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ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE Page 5

The date of the 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders has been changed to **November 12**. See inside for more information.



VILLAGE VISITS RETURN! Page 2

After a nearly two-year hiatus, we're thrilled to be back in our region conducting village visits! See where we've been so far, and where we're headed in August.



SHAREHOLDER CORNER Page 10

We have launched our TAC Talent Bank, as well as registries for Unangaġ artists and businesses. Get the details in the Shareholder Corner.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Aang Unanga Family,

It was so good to be back in our region visiting with shareholders and descendants.

A few weeks ago, The Aleut

Corporation staff and a small film crew landed in Unalaska, where we kicked off our first leg of a multi-day tour, visiting Unalaska, Nikolski, and Akutan. Unfortunately, we were not able to stop in Atka due to weather.

On my first morning in Unalaska, the Museum of the Aleutians Executive Director Virginia Hatfield gave us a behind-the-scenes tour. I was stunned to see an exhibit on hunting spears, featuring work and quotes from my grandfather William Tcheripanoff. You can see the care and attention that goes into each exhibit.

Afterwards, I had the chance to sit down with the Ounalashka Corporation (OC) and their Board of Directors to discuss how TAC and OC can better partner for the future. Then, we visited the Qawalangin Tribe before our shareholder meeting. Turnout for the meeting was great, with well over 50 shareholders and descendants in attendance.

The next day, we landed in Nikolski. What an amazing community on the edge of stunning Umnak Island! We met with our shareholders and descendants in the community center and visited the APICDA lodge, the church, and an incredible



▲ Image A: Shareholder meeting in Unalaska.

community greenhouse. Unfortunately, weather prevented us from staying the night and our time was cut short. The community of Nikolski was a very gracious and wonderful host.

My mother, Sarah Tcheripanoff Virg-In, joined us in Akutan, the town where she grew up. I met family for the first time and hugged others I hadn't seen since I was a kid. Akutan welcomed us with a community potluck after our shareholder meeting. The food was fantastic! We were privileged to spend the day with Josephine Shangin, President of the Akutan Corporation, while she taught kids how to braid seal intestine. And with Hugh Pelkey, a talented Unangan artist, who shared with us the skills he learned under my grandfather.

We have an important update to announce regarding our 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders. On the recommendation of TAC Management, the Board of Directors has voted to move this year's meeting from October 15 to November 12, 2022. This change is due to Aleut Federal's portion of the annual audit taking longer than anticipated.

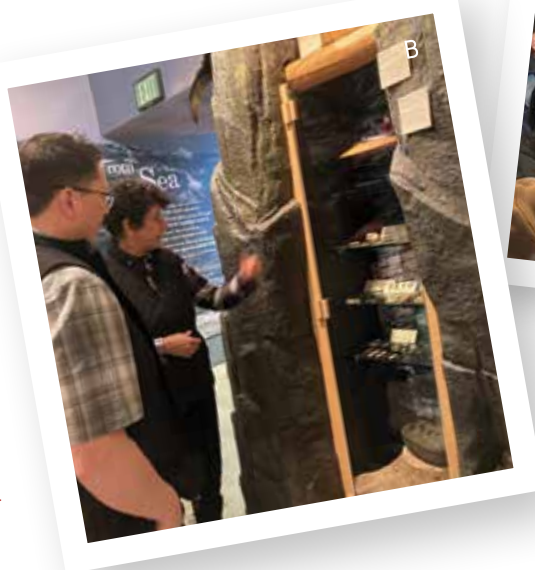
Aleut Federal is our largest subsidiary with approximately 800 employees. Focused primarily on government contracting, they are responsible for 80% of our revenue and operating income. This past year has been one of stabilization for Aleut Federal. In response to their financial challenges in Fiscal Year 21, the Board moved quickly to bring in new TAC leadership, oversee the restructuring of Aleut Federal's operations, support the implementation of a new financial management system, and hire new auditors. These changes were necessary last year to secure Aleut Federal's foundation for growth.

I cannot say enough how grateful and honored I am to be able to serve you and I am truly sorry for any impact this date change may have on your travel plans. We look forward to seeing you either for an upcoming community visit in August, or on November 12 for the 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Keep an eye on your inbox and our social media channels for more information in the coming weeks.

Qaḡaasakung,

Skoey Vergen
President & CEO

► Image B: Skoey Vergen and Virginia Hatfield tour Museum of the Aleutians.



▲ Image C: Akutan welcomes TAC with a delicious and heartwarming potluck.



