

A Message from the Board of Directors



On The Hunt...

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Dear Shareholders,

It was great to see so many of you at the Seattle Shareholder Informational Meeting in January. We are thankful to all of the shareholders and descendants who attend The Eyak Corporation's meetings and events each year in Anchorage, Cordova, and Seattle. For those shareholders and descendants who have not attended TEC events in recent years, we hope to visit with you in 2019.

The Eyak Corporation's 45th Annual Meeting of Shareholders is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, at a **NEW LOCATION**, the Crowne Plaza Anchorage-Midtown, at 109 West International Airport Road, Anchorage, Alaska. This year's annual meeting will reflect on 2018, which we are pleased to report is another profitable year for your corporation. The meeting will also provide an update on 2019, a year in which we intend to keep moving forward through the growth and diversification of our business lines. A silent auction will be held to benefit The Eyak Foundation's scholarship program.

Three seats on The Eyak Corporation's Board of Directors are up for election at this year's annual meeting. In addition, shareholders will have the opportunity to vote on a new Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act settlement trust. The settlement trust could be used to provide a wider variety of benefits to shareholders and descendants, while providing tax benefits for both the corporation and our shareholders. Your Board unanimously supports creation of the new settlement trust.

The official notice of the meeting, proxy materials, and annual report will be mailed to you later this month, after the independent auditors review and issue the corporation's audited financial statements. The mailing will also include an Understanding Your Annual Report document, based on the very positive shareholder feedback we received on last year's guide.

We hope each of you can attend this year's annual meeting. Whether or not you expect to make it, we urge you to vote by proxy. This helps the corporation reach a quorum to ensure a valid meeting can be held.

As additional motivation to encourage proxy voting, in 2012 the Board of Directors approved a proxy incentive program. Shareholders who submit proxies to the corporation by May 10 have the option of receiving \$25 or donating the \$25 proxy incentive payment to The Eyak Foundation. There will also be early bird prizes. Submitting a proxy increases your chance of winning a prize. It also shows your commitment to your corporation.

Thank you for the enthusiasm and interest you are showing in your corporation; we look forward to seeing you at this year's annual meeting.

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Management Report, by Rod Worl

New ANCSA Settlement Trust

At shareholder meetings during the past several years, I've spent significant time and answered great questions from shareholders and descendants on Eyak's updated tax strategy in light of recent changes in the federal tax laws. During those conversations, we have discussed ways to maximize benefits to shareholders, while reducing both the corporation's and shareholders' federal tax obligations. Based on shareholder feedback to date, there appears to be very strong shareholder support for the proposed tax strategy.

At its January 2019 meeting, The Eyak Corporation's Board of Directors adopted a resolution in support of a new ANCSA settlement trust, to be voted on by shareholders at this year's annual meeting. Like the Eyak Permanent Fund Settlement Trust, the proposed settlement trust will be a separate legal entity from The Eyak Corporation and its Board will be appointed by TEC. To go into effect, a majority of shares voting (in person or by proxy) must vote in favor of the proposed settlement trust.

Creating the new settlement trust will provide two new positive tax benefits. First, contributions to the settlement trust will be deductible by TEC, resulting in tax savings for the corporation.

These savings will be partially offset by taxes paid by the settlement trust but overall are expected to result in significant tax savings. Second, under current tax law, TEC shareholders who pay taxes will experience income tax savings on their personal tax returns for distributions from the settlement trust that are tax-free to the beneficiaries.

Detailed information on the new settlement trust will be included in the proxy materials to be mailed to shareholders later this month. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please give us a call (907-334-6971 or 800-478-7161), send us an email (shareholder@eyak.com), or stop by our Anchorage or Cordova offices.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on May 11.

WELCOMING NEW SHAREHOLDERS

Anthony Jones

Rikki Manuel-Tiedeman

Amber McCracken

Dillon O'Brien

Hunter O'Brien

Makari O'Brien



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Chairman's Message



Dear Shareholders,

Each January, your Board of Directors and Management participate in a triathlon-like series of events during two long days in Seattle. **The first leg is strategic planning**, where we review the prior year's annual priorities and the Board evaluates Management's actions to address those priorities. The Board then strategizes on priorities for the current year, with input from Management. This year, we identified the following priorities (in priority order):

- Grow Business;
- Land; and
- Shareholder and Descendant Engagement.

