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Roy S. Ewan
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RESPECTED LEADER ROY S. EWAN P. 10**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY

Staff is busy preparing for the 45th Annual Shareholders Meeting which is scheduled for June 2nd in

Glennallen. This year we have implemented householding for our annual meeting mailing, meaning each shareholder household will receive only one hard copy packet containing the Annual Report, Proxy Statement, Annual Meeting Agenda and Door Prizes list. This change was made as a cost saving measure and to help reduce our environmental impact. In order to give you the opportunity to receive as much information as possible before marking your vote, the Board has decided to hold proxies until a week after the household packets go out. We will mail out the Proxy Forms and Voting PIN Letters to individual shareholders on April 27 and online voting will open that day as well. You will need your login and PIN information to vote online, as well as be able to view the online Annual Meeting broadcast, so it's important to keep in a safe place until after the meeting.

Another change this year is that in lieu of in-person Candidate Informational Meetings, we will be posting brief candidate profile videos on the Ahtna website for viewing. We have seen a low turnout in recent years for our Candidate Informational Meetings and an increasing demand for materials to be made available online for viewing. The online candidate videos will be accessible to a greater percentage of our shareholder population and provide a convenient way to learn more about who is running for seats this year. It's important to note that profile video filming was made available to all candidates, but participation was not mandatory.

We are currently working with a publisher to release the Ahtna History Book at this year's annual meeting. We intend to make the book available as a gift to shareholders so that everyone can enjoy and learn from the vibrant history and stories of those that came before us. The book is aptly titled *netseh dae' tkughit'e'* which translates to, "Before us, it was like this." We must remember the ways and words of those that came before us and preservation of these ancient teachings help to sustain our culture for future generations. Our deepest appreciation is owed to Ahtna historian Dr. Bill Simeone who authored the book and whose care and respect for our people is evident throughout its pages. Two elders participated regularly in the book committee meetings and readings; Chairman Nick Jackson and the late Roy S. Ewan. This type of project needs elder participation. We are deeply grateful to these gentlemen for the time they dedicated to insuring we got things right and history was shared in a respectful, honorable way.

Our communities have suffered some heartbreaking losses this year, including our beloved Ahtna elder, advocate and past President, Roy S. Ewan. Roy lived a life of enduring service to the

Ahtna people. Roy was a generous leader. He encouraged the next generation of leaders. He invited them to learn from him, to ask him questions, to learn about the land, to walk the land with him. He taught by example, by dress, by greeting, by the sharing of books and his own professional and personal experience. We were blessed with his strong and humble leadership. Our condolences to the Ewan family and to all families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

This issue includes an article on the importance of completing a Testamentary Disposition so that you are in control of who receives your shares when you pass. Planning for the future can be emotionally difficult for our people culturally, but making sure you have the proper paperwork on file in advance allows others to carry out your wishes more efficiently preventing lengthy delays for your loved ones. Please take the time to complete this brief form and contact Shareholder Services if you have questions or need help filling it out correctly.

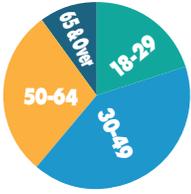
Ahtna, Inc. has been in a challenging position with regard to the case brought by John Sturgeon against the Department of Interior. The case concerned Mr. Sturgeon's use of a hovercraft on the Nation's River in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. The National Park Service prohibits hovercraft, but the State of Alaska permits them. From our perspective, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) that established Alaska's national parks prohibited the Park Service from regulating our lands, and its attempt to regulate Mr. Sturgeon's conduct runs afoul of that prohibition. On the other hand, it is clear that the Federal Government has the right to manage subsistence fishing. That was the holding of the Katie John cases, and it is fundamental to the protection of fishing rights in Alaska. Ahtna strongly supports taking actions to protect the Katie John decisions and the rights they protected. We have engaged with the State of Alaska, the National Park Service, Mr. Sturgeon, and our Federal Congressional delegation to seek a legislative fix. We are very hopeful that a fix will be forthcoming, and we will have something positive to report at the Annual Meeting.