◀ Image D: Captain assists Skoey with drawing a winner.



▲ Image E: Josephine Shangin teaches kids how to braid seal intestine.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT



Dear Shareholders & Descendants,

This summer has already been an incredibly busy time. We are so grateful for the gifts and resources nature provides during these long, sun-filled days.

We had over 400 people attend

the Annual Aleut Picnic! Thank you to The Aleut Foundation for putting on this event and to all our volunteers who made it happen.

The Aleut Corporation has recently relaunched our TAC Talent Bank. This will be a valuable tool for our shareholders and descendants who are starting their careers or looking for a change. This will also inform The Aleut Corporation about the fields and industries our shareholders and descendants are pursuing, so TAC can tailor internship and career opportunities to better serve our shareholders.

In order for the Talent Bank to be effective, we need your participation. TAC is hosting a Talent Bank Giveaway. Enter by completing your profile. Even if you have done it in the past, log back in and update your information. \$100 to one lucky winner will be announced August 31. Instructions on how to access and update your Talent Bank profile via the Shareholder Portal is on page 11 of this newsletter.

As Skoey's letter mentions, we have a significant change regarding the 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders. On the recommendation of Skoey and the TAC Management Team, the Board of Directors voted to postpone the date of our Annual Meeting this year – from October 15 to November 12. The Board agrees with TAC management that taking additional time to be accurate and thorough with the audit is the right course of action. I'd like to reassure our shareholders that while Aleut Federal continues to stabilize, our underlying business is sound.

The Board recognizes that this date change will impact you, and we apologize for any inconvenience or complications this may cause to your travel plans.

We will be increasing our Early-Bird prizes for online and mail-in voting. TAC staff is in the process of revising dates and deadlines for proxy submission. New dates will be communicated in the coming weeks via email and social media.

On behalf of your entire Board of Directors, we wish you a safe and fruitful summer! We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time, and we look forward to seeing you at the 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders on November 12.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Nelson
Chairman of the Board



IN-REGION COMMUNITY VISITS

The first leg of our in-region travel was a huge success! It was great seeing our shareholders and being back in-region. We are happy to share a few highlights from our visit.

UNALASKA

Image A: Father Evon Bereskin giving TAC a tour of Holy Ascension of Our Lord Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

Image B: Kathy Grimnes preparing for her TAC at 50 Interview.

Image C: Aaykaaḡuḡor Uuquchiingim uluudaa (western dialect), "Red Fox."

NIKOLSKI

Image D: Angela Bourdukofsky and David Dushkin walk through Nikolski.

Image E: Agrafina Kerr wins big at the Nikolski shareholder meeting.

AKUTAN

Image F: Shawn Philemonof and Ian Shangin go kayaking in Akutan.

Image G: Haliehana Stepetin and Richard Stepetin are on the lookout for salmon and humpback whales.

SHAREHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE

We are very excited to announce our upcoming shareholder meeting schedule. We will be in Seattle before heading back out to our region. Unfortunately, due to COVID and current travel restrictions, we've canceled our July trip to the Pribilofs. The schedule is tentative and subject to change. Look for updates in your inbox or on Facebook.

MEETING SCHEDULE

SEATTLE - SATURDAY, 8/20

Seattle Airport Marriott, 12 - 3 p.m.
3201 South 176th Street, Seattle, Washington, USA, 98188

RSVP: Call 907-561-4300 or email receptionist@aleutcorp.com

SAND POINT - THURSDAY, 8/25

NELSON LAGOON - SATURDAY, 8/27

FALSE PASS - SUNDAY, 8/28

KING COVE - TUESDAY, 8/30

Locations and times are subject to change. Be on the lookout for more information.

Annual Meeting

DATE CHANGE

TAC's Board of Directors has voted to move the 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders from October 15, 2022, to November 12, 2022, to provide additional time for TAC Management to complete the annual audit. We apologize for any inconvenience or disruption this may cause to your travel plans.

As a result of this change of date, we are revising dates and deadlines for proxy submission and early-bird prizes. Shareholders can also expect their Annual Report and Proxy Packet to arrive in the mail by mid-October at the earliest.

Please watch our social media channels and your inbox for additional updates, information, and finalized dates and deadlines in the coming weeks.

Despite this change, we are excited to be back in person for our Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

All shareholders and descendants are welcome and encouraged to join us to learn more about TAC's updates and goals for the future and elect Directors to The Aleut Corporation's Board.

