



BERING STRAITS AGLUKTUK

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BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION

BSNC ANNUAL MEETING AT SHISHMAREF

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The 1990 BSNC Annual Meeting held in Shishmaref was very successful. There was a very good turnout for the meeting and almost the whole village turned out for the potluck!

Shareholders were able to voice their concerns to the board as well as compliment the board for their hard work in keeping our corporation financially stable.

Directors elected to the BSNC board for 3 year terms are: Henry Ivanoff, Carolyn Michels, Blanche Walters, Myrtle Johnson and Homer Hoogendorn.

I would like to extend a special "Thanks" to Vern Olson and Eileen Norbert for their years of service on the board of directors. Special appreciation was given to the four selected Elders of the Year. Vern Olson was recognized as BSNC Employee of the Year.

Morris Thompson, President of Doyon, was presented a pair of mukluks hand made by Emma Olanna, to extend our appreciation to him for taking the time to speak at our annual meeting.

The Five Year Plan is progressing and is scheduled to be completed by January 1991.

The biggest challenge for the coming year is to successfully defend our audit of our NOL's that the IRS is challenging, also ensure that our subsidiaries operate profitably.

Lonnie O'Connor
President

Bering Straits Native Corporation's Annual Shareholder's Meeting was held in Shishmaref, AK, November 3rd, 1990 at 10:30 A.M.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Homer Hoogendorn, Myrtle Johnson, Henry Ivanoff, Carolyn Michels and Blanche Walters.

Drawings were held for the three early bird prizes which were \$500 each. They were: Galen Paul Milligrock of Nome, Gwen Ann Mueller of Nome, and Ruth Hannah Seetot of Anchorage.

Chairman of the Board, Henry Ivanoff was pleased with the turnout at the annual meeting. Over one hundred and twenty people attended the annual meeting and over five hundred people attended the potluck that evening.

We would like to thank the community of Shishmaref for all their efforts in making this annual meeting a success and also the Bering Strait School District for the use of their facilities.

The officers elected for the coming year were Henry Ivanoff, Chairman; Lonnie O'Connor, President; Paul Johnson, 1st Vice President; Tim Towarak, 2nd Vice President; Blanche Walters, Treasurer; Carolyn Michels, Secretary; and Eugene Asicksik, Assistant Secretary Treasurer.

The following is a list of shareholders and the prizes they won at the annual meeting.

1. Catherine Irene Dickson, Nome
\$2500/Snowmachine of Choice
2. Katherine Johnson, Unalakleet — \$750.
3. Lena Mae Anungazuk, Anchorage
\$500.
4. Nora Jane Ongtowasruk, Nome—\$300.
5. Betty Jane Dennison, Washington
\$200.
6. Thomas Joseph Ablowaluk, Teller
\$150.
7. Paul J. Brown, Nome — \$50
8. Melissa Irene Farley, Nome — \$50
9. Josie E. Weyiouanna, Shishmaref
\$250.
10. Erika Fuller, California — \$50.
11. Helen Lockwood, Unalakleet — \$50.



**Morris Thompson, President of Doyon
accepting mukluks made by Emma Olanna.**

ELDERS OF THE YEAR

At the Bering Straits Native Corporation Annual Meeting of November 3, 1990 held in Shishmaref, the following four Elders were selected as "ELDER OF THE YEAR" for all their accomplishments in maintaining our traditional lifestyle and determination to share their valuable knowledge with our youth in preserving our culture and heritage of the Bering Straits region.

AGNES AMAROK OF GOLOVIN

Agnes was nominated by the City of Golovin for her warmth and sharing of her home and food to everyone all year round. She is known as "Mom", "Grandmother" and "Auntie Agnes" to everyone. Agnes makes our cultural activities a fun and learning experience. She warmly welcomes all ages of youth to experience the traditional camping livelihood, such as the gathering of salmon, cutting and preparing the fish for the winter; and her expertise in knowing when and where to gather and prepare local greens and berries for winter storage.

Words alone cannot show the deep appreciation and love for Agnes that the people of Golovin feel.

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LUCY LINCOLN OF WHITE MOUNTAIN

Lucy was nominated by the White Mountain Native Corporation, White Mountain IRA Council and the City of White Mountain for providing an excellent example of Traditional and Modern living by giving of her love, care and warmth for everyone.

Although widowed, she provided a secure and caring home for all her children and grandchildren. One of her many great strengths is her ability to hold her family together by providing peace, humbleness, and an equal love for everyone.

Lucy has helped the village by being a Mid-wife for half a century and a Medical Aide for more than twenty years.

She has preserved one of our Native traditions by giving all she has, prepared her family's life by teaching the art of subsistence life style and has a ready and wonderful smile for everyone. Lucy skin sews traditional clothes and other traditional home items and she understands the importance of gathering, preparing and storing of our traditional Native food.

A part of our tradition is to give all you have, prepare your family's use of traditional methods in teaching the art of subsistence lifestyle and have a ready and wonderful smile for everyone, which is why the residents of White Mountain have selected Lucy Lincoln as the Elder of the Year.

MARGARET SEEGANNA

The Kawerak Elders' Advisory Committee has nominated Margaret Seeganna for meeting the criteria of preserving our culture and teaching our youth about our heritage and lifestyle.

