Titus	White Mountain Native Corporation

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Ashenfelter's commitment to subsistence living is evident in his extensive advocacy efforts, spanning local, statewide, national and international levels. He has actively promoted the subsistence way of life during his tenure at Kawerak, Inc. where he engaged in discussions at North Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings, emphasizing reduced by-catch of salmon in the Bering Sea Pollock fishery. His involvement in Alaska Department of Fish and Game meetings focused on advocating for reduced intercept fishing and offering valuable insights on game management. He also played a pivotal role in drafting the Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) consultation process, ensuring meaningful consultation with tribes and Native corporations on subsistence matters. At FSB meetings, he has advocated for enhancing subsistence access for Bering Straits residents.

“I am honored to have been elected as Chair of the Board,” said Chair Ashenfelter. “It has been incredible to watch BSNC grow and I am encouraged and excited to be part of this journey in a leadership role. I am committed to upholding the values of our communities and advocating for the preservation of our culture and heritage as BSNC’s mission states. Together, with the support of our shareholders and the dedication of our Board and leadership, I am confident we will achieve new heights of success for BSNC.”

Ashenfelter, born and raised in White Mountain, is the youngest son of Alex and Annie Ashenfelter, part of a large family of ten children. He currently resides in Nome with his wife, Loretta Bullard, and they are proud parents of two daughters.

MONTHLY STOCK WILL DRAWING WINNERS

Mail in your updated stock will today and be entered into a drawing to win \$500!

JUNE	Clement Richards Sr.
JULY	Jane Beckman
AUGUST	Isabelle Millet
SEPTEMBER	Cindy Thorne
OCTOBER	Jodi Komakhuk

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 2023 TIM TOWARAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEE



BSNC is excited to announce Marilynn Nashalook of Unalakleet as the 2023 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.

Nashalook is a senior at the University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA) where she studies psychology. She chose psychology to positively impact as many people as she can — and it’s a profession that will make her family proud. Nashalook says it hurts to see others in pain, so she is empowering herself to help those in need.

Fluent in French, Nashalook has earned the Seal of Biliteracy for the language. Always an ambitious student, she has accumulated a 3.94 GPA in her time at UAA and earned multiple spots on the Dean’s and Chancellor’s lists. Nashalook’s desire to help others is demonstrated in her long history of volunteering, which includes food prep for St. Patrick’s Church and the local food bank, as well as assisting with numerous student events at Anchorage schools.

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. For more information, go to beringstraits.com/scholarship.

MAZZAQ TIGITTUAQ VIDEO SERIES: MAKING AGUTAQ



BSNC is delighted to present the latest installment in our educational series, Mazzaq Tigittuaq, which translates to "sunrise" in Inupiaq. This series is a tribute to the rich culture and knowledge of Our People. In this video, join BSNC shareholder Agnes "Oonaleen" Ivanoff Baptiste, originally from Unalakleet, Alaska, as she guides us through the art of making agutaq.

Agutaq, a traditional ice cream dish, holds a special place in our culture; it's a dessert that symbolizes celebrations and important events. It also serves as a nutritious sustenance during long outdoor trips. Agnes, named Oonaleen after Arleen Katchatag, shares a recipe, rooted in the subsistence way of life. Raised by her parents, Richard and Marjorie Agibinik Ivanoff, in a family of 10 children, Agnes grew up experiencing the traditions of hunting, fishing, and gathering greens and berries.

Agutaq, as Agnes demonstrates, comes in various forms across communities, reflecting the resources available in each region. In this video, she showcases two types: fish agutaq and berry agutaq with dunnuk (tallow).

Quyaana to Agnes for sharing her expertise, enriching our knowledge and helping us promote our culture that makes us who we are. Watch the video at: bit.ly/mazzaqtigittuaq

BSNC ANNOUNCES 2023 YOUNG PROVIDERS AND YOUTH CULTURE BEARER AWARDEES

BSNC is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2023 Young Providers Award and Youth Culture Bearer Award. BSNC shareholder Martin “Qusiq” Kimoktoak of Nome received the Young Providers Award in honor of the late Francis Alvanna. BSNC shareholder Justin “Adsuna” Maxwell of Anchorage received the Youth Culture Bearer Award in honor of the late Paul Tiulana. These awards annually recognize young people who contribute daily to the health and well-being of their families, communities and culture. Kimoktoak and Maxwell were recognized during the 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

BSNC shareholder Martin “Qusiq” Kimoktoak respects all Elders and is passionate about his King Island culture and traditional way of life. He is the son of Linda Scott and the late Harold Kimoktoak Jr. He gives the Elders in his community Native foods like maktak, dry fish and quaq. He demonstrates humility and respect and lives in a way that exemplifies Inupiaq values.