How fitting that it is also our 50th Annual Meeting. Fifty years of The Aleut Corporation is a momentous feat, and we are excited to see what the next 50 years has in store for our shareholders and descendants! We can't wait to see you. But don't worry; if you're not able to make it, we will still offer a live-streaming option.

50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

MEETING THEME: Anuḡ ikukuḡ (The Current is Changing): Transition to the Future

LOCATION: Dena'ina Convention Center, Anchorage

EVENT SCHEDULE: 10:00 - 11:00 am: Registration Opens
12:00 pm: Candidate Speeches
Lunch will be provided
1:00 pm: Annual Meeting Begins
3:00 pm: Registration Closes
4:00 pm: Election Results Announced and Annual Meeting Ends
4:30 pm: Culture Dancing and Awards
6:00 pm: Reception
8:00 pm: Event Closes

VOTE YOUR PROXY ONLINE THIS YEAR!

Due to the expected delays in the Annual Report and Proxy Packet production, The Aleut Corporation encourages all shareholders to vote your proxy online this year. TAC is preparing to have the Annual Report and Proxy Packet available via the online voting portal by **October 1, 2022**.

Due to these delays, we will be doing **two rounds of Early-Bird Deadlines and Prizes**, one for online voting and a second for mail-in voting. Early-Bird winners will be announced **October 25, 2022**. The below schedule of dates is revised for the new Annual Meeting date of **November 12, 2022**; however, dates are subject to change. Please follow our social media channels for the latest updates.

EARLY-BIRD PRIZES

ELECTRONIC PROXY
Deadline for electronic proxy receipt by election judge is **October 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. AST**

- One (1) - \$2,000
- Two (2) - \$1,000
- Two (2) - \$500

PAPER PROXY
Deadline for paper proxy receipt by election judge is **October 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. AST**

- One (1) - \$2,000
- Two (2) - \$1,000
- Two (2) - \$500

VOTING PRIZES*

Deadline for proxy receipt by election judge is **November 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. AST**

- One (1) - \$5,000 grand prize - *Electronic*
- One (1) - \$5,000 grand prize - *Paper*
- Two (2) - \$2,500 prizes
- Two (2) - \$1,000 prizes
- Five (5) - \$ 500 prizes
- Five (5) - \$ 250 prizes

2022 ADDITIONAL TAC AT 50 BONUS PRIZES!

- Five (5) - \$1,000

To be entered in the proxy-prize drawing, return your paper or electronic proxy by **November 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. AST**. Proxy prizes will be randomly drawn by the Election Judge prior to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders on **November 12, 2022**.

*The Aleut Corporation Board and staff are not eligible for prizes.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROXY

Due to expected production delays with the Annual Reports and voting packets, we strongly encourage all shareholders to vote online this year. TAC will be taking extra steps to ensure you know how and when to vote online.

Please ensure your email address on file with TAC is accurate and up-to-date, as Shareholder PINs and IDs may be distributed via email when the election packet is live.

Included are instructions on how to access and vote online. Use this guide as a resource.

FIGURE 1

From any computer, connect to the internet and go to www.aleutvote.com.

Enter your shareholder ID number, PIN number, and the last four digits of your social security number to open your proxy form.

FIGURE 2

Carefully read the instructions and then mark how you want your votes cast among the Board candidates.

FIGURE 3

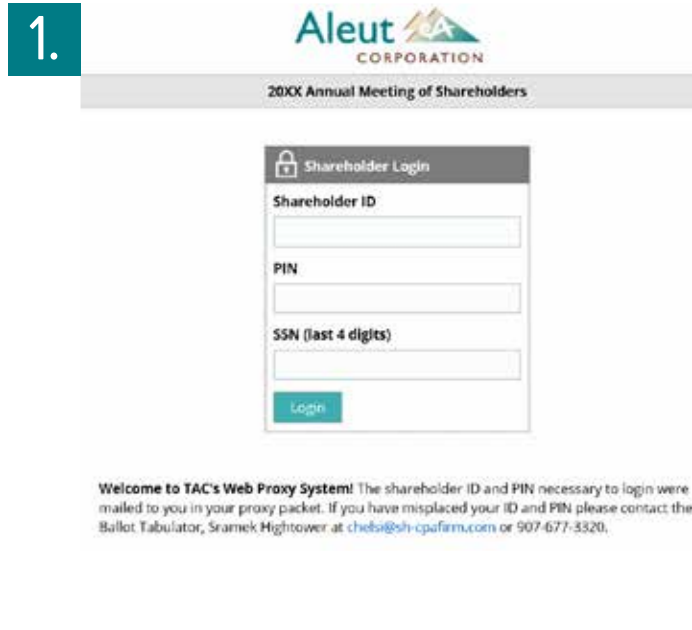
Enter your email address for a confirmation that you submitted your proxy through the internet.