Margaret's family was from Big Diomede but Margaret was orphaned, grew up at the Pilgrim Springs Mission, married Louis Seeganna and spent most of her adult life on King Island.

Margaret has been active in education and taught Inupiaq language and culture at the Nome Elementary School; was a field worker for the Eskimo Heritage Program at Kawerak, Inc., collecting, transcribing, and translating oral narratives which dealt with the culture, heritage and lifestyle of Native people in this area.

Her co-workers at Kawerak stated that Margaret contributed much to the school here in Nome as a lay instructor and substitute bilingual teacher. She is a highly trained elder, determined to share her knowledge, and demonstrating the highest of professionalism in her work. Examples of her knowledge and writing skill are contained in the book **King Island Tales**, published

in 1988 and including numerous historical accounts and legends collected, transcribed, and translated by Margaret.

Margaret has been a full participant in planning for and being a part of the annual Bering Straits Elders' Conferences and has been outspoken on issues or matters of concern. It is with a deep sense of respect and appreciation that her fellow elders nominate Margaret Seeganna for the Elder of the Year.

CLARA SOOKIAYAK

Clara Sookiayak was nominated by the Shaktoolik Native Corporation for her valuable contribution for preserving our culture and heritage.

Clara Elizabeth Takak Sookiayak was born to Willie Takak and Hilda Nassuk Takak of Shaktoolik on April 1, 1930 at Issac's Point, Alaska. The oldest of nine children, Clara learned the responsibilities of raising a family often helping her mother.

She married Alex Sookiayak, together they raised seven children. Clara was hired by the Bering Straits School District as a Bilingual-Bicultural Aide since its conception in 1980.

She has contributed to the preserving of our cultural heritage and has taught the students of Shaktoolik schools the tradition of hand sewn garments. She taught the students to make a rabbit skin parka, fur hats, seal skin mittens, seal skin slippers and Eskimo yo-yos, using the "hands on" approach. They also made bead jewelry. Many of the students in both elementary and high school are learning the Inupiaq language. Before the Inupiaq language was taught, the children of Shaktoolik had no practical knowledge of our culture. She is resepcted by all the students. She had earned the deserving Eskimo title of "Aanna", meaning Grandmother.

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES CONVENTION

October 25 - 27, 1990

This years theme for the AFN Convention was "Celebrating Alaska Native Cultures & Lifestyles."

Many Elders addressed issues such as subsistence, family relationships, ANILCA, spirit camps, education, and drug and alcohol prevention.

Education and respect for one's culture and traditions were the main issues Dr. Walter Soboleff, a Tlingit Elder, spoke about as one of the keynote speakers.

Eddie Hopson, Inupiat Elder from Barrow, spoke from his heart to the delegates from all over Alaska about what his culture means to him, how we should celebrate our culture

by living it and to respect other peoples cultures.

The Alaska Federation of Natives' Youth Convention was held October 22-24, 1990, with the AFN Elders Conference taking place October 22-23, 1990. The Annual Alaska Native Education Council Conference was held also on conjunction with the Youth Convention and the Elders Conference, October 22-23, 1990.

The theme of the Youth Convention was "Alaska Native Youth - Leadership Begins Today." The theme of the Elders Conference was "We Live in Two Worlds with One Spirit." The theme for the Native Education Council was "A New Beginning."



**Margaret Seeganna
accepting her Elder of the Year Award from
Chairman Henry Ivanoff**

During the last day of the Elders Conference they joined the Youth Convention. The Elders feel that it is very important to reach out to their youth and teach them what they know.

During the Elders Conference, the Youth Convention, and the Native Education Council submitted resolutions to the AFN Board. All resolutions presented to the AFN Board by these groups were passed.

1990 AFN'S AWARDS

Each year, AFN recognized Alaska Natives through seven President's Awards and Citizen of the year.

The President's Public Service Award recognizes the contribution made to their community or region through volunteer work or public participation.

The 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives Citizen of the year was awarded to Athabascan Peter Kalifornsky of Kenai, an elder of Cook Inlet Region. Cook Inlet Region Inc. nominated Kalifornsky for AFN's highest award.

The 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives Parents of the Year was awarded to Billy and Elizabeth Sheldon of Noorvik. The parents of nine children, they have worked to instill in their children a deep appreciation of their Inupiaq culture and language, at the same

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1990 AFN's Awards Continued

time stressing the importance of education. The 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives Della Keats "Healing Hands" Award was presented to Bessie Kanningok of Gambell. Gambell IRA Council nominated Bessie for her more than forty years as a traditional healer. She was hired as a full-time village Health Aide in 1968 and held that position until her retirement in 1989. She continues to advise the current Health Aides when needed.

The 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives President's Award for Health was presented to Niles Cesar, a Sealaska shareholder, nominated by the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation of Sitka. Niles was instrumental in transferring several federally-managed programs to Alaska Native management, among them the Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital, the Juneau Clinic and the Mt. Edgecumbe Service Unit health care unit.