On the following page we have shared a summary of the results from our 2017 Ahtna Shareholder Survey. Over 400 shareholders completed the survey in-person, over the phone and online. We appreciate the valuable input we received and will continue to offer opportunities for shareholder involvement and feedback.

Tsin'aen,

Michelle Anderson, President
Ahtna, Incorporated

2017 SHAREHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY



Age Demographics of Respondents

18-29=20%
30-49=41.2%
50-64=28.7%
65 & over=10%



Are you satisfied with the variety of services provided to shareholders?

67.9% of shareholders responded they were either Very Satisfied or Somewhat Satisfied.



How would you rate customer service provided by our staff?

69.6% of shareholders responded they were either Very Satisfied or Somewhat Satisfied.



How do you prefer to receive information and updates from Ahtna? Please select all that apply.

Email=65%
Mail=60%
Text Message=16%

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Would you prefer the Annual Meeting be held in the Ahtna Region, Anchorage or alternate between the two locations each year?

Ahtna Region=46.5%
Alternate Locations=33.8%
Anchorage=19.6%



Would you prefer the Annual Meeting be held in May or June?

June=58.9%
May=41%

58.9%
June

AHTNA PRIORITIES

How would you rate the Ahtna priorities listed below?

Results are listed in order of the percentage of shareholders that selected Important for each priority.

1. College Scholarships=91.2%
2. Shareholder Hire and Employment Training=89.7%
3. Land & Resource Development=89.4%
4. Customary & Traditional (C&T) Rights (subsistence)=88.4%
5. Burial Assistance/Potlatch Fund=86.9%
6. Profitability=86.6%
7. Trespass Control=76%
8. Quarterly Financials in Kanas Newsletter=62.6%
9. Technical Assistance to Tribal Council/SVO=59.3%
10. Holiday Shareholder Gatherings=57.6%
11. Merger Land Use Program=56.3%

Would you like a video of the Annual Meeting available online for shareholder viewing?

Yes=81.1%
No=18.9%



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CEO'S MESSAGE

SAFETY IS WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF AHTNA'S CULTURE

Our 2017 financials are showing some phenomenal results thanks to the work of One Team, One Ahtna. Our net income of \$7 million is the highest in Ahtna's history and revenues reached \$238 million, the second highest in 10 years. Ahtna's total revenues grew from \$218 million in 2016 to \$238 million in 2017. This is an increase of 9% despite Alaska being in a severe recession and overall 8(a) government contracting being down.

We also saw an increase in shareholder wages and benefits paid in 2017 with a total of \$8.74 million, and are working to grow that number. One of our strategies is to pursue new work in Alaska, which is where the majority of our shareholders call home. One such project is the USDA Delta Clearwater Remediation Project. Ahtna Construction and Primary Products Corporation (AC&PPC) recently won the work to restore the Delta Junction Clearwater Divisions to their native state. The project site is located about 14 miles east of Delta on the Alaska Highway which will create new operator and laborer positions near home for shareholders.

We also have many projects located outside Alaska. Our positive reputation and exceptional client service has earned us additional work with existing clients and we are opening new contracting doors through avenues such as our latest Joint Ventures (JVs) with CDM Smith and Centerra. You can read more about two of Ahtna's latest JV contracts on page 6 of this issue. We are also looking to expand our government contracting work and attended the National 8(a) Conference earlier this year in anticipation of building relationships with additional teaming partners. You can always find the latest job openings on the Ahtna website, but you don't have to wait for a position to become available. Registering with the online Shareholder Talent Bank enables us to contact you when job and training opportunities become available that may be of interest. Also, our Shareholder Development department is here to help you reach your career goals and get ready for that next great prospect.

We have successfully completed the Plug and Abandonment (P&A) phase of the Tolsona No. 1 gas well program. Despite logistical challenges and the complexity of the work, we didn't experience any significant setbacks and completed the project ahead of schedule, on budget and with no safety related incidents. Although the single well drilled did not show a strong potential for commercial quantities of gas as we had hoped, we are exploring other resource development opportunities on Ahtna-owned lands.