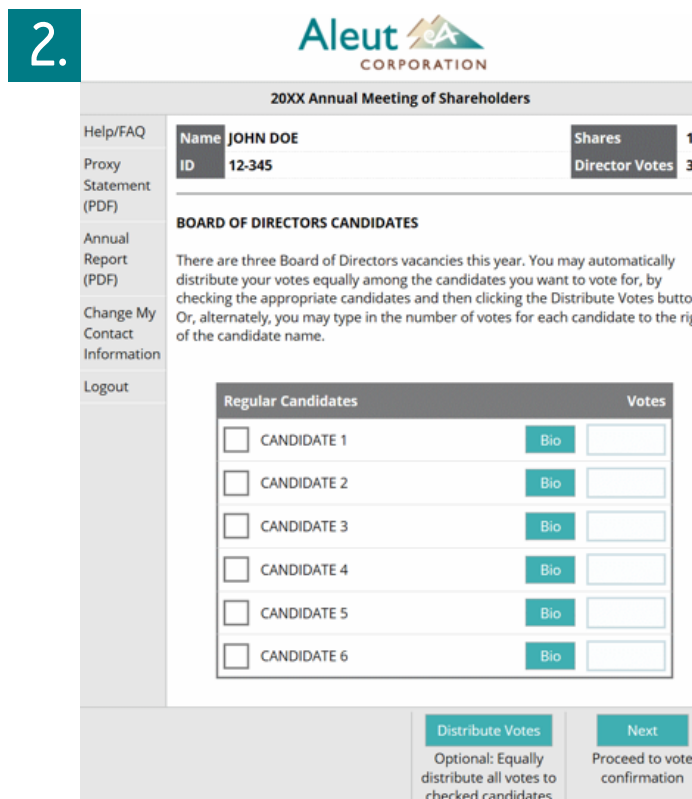
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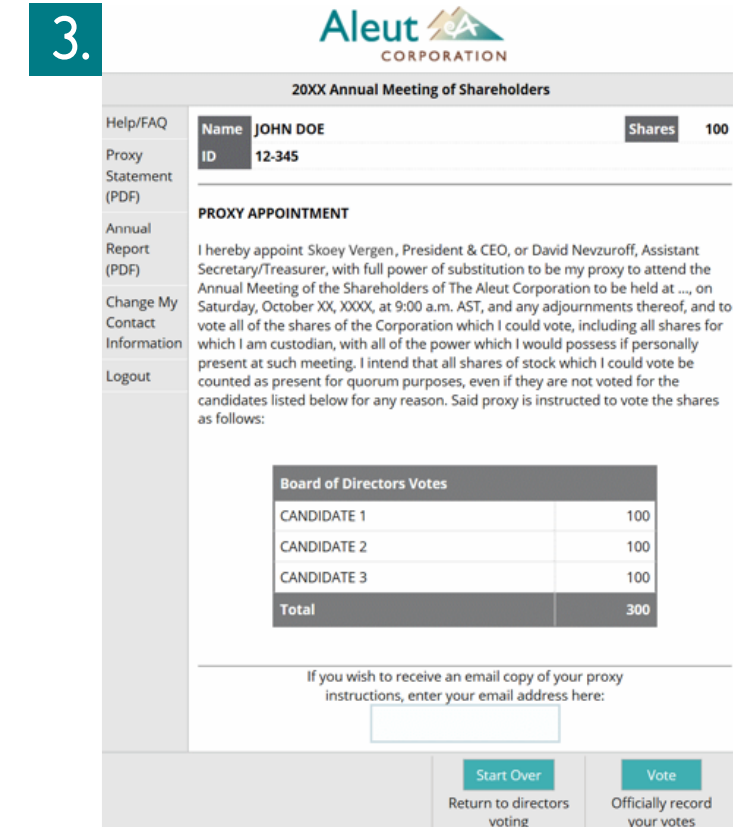
Click "Vote" and exit the system.

If you would like to change your proxy (written or electronically) at a later date, you can do so by following the same methods as described above. The electronic system will also let you know how you previously indicated your votes should be cast.