William L. "Willie" Hensley was presented the 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives President's Award for Public Service. Hensley was nominated by the NANA Regional Corporation, Maniilaq Association and the Northwest Arctic Borough. Hensley has worked actively in Native issues for over twenty years, beginning in the 1960's with the effort to settle Alaska Native land claims. He helped establish the Northwest Native Association and later the NANA Regional Corporation, he also served in the Alaska House of Representatives from 1966 to 1970 and then in the Alaska Senate from 1970 to 1974.

Ben Snowball was presented the 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives President's Award for Education. Snowball was nominated by the Cook Inlet Tribal Council/Johnson-O'Malley Program's Native Education Committee. Originally from Stebbins, Ben has been an active supporter of Native education for the past 17 years. He has served as coordinator, head judge and instructor for the Native Youth Olympics, and is currently employed as the Traditional Education Coordinator for CITC's Johnson O'Malley Program.

The 1990 Alaska Federation of Natives President's Award for Small Business was presented to Walter and Minnie Morris of Noorvik, NANA shareholders nominated by NANA Regional Corporation. Walter and Minnie have operated the Morris Trading Post in Noorvik since it was a small retail store in their living room. The Morris' were nominated in recognition of their dedication to the Elders of the NANA region. Now

Elders themselves, they have on many occasions made deals with Elders to allow them to purchase snow machines and outboards on their fixed incomes. All of these arrangements were based on total Inupiaq trust by word of mouth.

RURAL ALASKA HONORS INSTITUTE PROGRAM

The 1991 Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), sponsored by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, has added a special session to their program. In addition to other offerings, graduating high school seniors participating in RAHI will take a college English course and a college math course and receive six college credits. RAHI continues to offer a session for high school juniors as well. Application deadline March 1, 1991. Participating students are chosen based upon their academic achievement and record of leadership.

All students in the RAHI program are awarded a full scholarship which includes round trip travel to Fairbanks plus room, board, supplies and fees.

Applications are available at the Bering Straits Native Corporation office in Nome, Nome Beltz High School, Bering Straits School District office in Unalakleet, all the village corporations and all the village tribal governments in the Bering Straits region.

For more information contact RAHI at 474-6886 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or write the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 507 Gruening Building, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775.

BSNC FALL 1990 SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to the following students:

Austin Ahmasuk, South Dakota School of Mines

Helen Amaktoolik, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Crystal Angnabooguk, Haskell Indian Junior College

Karen Antoghami, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Paul Asicksik Jr., University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Colleen Aukongak, University of Alaska - Anchorage

John Bahnke III, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Wilma Brown, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Laura Degnan, Harding University

Angela Dillard, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Ronna Engstrom, University of Washington
Christina Gagnon, Mat-Su College

Michael Harhut, University of Portland
John Henry, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Peggy Hoogendorn, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Matthew Ione, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Curtis Ivanoff, University of Oklahoma

Carl Kava, Sheldon Jackson College

Larry Keller, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Archie Kiyutelluk, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Nancy Kokeok, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Cyril Lyon, Alaska Pacific University

Jolene Nanouk, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Shirley Newberg, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Joseph Odinzoff, Sheldon Jackson College
Tara Orr, University of Alaska - Fairbanks
Michael Penetac, Oklahoma School of Welding

Bonnie Piscoya, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Maggie Pollock, Keene State University
Benjamin Pungowiyi, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Colleen Ridley, University of Alaska - Anchorage

Charles Saccheus, Sheldon Jackson College
Dawn Salesky, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Shawn Seetomona, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Flora Tobuk, Gonzaga University

Karen Tocktoo, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Brian Wassmann, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Diane Wassmann, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Helen Marie Wassmann, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Lynn Wassmann, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Josie Weyiouanna, University of Alaska - Fairbanks

Clara Zepeda, University of Alaska - Anchorage

INFORMATION NEEDED!

The daughter of DANIEL LUPTON or LUPSON is looking for him and would like to see him. The daughter is not well and wants to see her dad. She knows that her father was in the service in the Nome area. If you know of the whereabouts of DANIEL LUPTON or LUPSON, please contact the address below:

KELSON VFW #3017

561 OAK ST.

KELSO, WASHINGTON 98626

Thank you for any information you may provide.

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WESTERN REGION GOVERNOR'S STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY CONFERENCE

October 12 - 14, 1990

NOME DELEGATES:

NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Katie Anderson
Jolene Lyon
Donna Ellanna

STUDENT COUNCIL

Kendra Nichols
Sara McCreary
Laura McGuire

FUTURE HOMEMAKES OF AMERICA

Debbie Tobuk
Melanie Bjorgen
Jonella Larsen
Dennis Bahnke (V.I.C.A.)

PEER HELPERS

Lisa Ellanna
Denali Elmore
Troy Walker
Alexa Martinson
Barb Fagerstrom
Boogles Johnson
Bobby Meeker
Paulette Roeder

Students representing villages from Golovin, Shishmaref, Savoonga, Teller, Kotzebue and Nome met from Friday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m. until Sunday, October 14 at 1:00 p.m. to attend workshops such as: Inhalent Abuse, Teen Pregnancy, Self-esteem, Cross Age Teaching, Save Your Smile, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Stop the Drinking Driver, Taking Leadership, Suicide Prevention, Aids Prevention, Street Drug Update, preventing Sexual & Physical Abuse, How to Reach a Friend in Need of Help, Bridging, and concluded with an Advisors session.