In regards to the tax credit funds still owed to Ahtna by the State of Alaska (SOA), the Walker Administration introduced a bill earlier this year as part of an economic stimulus plan to pay off up to \$1 billion of outstanding oil and gas tax credits by issuing bonds to pay for them at a discount. While it's good that the SOA is working to pay obligations sooner, it's unfortunate that payments won't be made in full. We have paid our Tolsona vendors at 100 percent and the lack of tax credit payments has slowed business investment at

a time when it's needed most due to the severe recession Alaska is currently experiencing.

Safety is a traditional and corporate value for Ahtna and our shareholders and is woven into the fabric of Ahtna's culture. Our Ahtna-hosted Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and First Aid classes have been well attended by staff and it's been proven that being informed, planning ahead and taking action saves lives and prevents injuries. In this issue we have shared some important tips for being prepared and putting these activities into practice in your own home to keep you and your family safe from harm.

I look forward to reporting further on Ahtna's 2017 activities and visiting with everyone at this year's Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Glennallen.

Thank you,

Tom Maloney, Chief Executive Officer
Ahtna Netiyee, Inc.



AhtnaSTS Aircraft Team at Fort Irwin, CA (from left to right): EMT I Diego Ortega, EMT II Martin Lara, EMT I Garrett Roth, EMT III John Aragonez, EMT II Bernard Agagni, EMT I Johnny Herrera, EMT II Mario Saiz, and EMT I Jason Peralta.

AhtnaSTS employees were recently recognized with a certificate of appreciation and a military challenge coin by the United Arab Emirates Joint Aviation Command. Their teamwork, commitment to service excellence, and professionalism were recognized by the customer during this historic deployment to the National Training Center by the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces. Not only was this a first for everyone involved, but it required some out of the box thinking and adaptability by our team to ensure complete support during their training rotation.



SUBSIDIARY SPOTLIGHT

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT AWARDED TO ADVANCIA + AHTNA JV

By Dana Sherman, AES Washington State

Advancia + Ahtna Joint Venture (AAJV) was awarded a 5-year, \$48.6 million contract with the Social Security Administration (SSA) for folder storages operations at the National Records Center (NRC) in Independence, Missouri. Ahtna has a long established relationship with SSA for over 10 years as a high quality, responsive contractor. Our outstanding performance from this previous contract demonstrated our ability to provide rapid deployment and operations of record management. Ahtna's experience at the NRC helped give insight and familiarity with SSA to minimize the risk for the client to consider AAJV as the Prime Contractor for the NRC.

AAJV is a 100% Native-owned JV thoughtfully built on the foundation of a long-standing professional relationship of trust and shared values between founders Greg Kolean, General Manager of Advanica Technologies, LLC and Tim Finnigan, former

President of Ahtna Engineering Services, LLC. Tim and Greg have a nine year history of working side-by-side, promoting and building the reputation and track record of Native American and Alaskan firms, particularly in the government contracting industry.

In 2016, the two came to form the AAJV – a partnership that will benefit our customers and shareholders alike. We are committed to safe delivery of services, to deliver high-quality goods and services to the federal government, to ensure reliable performance on all government contracts, and to provide efficient and cost-effective operations that support the government's mission.

We are dedicated to preserving, strengthening and enhancing the cultural identity and economic viability of the Forest County Potawatomi Community and Ahtna, Inc. shareholders. We are very excited to start this new JV and look forward to further strengthening our relationship with SSA and making this a successful contract.

APSI WORKS TO ENSURE SMOOTH CONTRACT TRANSITIONS AND DELIVERS

By Patrick Nephew, APSI

The end of 2017 was busy for members of APSI as start-ups continued to take place across multiple contracts and sites in Alabama, Florida, and Illinois.

In November, APSI, along with its Joint Venture partner Centerra Group, were awarded a Judicial Services Security Contract with the US Marshal Service. The contract would service 4 sites in Illinois (Peoria, Urbana, Springfield, and Rock Island) and 6 sites in Florida (Panama City, Gainesville, 2 sites in Pensacola and 2 in Tallahassee).