If you have any questions about the internet proxy that are not answered here or on the online links, please contact the election judge, Sramek Hightower at (907) 677-3320.

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MENU EXPLAINED

HELP

This link will provide assistance should you have questions or a problem.

CHANGE MY CONTACT INFORMATION

Click this if you wish to make a change to your address.

LOGOUT

This will end the session. If you did not submit your proxy by clicking "Vote" on the summary screen, the proxy voting instructions you entered will not be recorded.



VIETNAM VETERAN LAND ALLOTMENT

In 1971, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) repealed the Alaska Native Allotment Act, which allowed eligible Alaska Natives to apply for land allotments. Alaska Natives who served in the military during the Vietnam era may have missed their opportunity to apply. In 2019, The Department of Interior (DOI) reopened this program and extended the deadline to apply until 2025.

The Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program is open to all eligible Alaska Natives who served in the military between Aug. 5, 1964, and Dec. 31, 1971. If eligible, Alaska Native veterans may select up to 160 acres of federal land.

Recently, the DOI announced it is releasing an additional 27 million acres of federal land from which eligible Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans may select allotments. The new land descriptions and maps are expected to be published late September or October 2022.

Below are resources and guides to help our eligible shareholders act on this opportunity.

APPLICATION TUTORIAL
YOUTUBE LINK: rb.gy/axif17

MAP TUTORIAL
YOUTUBE LINK: rb.gy/gp2jvb

Contact Bureau of Land Management with questions at (907) 271-5998 or email CGrimes@blm.gov.

The Aleut Corporation is also here to provide any assistance.



For more information or to download an application, go to rb.gy/w7mevg or scan the QR code.



IMPORTANT DATES CALENDAR

The below dates are not yet finalized. The Aleut Corporation will be communicating any changes to dates in the following weeks via email and social media.

AUGUST 20

Seattle Shareholder Meeting - Seattle Airport Marriott

AUGUST 27

PNAC's Edna Larsen Huwe Memorial Picnic and Mini Culture Camp
6705 Puget Park Drive

SEPTEMBER 13

Record Date for Annual Meeting of Shareholders

OCTOBER 3 (TBD)

Shareholder Resolutions and Questions Deadline 2022 A.M. Rules Section III.K.

OCTOBER 13 - 14 (TBD)

Aleut Village Conference - Location TBD

OCTOBER 17-18

Youth and Elders Conference

OCTOBER 20-22

AFN Convention (Anchorage) - Dena'ina Center

OCTOBER 24

Early-Bird Deadline

OCTOBER 25

Early-Bird Winners Announced

NOVEMBER 8

Proxy Deadline

NOVEMBER 12

TAC's 50th Annual Meeting of Shareholders & Luncheon - Dena'ina Center
Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. AST

SUBSIDIARY UPDATE: ALEUT FEDERAL WINS SPACE FORCE CONTRACT

Aleut Aerospace Engineering (AAE), based in Colorado Springs and a subsidiary of Aleut Federal, LLC, has been awarded a \$10.9 million contract to continue its training efforts on behalf of the U.S. Space Force (USSF) 319th Combat Training Squadron and 533rd Training Squadron at Peterson Space Force Base.

While AAE was the incumbent, they had to compete against other qualified firms for the privilege of expanding upon our existing work in what is known as a "recompete." AAE's proven track record of consistency, exceeding customer expectations, and unparalleled customer service secured the win.

When COVID-19 shut down government offices, AAE reimagined productivity to ensure that all work was timely and efficiently completed. AAE's dedication resulted in the introduction of three new Spacepower discipline courses, including education covering orbital mechanics, radio frequency fundamentals, sensor management, and radar fundamentals. Despite challenges

presented by the pandemic, AAE placed more than 400 new space operators in the field – receiving high accolades for USSF generals.

Going forward, AAE will continue to perform training services in support of tactical, operational, strategic, joint, and coalition space operations at both Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado and Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. Its goal is to shift the model from traditional computer-based training to true collegiate-level, student-centric, engaging online curriculum.

"We are very excited to continue our collaboration with the U.S. Space Force," said AAE General Manager Geoff Vaughan. "Aleut Aerospace Engineering and Aleut Federal's reputation for excellence will continue to expand the opportunities we can provide to shareholders of The Aleut Corporation, creating a lasting legacy."

INTERESTED IN WORKING ON PROJECTS LIKE THIS?

Aleut Federal is always looking to expand our team with shareholders like you! This opportunity incorporates bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering, business, and more.



THINK YOU MAY BE A GOOD FIT?

