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IRON *Dog*

Shareholders George Mountain (Nulato) and Kelly Sommer (Nulato) competed in this year's longest, toughest snowmobile race. Team 32 arrived in Fairbanks on February 23 at 2:01 p.m. after 99 hours, 11 minutes and 16 seconds on the trail. Mountain and Sommer came in 11th place out of 25 teams, 13 of which finished the 2,000-mile race. Congratulations, Team 32!

DIRECTOR'S *Message*

Dear Shareholders,

As I complete my final term on Gana-A'Yoo, Limited's Board of Directors, I am reflecting on change and what happens next. I recall my grandmother Martha Joe, of Nulato, telling me as a youth not to be upset or afraid of change, for life is in constant flux.

In college, I credited my grandmother with the saying that "all of life was in flux," rather than the Greeks, and my professor disagreed with me. I told her that my grandmother did not know of the Greeks and certainly did not read Greek philosophy, but she was the one who taught me that all of life was in flux. I would not concede the point and insisted that the credit in the footnote belonged to Martha Joe, my grandmother.

During the time I served as a director, I highly encouraged younger shareholders to pursue seats on the board. I remained adamant that when the younger generation began to gain seats on the board, I would vacate my seat. It happened! I hope that I assisted in their transition to officers on the board.

Per the request of shareholders, the board is working on a process to open enrollment to descendants born after December 18, 1971, when ANCSA became law. This is the beginning of a process of change and transition not only for current shareholders but their descendants as well as future generations of potential board members. To maintain our cultural identity, to succeed in business, to be innovative and creative, we need not only our Elders but our youth and future generations to work together, think, plan and create a successful company with multiple subsidiaries. This is the change we are seeing.

If we work together, share our knowledge, skills, talents and abilities for the good of our people and our corporation, we can succeed. ANCSA passed in 1971, 48 years ago. Nearly half a century of not having shared with our descendants, other than scholarships. That is a long time, and our original shareholders are getting on in years. We as a people, as a business, as a corporation with subsidiaries, need to open our roles, our boards, our committees to these younger people who are 48 years of age or younger. We need to tap their talent, their education, their skills and knowledge to succeed, to maintain our cultural awareness and a place in business and in a changing world.

I hope that you will consider these changes and support the transitions into a new way of doing business, a new way of enrolling our youth and a new way of all working together. It is for our own good and the good of all shareholders, and by supporting open enrollment, you will enable the younger generation to serve on your future boards, thereby ensuring the future of our corporation.

Ida Hildebrand



COMMITTEE *Vacancies*

Interested in serving on a board or committee for our shareholders' and descendants' best interests? Seats are available on the Board of Directors for Khotol Services Corporation and Gana-A'Yoo Services Corporation; there are also open seats on board committees including shareholder relations, investment, and resources. Interested individuals must be a voting Gana-A'Yoo shareholder over 18 years of age to qualify. Please submit a letter of interest by April 19, 2019, to: Gana-A'Yoo, Limited, Attn: Crystal Sommer, 1001 E Benson Blvd., Suite 201, Anchorage, Alaska 99508. Letters can also be submitted by email to csommer@ganaayoo.com or fax to 907.569.9699.

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GANA-A'YOO, LIMITED 41ST ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

Friday, May 10, 2019 - Kaltag

The annual shareholder meeting of Gana-A'Yoo, Limited will be held at the Kaltag Community Hall in Kaltag, Alaska, at 12 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- (1) Elect three Board of Director members, terms to expire in 2022.
- (2) Review the Corporation's operations for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018.
- (3) Carry out any other business as may properly be suggested during the meeting.

Gana-A'Yoo shareholders of record at the close of the business day on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, and who are Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives, are entitled to vote at the annual shareholder meeting and any adjournment thereof. Voting stock held by minor shareholders shall be voted by the minor's custodian.

If you cannot attend the meeting in person, we urge you to vote by proxy. Proxies are **necessary** to achieve a quorum for the annual shareholder meeting. If you vote by proxy and later decide to attend the meeting, you may still vote in person by registering at the meeting. Proxy forms and a self-addressed return envelope, for your convenience, are mailed separately. For your proxy to be valid, **sign, date and return your proxy** by mail (envelope provided), fax, email or hand-delivery. If you are holding shares as a custodian for a minor, please sign

YOUR name and NOT the name of the minor. If you cannot write your name, make your mark and have it witnessed by one person over the age of 18.