Kimoktoak has been dedicated to Native dancing his entire life. He learned to make drums from his uncle. He is the lead drummer of the King Island Dancers of Nome and knows most King Island songs, actively continuing the tradition and culture. He drums and dances with groups from Teller and Little Diomedé and is helping bring back the songs and dances of Diomedé. He also brings drumming to those who cannot attend public events at Quyanna Care Center. Kimoktoak embodies Inupiaq values, lives his culture and helps others to learn and live their culture too.

Kimoktoak was recognized in honor of BSNC shareholder Francis Suluk Alvanna. Alvanna was born on King Island to John and Magdalena Alvanna. Alvanna kept his culture alive through ivory carving, making traditional walrus stomach drums and dancing with the King Island Dancers of Nome. He even made two King Island kayaks with modern day materials. He was excellent at string games and loved to share stories of growing up on King Island. He also served on the Board of Directors for the King Island Native Corporation and the IRA council for the King Island Native Community. Alvanna perpetuated the King Island culture and traditions throughout his life.

BSNC shareholder Justin “Adsuna” Maxwell has danced with the King Island Dancers of Anchorage since he was a baby and is now a dancer, drummer and singer with the group. Maxwell is the son of Brenda and Ricky Maxwell. Maxwell participates in subsistence fishing to provide for the Elders. He helps Elders by shopping,



Recipient of the Young Providers Award, Martin “Qusiq” Kimoktoak



Recipient of the Youth Culture Bearer Award, Justin “Adsuna” Maxwell

cleaning and performing household repairs. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in business and plans to pursue a master's degree in business management.

Maxwell was recognized in honor of his great-grandfather BSNC shareholder Paul Tiulana. Tiulana was born on King Island in 1921 and was taught at an early age how to hunt, read the weather and ice floes, and stay physically fit among many other survival skills. Tiulana grew up to become a leader in the preservation of Inupiaq traditions. He made the perpetuation of the culture and heritage of the King Island people a major concern and devoted much of his life to this work.

In 1956, Tiulana, his wife Clara and their children moved from Nome to Anchorage. Life in Anchorage took a considerable adjustment. He missed traditional dancing so much that he formed the King Island Singers and Dancers of Anchorage dance group in the 1970s. Tiulana taught the group the songs and dances passed down from generation to generation for as long as King Island people have existed. The group has traveled to places such as Paraguay, South Korea, New York, Los Angeles, Cincinnati, Santa Fe, Seattle and numerous places throughout Alaska.

Tiulana was an accomplished ivory carver and mask maker and taught carving classes and workshops for the Alaska Native organizations that serve Anchorage. He spearheaded a project to build a traditional skin boat, or umiak, in 1982 and he played a key role in the revival of the ceremonial Wolf Dance, which was finally performed in 1982 for the first time in more than 50 years. In 1983, Tiulana was named Citizen of the Year by the Alaska Federation of Natives for his work in promoting cultural heritage. Rarely had a civic award of this nature been presented to a practicing artist. In 1984, he was recognized by the National Endowment for Arts as a National Heritage Fellow.

BSNC SUPPORTS LOCAL GRAPHITE PROJECT WITH SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

At BSNC, we strive every day to help bring a bright future for our region and Our People. That is why on Aug. 28, the BSNC Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion supporting development of the Graphite Creek project by Graphite One Inc. The BSNC Board also approved a \$2 million investment in Graphite One, which Graphite One has announced it will use to continue pre-development work and a feasibility study on the Graphite Creek project. BSNC’s investment agreement grants BSNC the option to invest up to a further \$8 million in Graphite One in the future.

The investment agreement provides that Graphite One and BSNC will jointly establish an advisory board with the intent to foster communication of Graphite One’s activities and development details, utilize the local expertise of BSNC and provide a way for voices of local stakeholders to be heard.

“This is not just an investment in Graphite One, it is a long-term investment in our region. We at BSNC have watched for years as Graphite One has worked to advance the Graphite Creek project and

become a friendly neighbor in the region,” said Dan Graham, BSNC Interim President & CEO. “Graphite One has told us of its intent to develop an environmentally responsible project and provide an exciting economic opportunity for the region that hopefully will play a crucial role in the nation’s transition to a clean energy future. This is at the heart of our Board’s unanimous support of the project.”

The Graphite Creek deposit is a high-grade flake graphite deposit located approximately 35 miles north of Nome. Graphite is a primary element in large lithium-ion batteries used in electric vehicles and by utilities for energy storage. There are presently no active graphite mines in the U.S. and, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, the Graphite Creek deposit is the largest known graphite resource in the country.