Scan the QR code to apply to join the team!



WELCOME TO NEW SHAREHOLDERS!

Welcome our new shareholders! It has been a while since The Aleut Corporation has recognized new shareholders. This will be a recurring feature in our newsletters again. The following shareholders have received The Aleut Corporation stock through inheritance or gifting since January 2022:

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| Carolyn Patchett
<i>McDonough, GA</i> | Katelyne Potter
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> |
| Joyce Dushkin
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Jocelyne Potter
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> |
| Robert Gould
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Melanie Newton
<i>King Cove, AK</i> |
| Marlon Mercurief-Booth
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Christopher Newton
<i>King Cove, AK</i> |
| Ari Vergen
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Kirby Gallagher
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> |
| Roland Ivanoff
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Kurt Uttecht
<i>Cold Bay, AK</i> |
| Woodrow Ivanoff
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Darien Uttecht
<i>King Cove, AK</i> |
| Mayleen Ivanoff
<i>Anchorage, AK</i> | Landen Lekanoff
<i>Auburn, WA</i> |
| Shawn Philemonof
<i>Akutan, AK</i> | Hayden Lekanoff
<i>Auburn, WA</i> |
| Donald Kocher
<i>King Cove, AK</i> | Carly Grasseh-Nelson
<i>Lake Tapps, WA</i> |

- Justin Dushkin
Sand Point, AK
- Brandon Bogaards
Blaine, WA
- Jessica Bogaards
Bellingham, WA
- Madison Meredith
Anchorage, AK
- Jordyn Mercurief
Wasilla, AK
- Tylyn Mercurief
Wasilla, AK

- Ariel Stermer
Wasilla, AK
- Megan Mercurief-Spud
Wasilla, AK
- Ermogen Mercurief
Wasilla, AK
- Russell Tabios
Anchorage, AK
- Carl Lestenkof
Saint George Island, AK
- Todd Lestenkof
Saint George Island, AK
- Karl Smith
Sand Point, AK
- Slate MacLeod
Deer Park, WA
- Liam MacLeod
Deer Park, WA
- Zoia MacLeod
Deer Park, WA

- Teresa Boyer
Vancouver, WA
- Richard Bean Jr.
Mountain View, MO
- Valerie Austin
Milwaukie, OR
- Jeanette Tautfest
Sutton, AK
- Alexandra Lochbaum
Marysville, WA
- Lonnie Stanford Jr.
Kenai, AK

- Katrina Pierce
Kenai, AK
- Chassie Berntsen
Anchorage, AK
- Vanasah Ryder
Kingsland, GA
- Sara Smith
Rochester, NY
- Anna Spencer
Oneonta, NY
- Lisa Nevzoroff
Anchorage, AK
- Mario Zaochney
Eagle River, AK
- Robert Mitcham
Winfield, KS
- Vance Roderick
Portland, OR
- Sue Rushmer
Poulsbo, WA

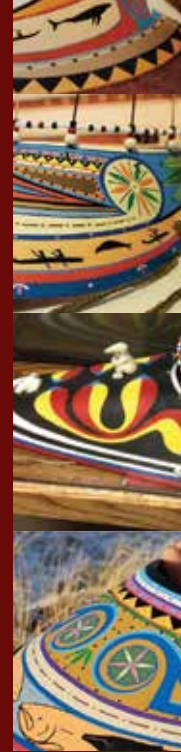
- Autumn Stepetin-Cliggett
West Chester, PA
- Sarah Dushkin
Anchorage, AK
- Brianna Dushkin
Anchorage, AK
- Kristin Dushkin
Anchorage, AK
- Arnold Calugan III
Anchorage, AK
- Neil Oustigoff Jr.
Webster, WI

- Corbin Borel
Houston, TX
- Maria Malavansky
Anchorage, AK
- Mickey Kimball II
Lawrence, KS
- Arlene Wilson
King Cove, AK
- Marche Meisler
Anchorage, AK
- Alicia Newman
Bellingham, WA
- Brooklyn Hamilton
Bremerton, WA
- Carley Bourdukofsky
Anchorage, AK
- Jacob Oriarte
Alpine, CA



SHAREHOLDERS STOP BY THE OFFICE

Shannon Gallagher (left) and her mom, Diane Wildes, (left center) stopped by The Aleut Corporation's office. We will be displaying Diane's beautiful handmade beaded glass balls in the 3rd floor reception area. Thank you for stopping to see us!