Our corporate staff deployed to Tallahassee for a post award conference in November and quickly got to work outfitting our newest members of the Ahtna family with uniforms and equipment, inventorying government furnished equipment, issuing new computers and phones, setting every employee up with Human Resources, and attending multiple meetings with VIP from the US Marshal's to ensure 100% satisfaction from the customer; sometimes having to travel up to or more than 300 miles a day from one federal courthouse to the next to ensure completion before the start date of December 1. Our team stayed on site in the two states from November all the way until Christmas Eve ensuring that the contract transition and start went smoothly and all deliverable requirements were met. Fortunately, for our corporate staff members they were not delayed in their travels and were home in time to have warm

holiday meals with family, and see Christmas presents unwrapped by their children and loved ones.

During our team's trip to the three states, APSI renewed their contract with its site in Anniston, Alabama at the Center for Domestic Preparedness, and also started providing security for two more U.S. Coast Guard stations. One site being the Port of Miami, the other being the USCG air station in Opa-locka Florida.

Our newest employees and customers of APSI are very pleased with the new equipment, uniforms and all around professionalism that has been on display and look forward to many more years of service that is truly second to none.



From left to right, Lead Courtroom Service Officer (LCSO) Steven Wilson, CSO Richard Burton, CSO Allen Johnston at the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Urbana Illinois.



HELPFUL RESOURCES - Disaster Preparedness

☑ Ready.gov

☑ Redcross.org

STAY SAFE - NTS'É TKONII DA 'UZOLYUUN "BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!"

The safety of your family, home, and community benefits from planning and practice before a crisis occurs. Safety is both a traditional and corporate value for Ahtna and our shareholders. Our ancestors understood that safety was key to our survival as

individuals, and most importantly as a group. It is woven into the fabric of Ahtna's culture.

Be Informed: Know what disasters and hazards could affect your area, how to get emergency alerts, and where you would go if you and your family needed to evacuate safely. Earthquakes, fires, power outages, severe weather, including snowstorms and extreme cold, are just a few examples of hazards that occur naturally with living in Alaska.

Plan Ahead: Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another and reconnect if separated. Discuss how you will receive emergency alerts, what your shelter plan is, and what your family/household communication plan is. Consider specific needs in your household and prepare your plan by having supplies for each member within your household, including any pets, and needed health items such as prescriptions and medical devices.

Take Action: Building an emergency kit means being prepared by having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

Severe weather often times bring power outages that can negatively impact your family. Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit, including a flashlight, batteries, and first aid supplies, making sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- ☑ Water - one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation (www.ready.gov/water)
- ☑ Food - at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food (www.ready.gov/food)
- ☑ Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- ☑ Flashlight
- ☑ First aid kit
- ☑ Extra batteries
- ☑ Whistle to signal for help
- ☑ Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place (www.ready.gov/shelter)
- ☑ Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- ☑ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities (www.ready.gov/safety-skills)
- ☑ Manual can opener for food
- ☑ Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

STAR AWARDS

Nts'ē tkonii da 'uzolyuun ~ "Be Prepared for Anything!"

STAR Awards were presented February 21, 2018 at the Anchorage office.

On August 22, 2017, Danna Finnesand, Andy Postishek, and Crystal Ewan witnessed a vehicle overturn on the roadway north of the Ahtna Anchorage offices building. The trio assisted the driver in exiting the vehicle and provided initial first aid until emergency services arrived. Their actions minimized injury and kept the driver out of shock.

Franklyn Walker was nominated for Best Practices that lead to a safer and accident free environment. Franklyn's nomination read in part "I have also observed him using proper lifting techniques when loading and unloading the cart. It is paying attention to these small



From left to right: Danna Finnesand, Tom Maloney, Andy Postishek, and Crystal Ewan. Next from left to right: Franklyn Walker, Tom Maloney, Anna Upicksoun

details and setting an example for others that leads to a safer and accident free environment and he should be recognized for this."

On February 1, 2018 Anna Upicksoun, recognized another employee who was experiencing a medical crisis and notified 911 and management. Anna waited with the employee until help arrived. Her actions could have been lifesaving.



LANDS SPOTLIGHT

GULKANA VILLAGE HIGHLIGHT: AN ACTIVE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND OUTREACH



The Ahtna Athabascan people have lived in the Copper River basin for time immemorial. There are eight villages within the Ahtna region; each is unique but all are connected by the values and traditions of the Ahtna people and culture. In this issue we are highlighting the village of C'ulc'e Na' (Gulkana).