In July, the U.S. Department of Defense awarded Graphite One with a \$37.5 million grant to help fund completion of a feasibility study, a critical step in moving the Graphite One project forward. BSNC’s investment furthers that objective.

BSNC WELCOMES DANIELLE RYMAN AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL



BSNC is pleased to announce that Danielle Ryman has joined BSNC as Senior Vice President & General Counsel. In this role, Ryman will serve as the corporation's chief legal officer responsible for managing its legal matters.

Ryman joins BSNC from Perkins Coie, a national law firm, where she was managing partner of the Anchorage office. Ryman has practiced law for more than

25 years, advising companies in and outside Alaska on their most complex legal issues. She is a Band 1 Chambers and Partners rated lawyer since 2013, recognized for counseling practice as well as trial experience in state and federal courts.

Ryman earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from St. Bonaventure University and her Juris Doctorate from Gonzaga University School of Law.

Ryman is the 2013 recipient of the Alaska Attorney General's Pro Bono Service Award and recently received the 2023 Robert K. Hickerson Public Service Award, a lifetime achievement award for outstanding dedication and service in the state of Alaska in providing pro bono legal services or legal services to low-income or indigent persons.

BSNC THANKS OUTGOING DIRECTOR IKE TOWARAK FOR SERVICE



BSNC would like to thank shareholder Isaiah (Ike) Towarak for his service as a member of the BSNC Board of Directors. On Aug. 9, 2022, Towarak was appointed by the Board to fill the seat previously held by the late Henry Ivanoff, Sr. Towarak was selected from a pool of 26 applicants, the highest number of applicants ever to apply to serve on the BSNC Board.

"I deeply appreciate Ike's service on BSNC's Board of Directors," said

BSNC Chair Roy Ashenfelter. "Ike's knowledge of our lifestyle and dedication to his home community of Unalakleet and the Bering Strait region was invaluable to the Board and BSNC's mission. Quyaana for your service, Ike."

Towarak retired from the Unalakleet Valley Electric Cooperative (UVEC) in 2012 after 32 years of service. He is now self-employed and has done work for Unalakleet Broadcasting and the Unalakleet Covenant Church. He currently serves on the Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation finance committee and previously served on the UVEC Board and the Siu Alaska Corporation Board. 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 two grandchildren.

BSNC WELCOMES SHAREHOLDER MARLEANNA HALL AS DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS & PUBLIC RELATIONS



BSNC is pleased to announce that shareholder Marleanna Hall has joined BSNC as Director of External Affairs & Public Relations.

Hall joins BSNC from Teck Alaska, Inc., where she was the team lead for community and public relations for Red Dog Mine operations. Prior to Teck, Hall served as the executive director for the Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. In that capacity, she

advocated for responsible resource development projects across the state for 15 years. She has a deep passion for 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.

Hall earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration Management from the University of Alaska, Anchorage.

Hall is originally from Nome, and currently resides in Anchorage. She is the daughter of the late Roy Walluk, Sr., and Sharon Walluk of Eagle River.

BSNC MOURNS THE PASSING OF FORMER DIRECTOR LINCOLN TRIGG, SR.



BSNC is saddened by the passing of former BSNC Director and shareholder Lincoln Trigg, Sr. Director Trigg, affectionately known as LT, was born in Nome to Arthur and Eva Trigg. He was 84 years old when he passed peacefully at Norton Sound Regional Hospital in Nome, Oct. 12, 2023. He was put to rest in the family burial ground near Cape Nome on Oct. 17, 2023.

LT proudly served his community and people of the region. In 1997, he served on the BSNC Board of Directors until he retired in 2009. He also served on the Sitnasuak Native Corporation Board of Directors from 1983 to 1998 and from 2012 to 2015. His commitment to public service also includes serving on the XYZ Senior Board, Nome Common Council, Comprehensive Alcohol Program and on the Nome Youth Facility Advisory Board. LT was a proud and dedicated volunteer to the Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Classic, from 1974 until his passing.

From his hard work and dedication to what he enjoyed doing, LT earned many awards. He was presented the Outstanding Services Award from Arctic Native Brotherhood and Nome Eskimo Community. Northwest Community College presented him with the Community Service Award for Education and Sitnasuak Native Corporation presented him the Service/Leadership Award. Please keep LT's wife Janet and their family in your thoughts as they navigate this difficult time.