TAC TALENT BANK

Hugh's Unangan Crafts
by John H. Pelkey

Looking for internship, apprenticeship, or employment opportunities? Be sure to complete your TAC Talent Bank profile by going to MyAleutConnection at <https://portal.aleutcorp.com/home>.

Click on the "Talent" tab and enter your information for the following sections:

- Talent Profile
- Work Experience & Skills
- Education & Certifications
- Documents

You must click the "Edit" or "Add" button for each section to input your information.

GIVEAWAY!

Those shareholders and registered descendants who enter or update their current Talent Bank information by August 31, 2022, will be entered into a drawing for \$100.



If you have questions, please contact the Shareholder Development Program at shdev@aleutcorp.com.

Scan the QR code to find the Talent Bank.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS & BUSINESS OWNERS!

The Aleut Corporation is developing an Unangaġ Artist Registry and Business Registry to promote Unangaġ artists and business owners.

The Artist and Business Registries are a great way to proudly showcase Unangaġ heritage and artwork along with our hardworking small business owners.

The registries will be accessible on TAC's website. We will spotlight and promote artists and businesses on social media channels and newsletters. We are also working to provide opportunities for local artists to sell their work throughout the year.

More information will be provided via TAC's social media and newsletters.



Link to Business Registry Google Form:
rb.gy/xoyzjb



Link to Artist Registry Google Form:
rb.gy/mssgcm



HISTORIC MOMENT

Margaret M. Berntsen (1934-2020) was a shareholder born in Nelson Lagoon, AK. She was a proud Unangaꔁ business owner, fisherwoman, restaurant owner, AIDS Foundation advocate, cook, teacher, and much more. Below, is a great poem about King Cove, her second home, that she wrote for the May 2008 Aleutian Current!

FOND MEMORIES

By Margaret Berntsen Wisbey

The sound of the sea
As it crashes free
Takes me to the days gone by
I've missed the waves
As they whisper brave
And the wind piles the white caps high
The curve of the COVE
Mt. Dutton above
The shore birds so wild and free
Nothing can compare
With the safe harbor we share
And listen to the wind and the sea
King Cove is a place
That God in His Grace
Saw fit for all those who would care
Many Aleuts & other nationalities came
And we can all lay claim
To this beautiful cove we all share
Though some of us leave
You can all believe
Our roots are silent and deep
We are never away
How can we stray
We return to King Cove in our sleep

INTRO TO OUR VILLAGE CORPORATIONS

ISANOTSKI CORPORATION

NAME OF CORPORATION:

Isanotski Corporation

LOCATION:

False Pass, Alaska

NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS:

118

LINES OF BUSINESS:

B&B, Crab Pot Storage, Check Cashing, Grocery Store, Liquor Store

The Isanotski Corporation is leasing land to fish plants that are processing fish in False Pass. At this time, this money is being invested to create a long-term source of revenue. These will be funds Isanotski Corporation can pull from in an emergency should Isanotski lose ability to make money and to make major purchases (equipment and supplies). Isanotski's goal is to always keep businesses running effectively and to be a profitable corporation. Isanotski hopes to invest enough to pay dividends to Isanotski Corporation shareholders in the future.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Carmelita Smith

Tom Hoblet

William Shellikoff Jr.

Nicole Hoblet

Anne Morris

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SHAREHOLDER ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

KDAꔁ BY ROSE

For King Cove's Rose Pletnikoff, her jewelry side business is a labor of love. At Kdaꔁ by Rose, she sells custom-designed earrings that are inspired by the bentwood visor she created at culture camp.

"It's a very unique design," she said of the visor. "I incorporate fish-skin leather and beads into my pieces. I've tried hard to make my art meaningful and connected to our people and culture, and using that unique design is just one of the ways I'm able to do that."

Rose said her jewelry design and enjoyment of other art comes from her Unangaꔁ culture and growing up in King Cove. She started oil painting when she was in high school, taking cues from Bob Ross on television and using her dad's old paint supplies. Her grandmother taught her how to sew, and even helped her make her first quilt. It's a skill that has stayed with her over the years – since that quilt, she's always had a sewing machine.

During quarantine, Rose took up oil painting again and also started sewing masks. At the time, she was living in Kodiak, and the island community faced a major mask shortage.

"It was great to help people out in that way," she said, reflecting on the months in 2020 spent making countless cloth masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. "I started sewing headbands

after making the masks, and even dabbled in beadwork, which is how I came to start creating earrings."