VILLAGE LAND PLANNERS MEETING

On August 29, 1990, BSNC sponsored a Village Land Planners meeting to discuss and distribute a 7 (i) Trust Accounting Procedures Manual to help assist the thirteen participating village corporations with their 7 (i) trust obligations.

The background of this meeting stems from ANCSA Section 7 (i), the 1982 7 (i) Settlement Agreement between Alaska's twelve regional corporations, and the 1989 7 (i) trust agreement. The 1989 7 (i) trust agreement was a result of BSNC's bankruptcy. In this agreement, 13 village corporations received control of the subsurface estate to some or all of their lands in lieu of debt owed by BSNC. Council, Inalik, Sitnasuak, and Solomon did not receive any subsurface estate on their lands.

Due to the 1989 7 (i) trust agreement, the participating village corporations have an obligation by law to distribute 70% of the revenues generated through development of their subsurface estate, which is distributed to the 12 regional corporations.

Mark Huber of Peat, Marwick accounting firm gave a presentation on the details of the 7 (i) trust accounting procedures manual and answered questions by participating village land managers.

Dr. Donald Stevens, President of Steven's Exploration Management Corporation, who is the Trustee of the 7 (i) trust agreement, gave an overall synopsis of the trust fund, emphasized the need for reporting requirements, and also answered questions by participating land managers.

The next Village Land Planners meeting to be sponsored by BSNC was held November 30, 1990.

Village corporations are urged to send in agenda items to be addressed at the next meeting.

Participants in attendance in Nome for this meeting were:

Toby Anungazuk, Jr.-Wales Native Corp.
Walter Weyapuk - Wales Native Corp.
Willis Kugzruk - Teller Native Corp.
Roy Ashenfelter - White Mt. Native Corp.
Irene Anderson - Sitnasuak Native Corp.
Harvey Sookiyak-Shaktoolik Native Corp.
Arlene Sookiyak-Shaktoolik Native Corp.
Loretta Muktoyuk-King Island Native Corp.
Gabriel Muktoyuk-King Island Native Corp.
Walter Seetot-Brevig Mission Native Corp.
Carol Oliver - Golovin Native Corp.
Roger Nassuk - Koyuk Native Corp.
Fred Pete - Stebbins Native Corp.
Luci Eningowuk-Shishmaref Native Corp.

ALASKA'S RED RIBBON ESSAY CONTEST

Winners of the Red Ribbon essay contest were Reagan Grandy of Petersburg and Virginia Janis of Anchorage.

Although neither of these students are from the Bering Straits Native Corporation, they both had award winning essays on choices of remaining drug and alcohol free.

The following paragraphs are excerpts taken from the essay of Reagan Grandy, which is very important information teenagers need to be aware of and think seriously about before becoming involved with drugs and alcohol.

"Some teenagers today think it's fun to 'party', where alcohol and drugs are plentiful and encouraged. It has never made any sense to me that my peers have allowed themselves to be lured into a false sense of security and power by becoming partakers of drugs. In reality, they are losing power and control over their minds and bodies. To illustrate the loss of power and control, I relate the following incident.

A young college student was arrested and convicted for using a controlled substance which is a felony. The judge gave him probation. Since the penalty seemed light, the young man turned to his lawyer and asked, "What did I lose?" The lawyer looked at

him and replied, "You have lost the right to vote, the right to run for public office, and the right to own a gun."

The lawyer further stated. "You have lost the opportunity of ever being a licensed doctor, dentist, lawyer, engineer, realtor, architect, private therapist, school teacher, or funeral director. You can never get a job where you have to be bonded or licensed. You can't work for the city, county, state or Federal government. You can enlist in the military service, but you will not have a choice of service and will probably be assigned to a labor battalion. Those are examples of what you really lost." It's an incredibly high price to pay!

A recently compiled study compares teenage drug users in Alaska to the U.S. The study concludes that Alaska's teens have a significantly higher drug use rate than those from the 49 states.

NATIVE PROGRAMS AT NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Public Forum was held October 4, 1990 at the Nome Elementary School Library to solicit ideas and comments from the public to improve the services and programs presently provided through the Johnson-O'Malley, Indian Education, Migrant Education and Bilingual Education programs.

Currently Native programs offer Native language classes for kindergarten through third grade as an after school activity. Tutoring services are provided during and after school and up to fifty percent of the tutoring services will be provided in the classroom this year. This past summer, with funding from the Migrant Education Program, summer school at Cape Wooley Lagoon campsite was held. The program was a tremendous success. Our goal is to continue the summer school program and possibly expand to other large campsites.

Bilingual/Bicultural Program Instructors teach Inupiaq and Siberian Yupik classes to 5th and 6th graders; cultural classes into regular classroom instruction for K-4 grades; adopt new students into school districts to assist them to make an easier transition to Elementary; tutors Bilingual students at Nome Beltz High School in reading and English; and assist students with language interference problems (students who speak little or no English or who speak non-standard English).

Migrant Education Programs provides tutors at the Elementary and High School as well as the Alternate Correspondence Schools; provides a Home School Coordinator to work on improving attendance, refers students to counselors and social workers, and acts as the liaison between the parent and school.