Gulkana was originally established in 1903 as a telegraph station and today has an active and

progressive Village Council. The community holds many modern amenities, including paved roads, a wood pellet mill, street lights, and Soaring Eagle Transit.

The history of Gulkana Village began when Chief Ewan and his family settled on the south side of the Gulkana River in the early 1900s. Around the same time The Valdez Eagle Trail, a pathway connecting Valdez and Eagle City, was constructed for miners traveling between cities. Gulkana became a stop along the Trail. The condition of the trail was so rough that federal assistance was requested to improve the road conditions. A temporary bridge across the Gulkana River was built in 1911. A permanent bridge was built in 1912. The bridge failed in 1928 and was replaced by a larger bridge constructed in 1929. In 1943, a bridge was constructed downstream of the previous bridge by the Alaska Road Commission. Construction of the bridge bisected the village and its cemetery. The 1943 bridge made Gulkana unlivable as a cohesive village and unsafe during break up. Without the permission of the Gulkana Tribe, the Federal Townsite Trustee gave this land to the Alaska State Department of Transportation. The GVC Elders have since worked tirelessly on ways to obtain ownership of their former village and cemetery. They hope to re-gain ownership in the near future. The village members moved to the current location of the village which was first established as a telegraph station by the U.S. Army Signal Corps in 1903. The current location is on the north side of the Gulkana River on higher ground.

Gulkana Village Council (GVC) is a federally recognized tribe and operates as a non-profit business with many programs to help improve the lives of the tribal members such as the Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP), Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP), Soaring Eagle Transit, Fire Fuels, Indian Reservation Roads (IRR), and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). GVC currently operates its own Public Water Services through a newly constructed water treatment facility, using MIEX technology. The GVC oversees and maintains independent village infrastructure assets, including the water, sewer, and roads. Over the years, the GVC has worked to improve the quality of life for tribal members and village residents.

Gulkana Village Council provides both Tribal and City grants/ programs. Gulkana Village Council received a grant through the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) for a new water plant which became operational in September 2013. The water plant is a public water system and operated under Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requirements. The new water plant provides drinking water which the residents had never had before. The plant has its own water budget, which is paid for through the water users and supplemented by GVC. There have been some issues that the GVC has had to work through. According to Angela Vermillion, GVC Tribal Administrator, "Our biggest challenge is providing a continuous water source for homes during the harsh cold weather."

GVC has been receiving NALEMP grants for remediating tribal land that has hazardous materials, providing seasonal jobs for tribal members and residents. The Council also received a grant from AEA in 2011 for a Wood Boiler System which provides heat to the Tribal Buildings and have successfully operated the boiler system since its installment, resulting in a 40% reduction in heating oil costs and providing employment for a part-time winter position.

GVC's Family Services program provides many community services, including youth outreach activities such as After School Tutoring, student field trips, sports tournaments, movie nights and a K-12 Summer Reading Program. The Family Services Program also promotes community involvement by sponsoring community events. Events include a monthly Family Night featuring a guest speaker and dinner. The topics range from Drug Awareness including tobacco prevention to Elders sharing their wisdom and teaching traditional Ahtna values. Other Family Services events



have included two 9-week long Financial Peace Seminars, with instruction on how to successfully manage money and become debt-free. To assist Tribal members, steep discounts are offered for financial classes, and free child care and dinner are provided during the once-a-week



sessions. Currently, GVC's Family Services is looking forward to hosting its next class: an advanced seven-week financial course, The Legacy Journey, which builds off the Financial Peace seminar.

Gulkana Village Council also runs Soaring Eagle Transit (SET), a regional program in operation since 2009. SET provides reliable public transportation for the Copper River Basin, meeting the Basin's transportation needs for healthcare, education, employment, recreation, and community activities. SET provides not only transportation but jobs to the region and logs an impressive 175,000 miles per year. SET employs three full-time drivers, one part-time on-call driver, a full-time dispatcher and a manager. Much needed Medicaid transportation is provided through their services which include a Monday-Friday route from Gakona to Copper Center with stops in between including Glennallen, and service to Anchorage on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Service to Valdez runs during the summer months for customers with a reservation three times a week. SET also provides call-out services within approximately a 50-mile radius from Gulkana.