SHAREHOLDER NEWS

BSNC SHAREHOLDERS OLIVER AND WILSON HOOGENDORN RECEIVE AFN'S WALTER SOBOLEFF "WARRIORS OF LIGHT" AWARD

BSNC congratulates shareholders Oliver (Tusagvik) Hoogendorn and Wilson (Mungnak) Hoogendorn on receiving the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Walter Soboleff "Warriors of Light" Award. Named for the late Dr. Walter Soboleff, this award recognizes individuals who enrich our spirits and unify and uplift our people. Oliver and Wilson were nominated by BSNC and recognized at the 2023 AFN Convention in Anchorage, Alaska.

Earlier this year, Oliver and Wilson Hoogendorn, from Nome, won the survival competition reality series "Race to Survive: Alaska." The show followed eight teams of elite athletes on a challenging journey across the unforgiving Alaskan wilderness. Without food or shelter, contestants fended for themselves and survived off the land. Over the course of six different race legs, spanning 46 days and 300 square miles, the teams traversed some of the world's most extraordinary and harshest landscapes. To learn more about "Race to Survive: Alaska," visit [nbc.com/race-to-survive-alaska](https://www.nbc.com/race-to-survive-alaska).

In the May 2019 climbing season, Oliver and Wilson were the first to summit Denali, which stands at 20,310 feet and is the highest mountain in North America. This year the brothers biked the Pan-American highway. They took a side trip to climb Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Americas, the highest outside Asia and the highest in the Southern Hemisphere, with a summit elevation of 22,838 feet.



Oliver is a commercial fisherman and Wilson is a diver for an offshore gold mine in Nome. Their parents are Brenna (Outwater) McGuffey and Willy Hoogendorn, and their grandparents are Martha Outwater, BJ Bains-Jordan and former BSNC Board Director Homer E. Hoogendorn. They have two sisters and four brothers. Congratulations, Tusagvik and Mungnak!

BSNC SHAREHOLDER ETTA TALL RECEIVES AFN'S DELLA KEATS "HEALING HANDS" AWARD

BSNC congratulates shareholder Etta Tall on receiving the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Della Keats "Healing Hands" Award for her work as a Tribal Healer. This award recognizes an Alaska Native who has demonstrated strong commitment, competence and sensitivity as a tribal healer or health care provider and whose accomplishments have most directly affected Native people in their home communities. Tall was nominated by BSNC and recognized at the 2023 AFN Convention in Anchorage, Alaska.

Tall, a Tribal Healer with Norton Sound Health Corporation, is renowned for her knowledge of medicinal plants and her ability to utilize them in crafting soaps, creams and teas. When traveling within the Bering Straits region, she generously shares her expertise on plants and their medicinal properties with communities. Tall's passion for plants extends to her engaging conversations and knowledge exchange with community members. She actively participates in activities and discussions related to suicide prevention, showcasing her dedication to the well-being of her community.

Tall's journey in the medical field began after her high school graduation in 1988 when she trained as a combat medic in the Army National Guard. Over the years, she has served in various capacities, including as a traveling Health Aide, Certified Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomist and Family Health Navigator.

Tall was born on Little Diomedede to Andrew Kunayak, Sr. and the late Justina Kunayak, Sr. Her maternal grandparents Lily Okpealuk and Michael Kazingnuk are from Big Diomedede. Her paternal grandparents are John J. Kunayak and Florence Kiminock from Little Diomedede. Her husband is Michael Tall, and her children are Albert, Lily, Michelle, the late Zaphenath-Paneah, Jeremy and Connor. Her grandchildren are Diane and Holden. Congratulations, Etta, on this well-deserved honor.



Pictured from left: Brenna (Outwater) McGuffey, Wilson Hoogendorn, BSNC Board Chair Roy Ashenfelter, Etta Tall, Oliver Hoogendorn and Michael Tall.

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BSNC RANKED #12 ON THE ALASKA BUSINESS TOP 49ERS LIST

BSNC has been listed as #12 on the Alaska Business Top 49ers 2023 list! The Top 49ers are Alaska's Top 49 local businesses ranked by gross revenue published annually by Alaska Business magazine since 1985.

Read more about Alaska Business Top 49ers at: akbizmag.com/2023-top49ers.



Pictured from left: Jorg Jensen, Operations Director; Kimberly Cunningham, Senior Vice President & CFO; Krystal Nelson, Executive Vice President & COO; Dan Graham, Interim President & CEO; Haven Harris, Vice President of Corporate Development; and Molly Webb, Sr. HR Director.

BERINGIA SETTLEMENT TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

BSNC shareholders and descendants of original shareholders who are enrolled in an accredited institution or vocational program and meet additional criteria are eligible to apply for BST scholarship programs. Funds are subject to availability and are needs- and merit-based. If you have any questions about programs or eligibility, please reach out to BSNC's Shareholder Development Department at SHDevelopment@bsnc.net. Check out additional scholarship and financial aid resources at beringstraits.com/scholarship.

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