

GANA-A'YOO



SALMON  
*Stewardship*

Subsistence fishing on the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers is a conversation across the state. Historic low returns of salmon have been plaguing our region, causing drastic restrictions on subsistence fishing for Chinook (King) salmon and creating distress in our communities. Gana-A’Yoo, as a major landowner, encompasses several salmon-bearing waterways and streams between Galena and Koyukuk. As Gana-A’Yoo continues to develop a formal land and resources management program, there may be opportunities for our shareholders, descendants and local residents to help steward these waterways and streams. Contact the corporate office or email [lands@ganaayoo.com](mailto:lands@ganaayoo.com) with any questions or suggestions.

*Stock Will*  
WINNERS

Congratulations to stock will drawing prize winners Teresa Miller and Leona Peter. Contact the corporate office to submit your current, valid stock wills today!

WORD  
*of the Month*

Gana-A’Yoo is soliciting a list of Denaakk’e words related to our corporation’s operations (e.g., land, place names, operations, records, etc.). If you have a word to contribute, please email it to [communications@ganaayoo.com](mailto:communications@ganaayoo.com).



“OUR VOICE”  
*Denadolale’*



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PROTECTING OUR PAST. LEADING OUR FUTURE  
*Tl’eeyegge Hut’anne’*  
*People of the Land*

CEO *Message*

Dear shareholders,

I hope this message finds everyone well and enjoying the summer. Gana-A’Yoo held our 45th annual meeting of shareholders in early June in Galena. The meeting was well attended in person and on Zoom. Thank you to the staff at the Sidney C. Huntington School, Tim Bodony with audio, Shirley Cleaver and all those who helped prepare the delicious meal, and of course thank you to all those who attended the meeting.



Our company would not be where we are today without you, our shareholders! We are continually adding more shareholders as descendants apply. To date, our company has distributed to 1,039 class E shareholders; of those, 751 are new shareholders. Since Gana-A’Yoo began accepting applications for descendant enrollment, class E shares, our shareholder base has nearly doubled, with a total of 2,123 shareholders today.

In other news, we are excited to announce that our corporate office in Anchorage has a new home! In mid-June, the corporate office moved to 3900 C Street, Suite 100, Anchorage. Come see us.

Wishing you the best,

Dena Sommer-Pedebone  
Chief Executive Officer



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## Annual MEETING

The Gana-A'Yoo Board of Directors and staff had the good fortune to travel to Galena for this year's annual meeting of shareholders, held on Friday, June 9. Thank you to all 80 participants who joined in person at the meeting and the 17 participants who logged in virtually. With your participation, we reached a 68.1 percent quorum!

### Election results



Congratulations to this year's elected board members: Linda Fleury, Melissa McGinty and Thomas Neglaska. Thank you to this year's candidates who ran for the board and thank you to the community of Galena for hosting the 2023 annual meeting of shareholders.

### Prize winners


Congratulations to the early bird prize winners: Tristan Cruger (\$1,500); Maurice McGinty (\$1,000); Dalton Gillen (\$500); Sharon Dayton, George Wholecheese and Gary Williams (\$250); and Amy Blakely, Madeline Krol, Rachel Thurmond and Eunice Williams (\$100).

Congratulations to the eProxy winners: Paula Ann Reese (\$1,000); Nancy Pitka and Mark Huntington (\$500); Maria Pelkola, Lisa Patsy and Jamie Nollner (\$250); and Patrick McGinty, Jolene Lestenkof, Jerome Semaken and Kari Generous (\$100).

Congratulations to the annual meeting prize winners: Audrey Ross and Amanda Burgett (\$1,000); Clifton Pitka and Charles Stickman II (\$250); Goodwin Semaken Jr. and Carol Lowe (\$100).

Congratulations to the \$50 door prize winners: Jenny Bryant, Shirley Cleaver, Joyce Huntington, Vera Mountain and Cindy Olin.

## Shareholder of the Year MARTINA EKADA




The Gana-A'Yoo Board of Directors selected Martina Ekada to be recognized as this year's Shareholder of the Year. Ekada has served as Nulato's health aide for more than 30 years, while simultaneously raising her children in a subsistence lifestyle. In February, she retired from the health field where she served her patients in a professional manner as well as with compassion. Ekada consistently demonstrates her trustworthiness and respectful nature, and is often hard at work. She participates with her children and grandchildren in community-wide events and cultural activities. Ekada is an honest citizen and demonstrates the spirit of Gana-A'Yoo's mission and vision through hard work, respect and trust. She is the daughter of the late Henry Sr. and Patricia Ekada.