Indian Education Program provides tutors at Nome Beltz High and Alternate Correspondence schools; Native lay instructors for grades K-12; Native arts and crafts offered as an elective for grades 7-12 and after school activities in cooperation with Community (Continued on Insert -1)

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CONDOLENCES

The Board of Directors and staff of BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION would like to extend their sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the following shareholders who have passed away recently:

Feb. 2, 1990 Joseph Mosquito, At Large
Feb. 8, 1990 Todd Glenn Ankey, Unalakleet
Mar. 3, 1990 John Esenituk, Mary's Igloo
Apr. 15, 1990 Mattie Patrick, Wales
Apr. 15, 1990 James Kigrook, Shishmaref
Jun. 9, 1990 Harry Napayonak, Koyuk
Jun. 16, 1990 Gladys Phena Savok, Nome
Jun. 28, 1990 Amos A. Kiyutelluk, Shishmaref
Jul. 20, 1990 Sophie Swanson, Nome
Aug. 15, 1990 Mary Agnes Ellanna, King Island.
Sep. 5, 1990 Gordon Attatayuk, Nome
Sep. 5, 1990 Rosie Kulukhon, Nome
Sep. 7, 1990 Thomas Teayoumeak Sr.
Sep. 28, 1990 Elsie Adams, Koyuk
Sep. 29, 1990 John J. Wheeler, Jr., Nome
Oct. 7, 1990 Donald E. Lee, Teller
Oct. 11, 1990 Milton "Tony" Keller, Nome

DANNY KARMUN RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Danny Karmun, Reindeer Agent for the Cooperative Extension Service, has been selected to receive one of the two highest awards from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents. Karmun traveled to Seattle, Washington October 2, 1990 to accept the Achievement Award, presented during the Association's annual meeting.

Karmun has years of experience in working with reindeer herders in various capacities. Previous to his tenure as Extension Agent, he worked as Director of the Reindeer Herders Association at Kawerak, Inc., for 5 years. During his career in the reindeer industry, Karmun served as a strong advocate for the programs and projects benefitting the reindeer herders: inoculation against warble fly and brucellosis; training in treatment; and workshops in herd management.

Karmun has been the Extension Reindeer Agent for Alaska since 1982. During that time he provided field assistance and served as a contact for Northwest Alaska District reindeer herders as they moved forward in adopting new technologies evolving as a result of the reindeer research program. He provided a vital link between the reindeer herders and research staff by identifying problems in the field. His extension activities includes workshops, newsletters and the all important one-to-one personal contact. He was nominated for this award by his fellow Extension workers in Alaska.

The National Association of County

Agriculture Agents is comprised of representative agriculture agents from all 50 states and Puerto Rico, whose purpose is to further Extension education programs. Karmun will receive one of the 44 Achievement Awards, which are given annually to agents nominated by the agent's peers and co-workers.

WESTERN ALASKA TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Western Alaska Tribal Council held a regular meeting in Nome on September 26, 1990, with 16 IRA and Traditional Council Presidents and their alternates in attendance.

Agenda items addressed included: ICWA State Tribal Agreement, proposed regional restructuring, 1990 AFN Convention, village priorities, tribal status of villages in Alaska, ISS (Indigenous Survival International) resolutions, terminations of BIA National Training Programs, and program and village reports.

Chairman Dan Karmun encouraged each WATC member to take back the materials and information they received at the meeting to their villages to share and discuss further. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.

Western Alaska Tribal Council met in joint session on November 5, 1990 with representatives of Bering Straits Native Corporation, Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority, Norton Sound Health Corporation, and Kawerak, Inc., at Nome Eskimo Community to discuss the benefits of a regional re-structure.

KAWERAK, INC. ELDERS

The Kawerak Elders Advisory Committee has set February 4 - 7, 1991 for the next Bering Straits Elders' Conference, which will be held in Nome.

The theme selected by the committee is: "RECOGNIZING THE ELDERS' VOICE ... AS LEADERS ... TO PROMOTE UNITY," for the 12th Annual Elders' Conference. The elders will hold discussions on ways to get their voices heard in their communities, governments, and organizations to reincorporate their leadership into present day decision making.

Kawerak board of directors is considering changes in its by-laws to include 2 elder voting seats to the board. Part of the 1991 elders conference will include selection of 2 elders to fill those seats.

Kawerak and the Elders' Committee need your assistance in getting the conference organized. The planning process will include committees consisting of Kawerak staff and interested community residents to address

various areas of the conference such as: TRANSPORTATION, PROGRAM, FUN-RAISING, MEALS LODGING, AND RESOLUTIONS. Please contact Loretta Bullard or Mary Miller at Kawerak if you would like to serve on any of these committees.

The Elders' Committee members include: Job Kokochuruk, Hannah Miller, Nick & Lucille Wongitillin, Pete Curran, Minnie Fagerstrom, Myrtle Booshu, Clarence Irriquo, Margaret Seeganna, Bertha Adsuna, and Helen Senungetuk.

VPSO'S HONORED

Village Public Safety Officer, George Kobuk of St. Michael, was awarded the COMMENDATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL for outstanding performance from the Alaska State Troopers.