The second leg is our quarterly in-person Board meeting. During this year's meeting in Seattle, among other things, we:

- Analyzed and approved the 2019 budget;
- Received a detailed report from the leadership of our main subsidiary group on performance in 2018 and expectations for 2019;
- Discussed subsidiaries and potential investment opportunities in furtherance of the Board's priority to grow and diversify our businesses;
- Received an update on ethics and compliance;
- Received updates and acted on recommendations from the following committees: Audit; Communications; Donations; Finance/Investment; Governance; Land; and Shareholder Advisory;
- Approved a raffle for up to two shareholders to attend the Annual Meeting; and
- Approved a resolution in support of a shareholder vote during the Annual Meeting on a new settlement trust.

The third (and by far most enjoyable) leg is the Seattle Shareholder Informational Meeting, where we provide an update on TEC's actions, and shareholders and descendants provide valuable feedback. This year there was a tremendous turnout of shareholders and descendants. We are grateful for each attendee at our shareholder informational meetings and we look forward to seeing all of you (and more) at future TEC events.

Eyak Permanent Fund Settlement Trust Committee Declares Dividend

On March 4, the Eyak Permanent Fund Settlement Trust Committee declared a dividend, subject to completion of the annual audit, of \$15.65 per share, to be paid on or about April 5, 2019 to TEC shareholders of record as of March 29, 2019. The Settlement Trust's dividend is a 17.6% increase over last year's dividend of \$13.32 per share.

The Eyak Permanent Fund Settlement Trust Committee manages the Trust for long-term sustainable growth. The Committee includes the following members: Alex Slivka (Chair); Nancy Barnes; Kim Jaime; Matt McDaniel; and Rod Worl. Alex Slivka will attend The Eyak Corporation's Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 11, 2019, and will be available to answer any questions that shareholders may have about the Settlement Trust.



Upcoming Events

We look forward to seeing you at the following events over the next several months, with more events in the works:

- Saturday, May 11- The Eyak Corporation's 45th Annual Meeting of Shareholders, at the Crown Plaza Anchorage-Midtown
- Friday June 14- The 9th Annual Bill Hansen Jr, Pioneer Cemetery Cleanup, in Cordova
- Saturday, July 27, Shareholder Picnic at Jewel Lake Park, in Anchorage
- Saturday, September 7, Cordova Shareholder Informational Meeting, in Cordova
- Friday, November 1, Fall Harvest Art Show Fundraiser to Benefit The Eyak Foundation, at Snow City Café, in Anchorage

We'll share additional details as they become available.

Kid's Corner

It is our great pleasure to provide you with our first ever "Kid's Corner." As with so many of our continuous improvement efforts, the idea for Kid's Corner came from a shareholder and was supported enthusiastically by TEC's Shareholder Advisory Committee, Communications Committee, and TECs Board.

This issue's Kid's Corner relies heavily on materials generously provided by Shareholder Advisory Committee member (and mom) Hilary Fell. Thank you, Hilary!

Cranberry Word Search

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What is the name of the plant in the photo below? _____ (answer at bottom)

What is the Eyak word for High Bush Cranberry? _____ (you can color the bubble word)



Seattle Shareholder Informational Meeting

The Eyak Corporation held its annual shareholder informational meeting in Seattle in January. By all accounts, it was an exceptional meeting, with more than 60 shareholders, descendants, and family members in attendance, and great energy from beginning to end. Many of the attendees showed up early for the meet and greet period and stayed to continue visiting after the meeting ended.

As always, our CEO Rod Worl provided a Management report and answered great questions from shareholders. Vice President of Finance Sue Jolin followed with a financial update.

Several Board members then gave brief presentations on matters they oversee, including lands, donations, and the Shareholder Advisory Committee. Shareholders spoke from the heart and provided great feedback to the Board and Management.

Jim McDaniel, President of The Eyak Foundation, provided an update on the Foundation. He also thanked all of the donors for the silent auction to benefit the Foundation and recognized Raven Madison's efforts in organizing and running the silent auction. Jim also let the attendees know that he would be resigning from The Eyak Foundation in light of IRS regulations that disqualify lineal descendants of trustees from scholarships issued by the Foundation.