Those who submit their signed and dated proxy on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2019, are eligible for the early bird drawings of one \$1,000 prize, one \$500 prize, and five \$100 prizes. To be eligible for all other door prizes (\$1,500 grand prize, \$1,000 prize, two \$250 prizes and two \$100 prizes) at the annual shareholder meeting, valid, signed and dated proxies are due to the inspectors of election no later than 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2019, if delivered by mail, fax or email, or if delivered in person, no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Kaltag Community Hall. Submit your proxy by the following methods:

- U.S. Mail (envelope provided): 1001 E Benson Blvd., Suite 201 Anchorage, Alaska 99508
- Fax sent to 907.569.9699
- Email sent to elections@ganaayoo.com
- Hand-delivery to the Gana-A'Yoo office in Anchorage, or on the day of the meeting to the Kaltag Community Hall



Newly Appointed BOARD MEMBER

The Gana-A'Yoo, Limited Board of Directors appointed board member Thomas Neglaska (Kaltag) to fulfill a vacant director seat. Neglaska took the oath of office and was sworn in on February 22, 2019, to fill a rural director seat valid until May 2020. He has served as a committee member on the Gana-A'Yoo resource committee since August 2017; he currently sits on the Kaltag Tribal Council, Kaltag Co-Op Board, and Yukon Advisory Board, and is a delegate for Alaska Village Electric. Neglaska previously worked as the water plant operator for the City of Kaltag between 2010 and 2016. He graduated from Kaltag High School in 1983 and went to school in Seward to become a small engine mechanic and received boiler training.

The Gana-A'Yoo Board of Directors thanks shareholders who expressed interest in fulfilling the remaining term and encourages shareholders to continue pursuing opportunities to serve our communities in one capacity or another.



"In joining the Gana-A'Yoo Board of Directors, my focus will be on education, the economy and protecting the land for our future generations."

BLM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to release a draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Bering Sea Western-Interior this month and is in the process of working on the Central Yukon RMP, scheduled to be released in May. These areas include the lands in our region.

The BLM 20-year plans form the basis for every action and approved use on BLM's public lands; this has the potential to include access to Gana-A'Yoo lands.

Regional and village corporation landowners are the largest stakeholders within the RMPs; ANCSA lands and village activities will be impacted. ANCSA lands are multiple use lands that include cultural interests, historical and economic use.

Primary concerns include:

Access: Ensuring that restrictive BLM land designations do not prevent shareholders and ANCSA corporations from unrestricted access to their lands.

Customary and traditional uses: Ensuring that management plans specifically allow transportation and land use opportunities for hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering.

Development: Monitoring land designations that may impact limited development for economic opportunities on ANCSA lands.

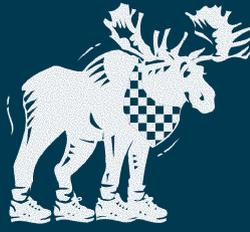
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs): Concerns with excessive size and scope of ACEC designations in current planning efforts as well as ensuring transparency, support by current and sound science, and scrutiny and consistency with the statute in ACEC selection.

The RMPs allow for a 90-day public comment period followed by community meetings. This is the best time to review proposed resource management plans and is your window of opportunity to contact the BLM with any concerns or questions about what has been drafted. The BLM will then analyze the information and should have a Record of Decision and final plan by September 2019 for the Bering Sea Western-Interior and by November 2019 for the Central Yukon.

You can contact Jamie Marunde with Doyon, Limited at 907.459.2000 for more information.

FAIRBANKS CHARITY WALK *Fundraiser*

Join the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation for this year's Fairbanks, Alaska Visitor Industry Walk for Charity on May 10, 2019, in the Golden Heart City. The walk begins at 6 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church parking lot and ends at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. There will be food, prizes, activities and fun! Register online at <https://www.explorefairbanks.com/cwnonprofit>. Please choose the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation and join our team to support our students!



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The deadline to submit your application for a Gana-A'Yoo scholarship is June 15, 2019. More information can be found at www.ganaayoo.com/foundation.

GALENA FUNDRAISER WALK

A fundraiser walk will take place in Galena in June. Now is the time to invest in the future of Gana-A'Yoo shareholders and their descendants' educational endeavors. The Foundation accepts donations throughout the year. Visit the Foundation website at www.ganaayoo.com/foundation or call 907.569.9599 for more information.