At the end of the week long training of VPSO's in Nome, November 8, 1990, VPSO Kobuk was presented the medal for outstanding performance during a potentially dangerous situation, which he handled in a professional and competent manner.

Trooper Litera stated that this is one of the highest awards presented to individuals in the Law Enforcement Agency.

Village Public Safety Officers, Clarence Savetillik of Shaktoolik, and Russell Atwood of Teller, were awarded LETTERS OF APPRECIATION from the Alaska State Troopers for their assistance to individuals in their respective villages.

VPSO Savetillik was commended for his quick actions and very professional manner in which he assisted with an emergency medivac situation.

VPSO Atwood was commended for his assistance in bringing out the facts in an investigation which led to an organization losing a permit.

NATIVE PROGRAMS AT NOME PUBLIC SCHOOLS Continued

Schools K-6; and leadership activities opportunities for grades 7-12.

JOM Programs provides tutors at the Elementary and High Schools; Bilingual instructor at the Elementary School; portion of the Preschool instructional aide; Jr.-Sr. High student leadership opportunities and travel. The current Native Education Parent Committee members consist of: Loretta Bullard, Chairman; Belinda Olanna, Richard Miller, Marilyn Koczuna-Irelan, Josie Bourdon (teacher representative) and Kim O'Connor (student representative).

There are three vacancies on the committee and those interested parents may contact Eileen Norbert, Native Programs Coordinator at 443-5351.

BSNC ANNOUNCES A JOB BANK INFORMATION SYSTEM

Bering Straits Native Corporation, in cooperation with Don Smith, Executive Director of the Bering Straits Economic Council, is in the process of creating a Job Bank Information System.

The goal of this system is to gain employment information about our shareholders so that we can assist them in finding employment. With the increased activity of our Land and Resource Department in marketing BSNC's huge mineral potential, the possibility for future shareholder jobs with BSNC and its subcontractors are outstanding.

We are asking all our shareholders to become involved in this system. On the following page of this newsletter is a "Human Resource Inventory System", questionnaire. We would like all of our shareholders that are interested in employment assistance to please fill out this questionnaire. The questionnaire can be folded and taped and returned to us (the questionnaire is pre-addressed and stamped for you). This questionnaire will be used as a first step in the process of creating a Job Bank Information System. Once we have received responses from the enclosed form, we will be contacting you by letter or phone to obtain further information. The initial responses we obtain from this newsletter will provide us with some data from which to work with. It will also give us an idea of whether or not our shareholders are interested in employment assistance through BSNC.



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NORTH & NORTHWEST ALASKA MAYOR'S CONFERENCE

Nome hosted the 11th Annual North & Northwest Alaska Mayor's Conference October 11 and 12, 1990. The theme for the conference this year is "Health in the Villages."

Senator Willie Hensley, guest speaker, spoke briefly of the Subsistence issues, reapportionment, economic development in villages and also encouraged the Native people to vote in the upcoming election.

The Honorable John Handeland, Mayor, City of Nome, welcomed the mayors and guests, stating that the issues of health in the villages were some of the same problems that Nome was experiencing.

Elections were held, Honorable Bob Foote, Mayor, City of Unalakleet was elected President; Honorable Jonah Tokienna, Mayor of Wales, elected Secretary; and Honorable Reggie Cleveland, Mayor of Buckland, elected Treasurer.

Bertha Adsuna, Nome Elder, was honored and recognized for her dedication and involvement with the many organizations within the City of Nome. She currently serves on the State Board of Older Alaskans Commissions, and the Nome Library/Museum Commission.

Keynote speaker, Senator Al Adams addressed several concerns of the people; investigate alternatives for decreasing the cost of living for the rural areas, economic development, determine if schools in each village are necessary, prevention programs for drug and alcohol problems, rural roads, subsistence issues and the need for Natives to get out to vote in the elections.

Preventative Health care panel discussions were held as well as discussions on Safe Water. Legislative reports from Senator Al Adams, Representative Eileen McLean and Representative Richard Foster were presented and winding up the conference were discussions on various options for economic development for our villages.

The conference concluded with a Potluck and Eskimo dancing following the potluck, which included the St. Lawrence Island (Nome) Dancers and the King Island Dancers.

WESTGOLD CLOSES OFFSHORE GOLD MINING OPERATION

On September 19, 1990, Western Gold Exploration and Mining Company, Limited Partnership (WestGold) announced plans to close permanently operations of its offshore gold mining vessel, the "BIMA" in Nome, Alaska at the end of its current season,

which is expected to occur by November.

WestGold Managing Director, Dr. J. Blair Hawkins said the company "reluctantly decided to end operations due to low gold prices and persistent losses from the operation." Gold prices had reached \$490 per ounce in 1987 during the vessel's first full year of production, he noted.

Mr. Cliff Nelson, WestGold Alaska Operation Manager, stated that most hourly seasonal workers and 19 salaried employees in Alaska will be affected by the shutdown. A small staff will remain in Nome until the mining operation has been environmentally secured.