A major project the tribe continues to develop is the Biomass Plant. Their goal is to provide more local jobs and an alternative heating source for homes and commercial buildings. GVC has successfully acquired various grants throughout the years with the goal to build a sustainable Biomass Plant debt-free. Through hard work and determination, the Village Council looks forward to the completion of the plant this year that would allow them to produce pellets and wood chips. The tribe has obtained grants including USDA, BIA Fire Fuels, the State of Alaska, and GVC investments to build the Biomass Plant. Once a business plan is developed and in place, the goal would be for the plant to produce commercially available products through Soaring Eagle Biomass.

To make their village even more self-sufficient, GVC is looking toward investing in alternate energy sources. Gulkana Village Council plans to install two solar panels to reduce electricity costs for seven of their buildings, including the community hall, offices, clinic, and the water plant. The panels have been purchased with installation scheduled for 2018. Solar energy will help the tribe continue with their plan of greater self-sustainability and continue to work towards renewable energy opportunities.

For more information on Gulkana Village Council programs and services, visit www.gvigap.com

For more information on Soaring Eagle Transit call (907) 822-4545 or visit www.gulkanacouncil.org/index.html

RECLAIMING THE LAND: PRISCILLA BILLUM MAHLE, AHTNA

This excerpt has been reprinted with permission from Judy Ferguson, Voice of Alaska Press

Long before the 1960s movement for indigenous land claims, Priscilla Billum Mahle's grandfather filed for his land, a necessary precedent for Ahtna's later territorial claims. I first met Priscilla at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer in 2005. As we talked, she said she'd like to tell her family's story. Before I left Anchorage, I visited Priscilla in her home where she shared her story.

I am the great-granddaughter of the famous Ahtna Athabascan sleep doctor, Doc Billum. I was born in 1939 in the village of Chitina to John Jr. and Molly Billum. With relatives from Southeast to the Tanana Valley, I am Ahtna, Salchaket Athabascan, as well as Tlingit from Yakutat.

The Copper River Ahtna used to trade copper nuggets with Yakutat. They walked there on an old trail following the Bremner River. It was said that when they bought Yakutat for \$300 in copper, they also brought back the woman who became my grandmother.

In 1867 when the Russians were leaving Alaska, some of them told my family, "We won't be returning; a different people will be managing Alaska now.

When they arrive—to protect your land—draw them a map to show them your indigenous borders."

My great-grandpa, Doc Billum, became a six-foot-two shaman, but when he was young, he and his family walked—the only way—all the way from the Salcha to Copper Center, a long way then.



Priscilla, standing, with her sister Shirley in Chitina, circa 1954. (Courtesy of Priscilla Billum Mahle).

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In Loving Memory - Roy S. Ewan

February 25, 1935-February 20, 2018



Respected leader and beloved Ahtna Elder Roy S. Ewan went home to be with the Lord on February 20, 2018 holding the hand of the love of his life and wife of 60 years, G. Glenda Ewan. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Roy was born on February 25, 1935 in Kluti-Kaah, Alaska. His father was the late Estaco Ewan of the Taltsiine clan and his mother the late Jessie Charley of the Udzisyu clan. After

high school, Roy served in the US Army. When he returned home, Roy was selected for leadership by his elders. He was the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Camp 31 President. He represented the Ahtna people in negotiations of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. As Ahtna President and CEO, Roy was a strong and successful business leader. Roy spent the latter part of his life advocating fiercely for Ahtna hunting and fishing rights.

Roy was a Co-chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) and went on to receive the prestigious AFN Citizen of the Year award. He was also a recipient of the First Alaskans Institute's Howard Rock award for his quiet and humble leadership.