GAN-A'YOO INTERNSHIPS

Each year, Gana-A'Yoo, Limited offers internship opportunities at the corporate office in Anchorage. This year the Koyukuk Tribal Council will also be hosting an internship. Internships are available to shareholders or shareholder descendants. Interns have the opportunity to learn, participate, contribute and engage in various departments including business development, human resources, accounting and shareholder relations. For more information, contact Janelle Huntington at jhuntington@ganaayoo.com or call 907.569.9599. Deadline to apply is June 15, 2019.

DIVIDEND SHARE DISTRIBUTION

The Gana-A'Yoo, Limited Board of Directors approved a distribution of \$2.70 per share. The distribution will be direct deposited or mailed to shareholders Friday, April 26, 2019. To receive the distribution via direct deposit, a completed direct deposit form must be received by Friday, April 12, 2019, at 5 p.m. This is also the deadline for address updates. We encourage you to update your stock will if you have not done so recently. Forms can be found online at www.ganaayoo.com/shareholders.

DIRECT DEPOSIT *Drawing*

You could win \$50 just for having direct deposit! All shareholders with current direct deposit information on file by the following deadlines will be entered into a drawing for \$50:

- **March 13** (at the shareholder informational meeting)
- **April 5**

Access the direct deposit form on the Gana-A'Yoo website or contact the office at 907.569.9599.

KAIYUH SERVICES, LLC

Kaiyuh Services, LLC, manages a food service contract for the United States Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska. Kodiak houses the largest Coast Guard Base in the United States and is home to approximately 600 Coast Guard sailors and their families. Kaiyuh provides full-service galley operations, feeding nearly 250 sailors, family members and civilian workforce employees seven days a week, 365 days a year.

"The government shutdown affected us all; the galley serves as a 'home away from home' for many of our clientele. We pride ourselves on providing good, home-cooked meals and a space where people can gather and talk and interact like a large family."

- Kim Martinez,
Kaiyuh Services, LLC
Project Manager

The U.S. Coast Guard falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security and was left without a budget during this year's federal government shutdown.

The absence of paychecks impacted the livelihoods of Coast Guard employees around the country, including Kodiak.

The hardship Coast Guard families experienced was not lost on Kaiyuh's galley crew, which decided to provide a helping hand.

The opportunity presented itself on Super Bowl Sunday, when Kaiyuh's galley crew arranged to provide a special meal, free of charge, to all Coast Guard members and their families. Over 200 service and family members enjoyed eggs benedict and smoked salmon, happily prepared by Kaiyuh employees.

"It is an interesting time to serve on the resource committee; things seem to be more complicated today and it is important to keep up with everything."

Thank You, DICK EVANS

Gana-A'Yoo thanks outgoing member Dick Evans for his years of service on the resource committee. Evans' last meeting was February 21, 2019. Since 2001, Evans has shared his knowledge of our lands.

Evans said he hopes that someone younger will take the time to sit on the resource committee, someone who can travel, hear well, and gain the knowledge and understanding of what it takes to be a productive member.



"Everyone who attended was very appreciative for the kindness that Kaiyuh displayed. It reflects our values: giving back to our communities and taking care of those in need."

- David Roels,
Kaiyuh Services, LLC
General Manager

STOCK WILL *Drive*

Stock wills are important to our future. Please consider submitting a new or updated stock will. You could be the lucky winner of one of two \$500 cash prizes! Those who have submitted a valid stock will within the last five years by May 10, 2019, are entered to win.

All stock wills must be notarized or certified by the postmaster and signed by the shareholder. For more information, contact Crystal Sommer at 907.569.9599 or toll-free at 1.888.656.1606.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- APRIL**
- 12 Address update and direct deposit form due for dividend
 - 19 Committee letter of interest deadline
 - 26 Dividend distribution

- MAY**
- 3 Early bird proxies due for the annual shareholder meeting
 - 9 Proxies due for the annual shareholder meeting
 - 10 Annual shareholder meeting
Kaltag Community Hall

- JUNE**
- 15 Gana-A'Yoo Foundation scholarship deadline
 - 15 Gana-A'Yoo internship application deadline

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family and friends of:

Colleen M. Brush, 55
Galena & Nulato Stock

Douglas W. Dayton, 44
Koyukuk Stock

Alexandria V. Fox, 32
Kaltag & Nulato Stock

Chris W. Semaken Sr., 60
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