We greatly appreciate everyone who traveled from near and far to attend the meeting. For those shareholders and descendants who live outside of Alaska, the Seattle shareholder informational meeting is a great opportunity for an in-person update on your corporation, while visiting





Anchorage Holiday Potluck, by Heidi Van Gilder

We had another great Holiday Potluck in early December, with great people and a lot of laughs. We shared wonderful food with holiday music playing in the background. Wonderful stories were shared and put smiles on all of our faces. We even had a shareholder tell us they “turned down bingo for this!”

I look forward to the holiday potluck every year. I love to see shareholders and descendants gathering around together. We had some great suggestions for next year’s potluck-- fry bread and a bingo game to win the grand prize. We will make those two things happen! Suggestions are always welcomed and encouraged. Thank you for coming to the 2018 Holiday Potluck and we look forward to the next one!





Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will The Eyak Corporation be issuing IRS form 1099s for the two dividends issued in 2018 (April and December)?

A. No, the corporation will not be issuing IRS form 1099s for the 2018 dividends. Those dividends were issued by the Eyak Permanent Fund Settlement Trust and are tax-free to Shareholders.

Q. What was the effect of the Federal government shutdown on The Eyak Corporation and subsidiaries?

A. One of our contracts was impacted by the government shutdown. Thirteen of our employees on the contract were furloughed during the shutdown. Other indirect impacts included the unavailability of Federal government employees with the Bureau of Land Management and Small Business Administration for matters we are working on.

Q. Will there be an elder dividend in 2019?

A. If our shareholders vote in favor of a new settlement trust at the Annual Meeting in May, then an elder dividend will be issued in 2019, in the amount of \$500 to original shareholders aged 65 and older.

Q. Can the corporation hold more cultural/educational events in Seattle so those of us who do not live in Alaska can learn more about our food/language/art/etc.?

A. Yes; we will ask the Shareholder Advisory Committee for their thoughts on the proposal.

Q. Are we diversifying from the 8(a) program?

A. Although the 8(a) program has played (and continues to play) a significant role in our success, we recognized several years ago that we needed to diversify to reduce risk. Those diversification efforts have included investments in Native American Bank, Heather's Choice, Baxter Senior Living, and, most recently, Alaska Glacier Products.

Q. Has the Descendant Issues Committee or the Board considered descendant enrollment with no dividend rights?

A. That idea has not been considered by the Descendant Issues Committee or The Eyak Corporation's Board.

Q. What is the Eyak language?

A. The Eyak Corporation had 326 original enrollees, some of whom were of Eyak descent (and some of whom spoke the Eyak language). In recent years, significant effort has been devoted to revitalizing the language. Other original enrollees to The Eyak Corporation spoke other Alaska Native languages, including Sugcestun and Tlingit.

Q. Is The Eyak Corporation planning any major logging activities in the near future?

A. The corporation does not currently have plans for any major logging activities in the near future.



Dates to Remember & Special Announcements

- April 5— Eyak Permanent Fund Settlement Trust Distribution
- April 26—Deadline for Early Bird Prizes
- May 11—Annual Meeting-Crowne Plaza (Anchorage)
- June 14—9th Annual Bill Hansen Jr Pioneer Cemetery Cleanup (Cordova)

May 11, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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For Culturally-Relevant Articles

Several shareholders have requested we include more culturally-relevant articles in these newsletters. Do you have a favorite salmon recipe, a historical photo, or other culturally significant information you'd like to share with your Eyak Corporation family? Please submit ideas to info@eyakcorp.com for possible inclusion in future newsletters.

Board of Directors



- Martin Parsons, Chairman
- Nancy Barnes, President
- Brooke Johnson, Vice President
- Rikki Addy, Treasurer
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- Todd Lilleness, Director
- Jim McDaniel, Director
- Jerry O'Brien, Jr., Director
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The Eyak Corporation Mission

The Eyak Corporation will return financial benefits to present and future shareholders through the development of economic opportunities and growth of our assets while protecting the ownership of our ANCSA lands and Native cultural heritage.

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New Venue for Annual Meeting

Crowne Plaza Anchorage-Midtown
109 W. International Airport Road
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Saturday, May 11, 2019
9:00am to 2:00pm- (8:00am Registration)

New Location!



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