A total of 30 Nome and BSNC shareholders have lost seasonal positions with the closure of the "BIMA". The Department of Community & Regional Affairs are implementing plans to provide those people with re-training or upgrading of their skills through the Dislocated Workers Program. Because of the tremendous numbers of workers affected by the closure, all those layed off will be eligible for upgrading their skills or re-training programs.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS CONFERENCE

Bering Sea Women's Group of Nome hosted the conference "Community Awareness" October 29-31, 1990 at the Mini Convention Center.

The three day conference, whose theme was focused on "Ending Violence", involved a report from the Alaska State Troopers on "Effects on Domestic Violence seen by Law Enforcement."

Keynote speaker, Barbara Miklos, Executive Director, Department of Public Safety for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, presented two workshops on "Effects on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault - Everyone Suffers."

After the second day of the conference, the "Soviet Eskimo Dancers" sponsored by the Bering Straits Native Corporation, Nome Arts Council and the Bering Sea Women's Group, performed to a standing room only crowd at the Mini Convention Center.

During the last day of the conference, Loretta Bullard, Vice Chair for the Alaska Women's Commission, addressed the many alcohol related problems, of which domestic violence is one of the major concerns in our villages.

At the close of the conference a special Candlelight Ceremony was held in remembrance of those who died as a result of violence, those still living in a violent situation, and in celebration of survivors.

SHISHMAREF TANNERY

Shishmaref's Tannery will open for business during the first week of January 1991! Anytime after November 21, 1990 Shishmaref Tannery will accept skins and furs to be tanned, although the skins and furs will not actually be tanned until the first week of January.

Beginning the week of November 21, Shishmaref Tannery staff will undergo the second phase of 30 days of advance training with Bruce Rittel, Tanning Consultant from Taunton, Massachusetts, for the tanning process for inland animals and fur bearing animals, such as; muskrat, bobcat, coyote, otter, rex rabbit, raccoon, red squirrel, grey fox, unborn alpaca skin and small and medium black bear. Melvin Olanna will donate a polar bear skin for use while training.

During the first stage of training for staff, in 1988, they trained on the actual processing of sealskins (approximately 50 spotted seals, 60 common seals, 1 adult bearded seal, 6 young bearded seals, 1 ribbon seal, and 1 ring seal), 3 bear skins, 2 wolves and 2 wolverines, which were all donated by the village people.

In 1983, the Shishmaref IRA Village Council decided that there was a need for a tannery in this region of Alaska. In 1984 and 1987, Morris Kiyutelluk submitted grants to various agencies, both state and federal for possible start up funds. In 1989 and 1990, Henry Ahgupuk continued to seek funding for the tannery. As a result, the agencies listed below approved funding for the tannery:

- ANA (Administration for Native Americans) for Economic Development, which is a multi-year grant.
- State of Alaska, Department of Community and Regional Affairs - RDA/REDI grant.
- BIA Indian Business Development Grant Program.
- State of Alaska, Department of Commerce Economic Development - Capital Matching Grant Programs.
- State of Alaska - JTPA sub grant contract currently being written with the assistance of Bob Walsh at the Department of Community and Regional Affairs.
- Shishmaref Native Corporation granted the Shishmaref Tannery a loan which is currently being finalized.

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Shishmaref Tannery Continued

All the chemicals which will be used for the tanning process are all environmentally safe and approved by the State of Alaska and the federal government.

During the month of December 1990, Shishmaref Tannery will publish a price list and make it available to all the villages within the Bering Straits region and statewide.

Tannery staff include: Henry Ahgupuk, Tannery Manager; Tanners: James Sinnok, Sharon F. Nayokpuk, Jonathan Weyanna Jr., Jimmy Kiyutelluk; ANA project Director, Morris Kiyutelluk; Secretary/Bookkeeper, Sophie Weyiouanna.

During the first week of January 1991, three alternate trainers (Hazel Fernandez, Vincent Tocktoo Jr., Dennis Sinnok) will begin training on the first phase of tanning.

For additional information, you may write to:

Shishmaref Traditional Industries
General Delivery
Shishmaref, Alaska 99772

or call the Tannery Office at 649-3581, or fax 649-3583.

LAND & RESOURCE DEPT.

Last summer BSNC had four major mining companies working on 6 mineral exploration and development projects on our lands.

Kennecott Minerals worked on BSNC lands for the first time last summer with a drilling project for tin on Potatoe Mt. near Wales and a regional exploration project for base metals on the Sinuk River near Nome.

Alaska Placer Development, also a new lessee last year, conducted drilling and test pitting for placer gold on Solomon Native Corporation lands.

Tenneco, another new lessee, picked up the Rock Creek lease north of Nome. In addition to detailed studies and drilling at Rock Creek, Tenneco conducted a regional gold exploration project and discovered five new gold bearing regions.

BHP-Utah continued drilling, mapping, and sampling projects at Mt. Distan and Bluff. Also during the 1990 field season BSNC initiated an in-house exploration program.

BSNC received consent to explore lands jointly owned by BSNC and the villages of Brevig Mission, Golovin, King Island, Koyuk, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Solomon, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, White Mountain and Inalik. Work was done on lands of five villages and on most projects, locals were hired from the village.

This preliminary, low cost, in-house exploration will increase the marketability of our

lands.

Work was done by BSNC staff this past summer in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Mines who paid for travel, room and board, and sample analysis.

An expanded program is planned for 1991 with joint projects with the USGS, the US Geological Survey, and the State Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS).