*"During the summer, you can find Martina at the family smokehouse preparing salmon. During the fall, you see her out hunting with her family members or processing moose meat at her home, and she makes the best moose-head soup for potlatches and delicious homemade bread."*

- Evelyn Ekada


## New HIRES



**Anna Johnson** is the Gana-A'Yoo human resources (HR) manager, based in the Anchorage corporate office. She works closely with senior leadership and the HR team to assist in meeting our growing companies' HR needs and provides guidance on HR operations. Johnson graduated with a Master of Studies in law with an emphasis in human resources and brings more than 10 years' experience in the HR field. In the summer months, you can find Johnson enjoying outdoor activities such as running and hiking. In the winter, she enjoys coaching and playing hockey.



Gana-A'Yoo is happy to announce **John Reilly** as the senior director of business development. In this role, he identifies new business opportunities, develops plans and manages capture of opportunities; he also assists in the development of company strategic plans. Reilly has extensive experience in business development, strategic sales and government contracting, and has worked with Native American and tribally owned corporations. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his three children and two grandchildren. Additionally, Reilly likes to travel, snorkel and compete in natural bodybuilding events around the nation.



**Alex Stewart** accepted a position with Gana-A'Yoo as a senior project manager in the Washington, D.C., capital region, where he will be supporting multiple subsidiaries. Stewart has extensive project management experience, including government consulting and government contracting, and has worked with Native American and tribally owned corporations. He lives in Richmond, Virginia, with his wife, two children and black Labrador. Stewart enjoys reading, golfing, hikes in the Shenandoah Valley, and traveling with his family.

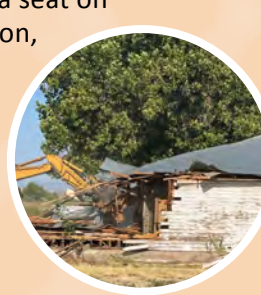


## SUBSIDIARY Spotlight

Yukon Management, LLC, (Yukon), which was formed and certified into the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program in July 2019, is Gana-A'Yoo's youngest construction subsidiary. Yukon won a seat on a \$200 million, nationwide Bureau of Indian Affairs National Multiple Award Demolition contract in September 2021. The company has also successfully won multiple awards ranging in size from a few thousand dollars to large-scale contracts in excess of \$3 million. The largest project, to date, is in Bethel, Alaska, for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

*"Yukon is quickly becoming a go-to contractor of choice for multiple federal agencies nationwide, showcasing that the Gana-A'Yoo Family of Companies is as diverse in its capabilities and reach as the larger Alaska Native Regional Corporations have become known for."*

- Ryan Kegley  
Gana-A'Yoo, Limited,  
Chief Operating Officer







# MARK YOUR *Calendar*

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information.

## JULY

- 4 Independence Day  
*Gana-A'Yoo offices closed*

## AUGUST

- 1 Gana-A'Yoo Foundation competitive scholarship deadline
- 15 Gana-A'Yoo Foundation general and technical scholarship deadline
- 18 Gana-A'Yoo board meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day  
*Gana-A'Yoo offices closed*



# LAND USE *Workshop*

Gana-A'Yoo hosted a land management policy workshop on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at the Sidney C. Huntington High School in Galena. Representatives from each tribe, village, the natural resources committee, and the Gana-A'Yoo Board of Directors were present.



# *Galena* ROAD CLOSURE

Every year, Gana-A'Yoo is required by law to close our privately owned road next to the Gana-A'Yoo building in Galena. This year, the road will be closed for one day, for a period of 24 hours, after which it will remain open again for the next year.



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# *Shareholder* INPUT

Wondering how to connect with Gana-A'Yoo staff? There are many ways to reach someone! One efficient resource is the contact page within the Shareholder Portal at [ganaayoo.com](http://ganaayoo.com). On this page, you will find a general contact form, phone and fax numbers, email addresses for multiple departments, and social media links.

# NEWSLETTER *Archive*

Looking for a past newsletter?  
Access the Gana-A'Yoo newsletter archive at [ganaayoo.com/newsletter](http://ganaayoo.com/newsletter)!

# *Where* ARE YOU?

Visit our website or contact the corporate office for the updated list of shareholders who we need current contact information for.

# CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family and friends of:

**Alfred Richard Evans, 83**  
*Galena Stock*

**Johnny Paul Evans Sr., 79**  
*Galena Stock*

**Max Joseph Huhndorf, 88**  
*Galena Stock*

**Patricia Annette Jenny Kriska, 33**  
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**Darlene Marie Lord, 65**  
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