Rose credits a couple of artist friends who saw her beadwork with giving her the idea for her business. They encouraged her to keep practicing her beadwork and suggested she consider selling it. Her business took flight from there.

Art is nothing without inspiration, and Rose draws her inspiration from her culture.

"Right before the pandemic started, I was working at the Alutiig Museum in Kodiak, and seeing all of the cultural artifacts and fabrics and designs and history up close and personal every day was incredible," she recalled. "I really believe it's important to get our Unangaꔁ culture and heritage out there for people to see and understand. That representation really matters, and I'm glad I can contribute to it."

In addition to growing up in King Cove and going to culture camps, Rose has also been a part of the Aleut Dancers group that has performed multiple times at AFN. All of that cultural connection has been deeply meaningful, helping inform her identity and art, and the continuing evolution of both.

"My art and earring designs are a real outlet for me – it's personally fulfilling and satisfying to do something like this," she said. "I hope my artwork serves as an inspiration for other up-and-coming artists to get creative, and take up healthy activities!"

BUSINESS: Kdaꔁ by Rose

FIND ME ON: Instagram - @kdaxbyrose
Facebook - kdaxbyrose

TRIBE/HOMETOWN: King Cove



TAF UPDATE

Aang Aang!

The weather here in Anchorage has been amazing. This summer is full of celebration for our

graduates, the return of our picnic, and the return of our culture camps. We are proud of our students that graduated from school this last semester and we hope they are all enjoying their summer and getting ready for new opportunities.

For summer 2022, we provided funding for our shareholders and descendants to participate in different events. We have several students traveling for culture camps to and from the region. We have seven descendants from the region participating in the Middle School Academy for ANSEP. In June, The Aleut Foundation helped support the Unanga dancers go to Juneau for Celebration 2022. We also financially supported the culture camps in our region and here in Anchorage.

For our high school students in our region, we will be supporting up to six students to participate in the Voyage school phases in the 2022-2023 school year. The phases are typically a two-week intensive course providing classes in culinary arts, emergency medicine, driver's ed, etc. Once we have more information on their phases, we will be posting that on our Facebook page.

AFN and The Aleut Corporation Annual Meeting of Shareholders are scheduled to happen this year. We will be providing travel scholarships for our shareholders and descendants to attend. Get your applications in by August 31. We are looking forward to seeing you at those meetings!

The Aleut Foundation is devoted to supporting our Aleut people. We have programs that we will be rolling out over the course of this year to further support our students and families. We invite you to call if you have any questions about our programs. We love talking with new students and their families to help them navigate our opportunities.

Qağaasakung!

Julie Toomey
Executive Director
The Aleut Foundation

SUMMER 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HONORS

Cade Austin, Computer Sciences - *University of Denver*

EXCEPTIONAL

Destiny Tetoff, Criminal Justice & Political Science
- *San Francisco State University*

ACHIEVEMENT

McKale Hill, Mechanical Engineering - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Alice Johnston, Allied Health - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Grace Dushkin, Nursing - *University of Minnesota Duluth*

PART-TIME

Vega Britt, Psychology - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Logan Dushkin, Mechanical Engineering - *Red Rocks Community College*
Brittany Gardner, Biological Sciences - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Carson Harris, Mechanical Engineering - *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
Kayla Kashevarof, Business - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Selah Kone, Psychology - *University of Hawaii at Manoa*
Addison Lutchen, Spanish Education - *University of Nebraska at Kearney*
Sean Mack, Geography - *Pennsylvania State University*
Kayla Marcoulier, Nursing - *Gonzaga University*
Kasie Murphy, Health Education - *Sierra College*
Amanda Poe, Psychology - *Alaska Pacific University*
Ashley Powe, Interdisciplinary Studies - *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
Edith Schliebe, Child Development - *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
Danelle Shellikoff, Nursing - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Luke Stowe, Business - *Alaska Pacific University*

GRADUATE

Christina Newhall, Linguistics - *University of Arizona*
Dustin Mack, Education - *Western Governors University*
Kallin Spiller, Marketing - *University of Hawaii at Manoa*

WORKING

Phillip Pletnikoff, Management - *University of Alaska Anchorage*

TATAAM UKUGAN IĀAMNAKUĀ

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE ALEUT PICNIC!

We are thankful we were finally able to gather after a two-year hiatus. The participants of APIA's Culture Camp demonstrated what they learned the previous week, sharing an Unangam Tunuu lesson as well as several beautiful dances. Thank you to all our volunteers, vendors, and The Aleut Corporation for making this all possible!





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