BSNC and DGGS jointly sponsored a one day seminar on the mineral resources of the Seward Peninsula. Seven representatives from mining companies and governments mapping agencies addressed over 30 participants. Proceedings from the seminar will be published this winter. This meeting was instrumental in generating financial support for field work from government agencies.

The third in a series of Village Land Managers Meetings sponsored by BSNC was held on November 30, 1990. The topics of discussion for this meeting will be resource development policies, antiquities and artifacts, gravel sales, 7 (i) revenue sharing problems, 14 (c) 3 townsites, mining contracts, and trespass.

100 YEARS OF REINDEER IN ALASKA

Sinrock Mary, Emma Willooya, Robert Apok, Chester Seveck and Jimmie Toolie have one thing in common — reindeer herding. These memorable people and others are part of the unique reindeer herding history of the Seward Peninsula.

The year 1991 marks the centennial year for reindeer in Alaska. In 1891 Reverend Sheldon Jackson, who was the General Agent of Education for Alaska, arranged for the experimental shipment of sixteen reindeer from Siberia to islands in the Aleutian Chain. Following the success of that shipment, 171 reindeer were transported by boat from Siberia to the newly created Teller Reindeer Station. Since that time reindeer have naturally increased in numbers throughout Alaska and reached a high of 641,000 in 1932 before a dramatic decline.

Currently there are approximately 25,000 reindeer on the Seward Peninsula, which makes up about two-thirds of the state population of about 37,300 head of reindeer.

The Reindeer Herders Association has developed plans to celebrate the centennial year of reindeer in Alaska. Activities planned include an exhibition of archival photographs and items made for or from reindeer. A commemorative day is scheduled for mid-March and will include special speakers, videos and the annual reindeer potluck.

The AFN Convention passed Resolution 90-08 which recognizes the unique contributions and opportunities afforded Alaska Native people by the reindeer industry and joins in commemorating 100 years of reindeer herding in Alaska.

For information contact RHA at Kawerak, 443-5231.

BSNC NEW STAFF

Lonnie O'Connor is not new as staff, as he was President on a part-time basis. As of September 1990, he is now on staff on a full time basis.

Jack Carpenter has been newly hired, September 1990, as the Vice President of Operations for Bering Straits Native Corporation. Jack, a Nomeite, comes to us with many years of experience as an Administrator. BSNC is proud to have him on board. Welcome Jack!

BSNC also welcomes the newly hired Grantswriter/Planner, Ad Beylund, BSNC shareholder, who will be on staff during the first week of December 1990. Ad has worked extensively with other regional non-profits statewide successfully as a Grantswriter/Planner. He will be working closely with Don Smith, Executive Director for the Bering Straits Economic Council, Loretta Bullard, Deputy Director for Kawerak, Inc. and Dan Duame, Tribal Grantswriter/Planner for Kawerak. This group will focus on seeking grants to promote economic and social development and infrastructure projects for the Bering Straits region.

The Senior Accountant position for Bering Straits Native Corporation is currently being advertised and is not filled as of this date.

Glenda (Tuna) Ryan Sherman, BSNC shareholder, was hired in August 1990 as Secretary, who will be shared between the Land & Resources Department and the Shareholder Relations Department. Tuna comes to BSNC after many years with the Bering Straits School District in Unalakleet. Welcome to Bering Straits Native Corporation!

BSNC Board of Directors and Staff would like to wish all our shareholders and their families at home and overseas, during the upcoming holidays — A Safe and Happy Holiday!!

A Special Quianna to Our Elders!
Quyanaighii Kuusma!

Quyaa Na Miik Anaa Yuun Ni Pa Lua Taq!
Cus A Mas I Lua Tau Mau Tin!

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BSNC SHAREHOLDERS — WHERE ARE YOU?

The Bering Straits Native Corporation has the following list of people as lost shareholders. If you know of the whereabouts of any of these shareholders, please contact the BSNC office with new addresses as soon as possible. Your change of address must be submitted in writing.

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Barr, Margaret
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Bell, Franklin Irving
Beltz, George Ernest
Berg, George E.
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Bond, Shelly Ann
Bourdon, John Paul
Braecklein, Emilie A.
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Giger, Elizabeth Joann
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Heilesen, Alice Louise
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Reynek, Virginia Helen
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BSNC SHAREHOLDER CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ!

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Without your current address and name change, important documents such as the proxy card and proxy information, dividends, and the newsletter will not reach you.

Below is an address change form which can be filled out and mailed.

BSNC SHAREHOLDER CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

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**BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION
P.O. BOX 1008
NOME, ALASKA 99762 or CALL (907) 443-5252**

NAME _____

NEW NAME _____

ID NO. _____ SS NUMBER _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(LIST ANY OTHER STOCKHOLDERS MOVING TO SAME ADDRESS, SPOUSE, CHILDREN)

IF YOU KNOW OF A SHAREHOLDER WHO IS DECEASED, PLEASE WRITE US FOR AN INHERITANCE QUESTIONNAIRE AND AFFIDAVIT AND LIST THE NAME OF THE DECEASED SHAREHOLDER.

PERSON REQUESTING FORM _____

ADDRESS _____

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