Roy was an avid reader; he liked business books, autobiographies and was always current on local, statewide, and national politics. He enjoyed baseball, basketball, boxing, trapping, hunting,

working on the fishwheel and working on fish. His freezers were always filled with traditional foods he gathered during hunting and fishing seasons. In his younger years, he was a dog musher. Roy loved to be in the outdoors and on the land. Roy loved the Ahtna people! He wanted to see younger Ahtna men and women becoming familiar with the land and learning to appreciate being in the outdoors like he did.

Nick Jackson, Chairman of the Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors shared that, "Roy's heart was always for the people. Roy was orphaned at a young age and sent away but he later returned to become a respected and beloved leader of the Ahtna people."

Roy is survived by his wife G. Glenda, their daughter Jacqueline and son-in-law Patrick Johnny, grandchildren Roy Shane and Adrian Ewan and Ryan and Jolenda Johnny and great-granddaughter Tre'ann Ewan, brother Wilbur Joe and wife Marilyn, first cousin Robert Marshall and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His final message was to love one another, work together and always take care of each other.

"Alaska First Lady Donna Walker and I would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the friends and family of Roy Ewan. Roy's leadership and dedication helped guide the passage of ANCSA, protected subsistence rights for Alaska Natives, and provided a steadfast advocate for his Ahtna people. I am grateful for our friendship and the wisdom and guidance he shared with me through the years." -Alaska Governor Bill Walker

"It is with heaviness of heart that I express my condolences to the family of Roy Ewan. For decades, Roy has been a leader of the Ahtna People. His integrity, vision and respectful but strong leadership was critical during the



ANCSA settlement struggle. He forged strong ties with Native and non-Native leadership across the state as he and his peers in leadership of the Ahtna region advocated for subsistence rights, economic advancement and for the tribal and cultural future of his People. He was among that generation of Native leadership connected to the world of his parents and grandparents who made their wisdom and philosophy a daily part of his leadership of newer generations. I had the privilege and honor to work alongside and learn from Roy over many years. I will always remember his strength and vision." -Alaska Lt. Governor Byron Mallott

"Roy Ewan was a man of immense integrity in everything he did. At AFN leadership meetings, everyone always wanted to know what Roy thought. He was rooted in his culture and successfully operated in the Western world. We will miss him greatly." - Julie Kitka

"He was there early, and he stuck with the effort all the way through and helped implement his region, getting it up and running," said Emil Notti, of Anchorage, who served as a major force in achieving the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and was the first president of the Alaska Federation of Natives. "He advocated right up until he could not do it anymore."

"He was dedicated; he wasn't there for himself," said Marlene Johnson, of Hoonah and Juneau, and the Raven Moiety, T'akdeintaan Clan, Taax Hit. "He was there for his community and the area and for future generations and to protect the land," said Johnson, another prominent figure in the land claims movement who went on to serve on the Sealaska Corp. board of directors and Sealaska Heritage Institute. "He worked for what we thought was best for our communities. He was so respectful of the elders. I learned from him," said Johnson, a friend of over 50 years.

"I have been in the land and natural resource field for nearly forty years and there isn't a day that goes by that myself, or staff, don't learn something new from the Ahtna people about how they managed the resources." – Joe Bovee, Ahtna, Inc. Vice President of Land and Resources



Photo courtesy of Sam Towarak



Photo courtesy Ted Stevens Foundation



A group of Ahtna lived around Copper Center but due to the starvation time of 1898, they had to split up. One band went to Willow Creek Lake. Doc took his people southeast toward Chitina, and the third group went northeast, to Copper Center, looking for food.

Doc was known to sleep and dream and then to awake with a vision. Once he dreamed he met a strange people coming up the Copper River. He heard them speak in a foreign language with each other on a tributary of the Copper River. When he woke, he spoke in that language, English, which he had never heard before. Then speaking in Ahtna, he said, "A people are coming, and they will sound like this." In 1885 when Lt. Allen's party, the first American officials to explore up the Copper River, the English-speaking lieutenant met with Chief Nicolai. Like my great-grandpa had dreamed, they talked on a tributary of the Copper River.

- 1796:** Tarkanov winters at Taral on Copper River.
- 1867:** In Treaty of Cession, Russia sells Alaska to U.S.
- 1885:** Lt. Allen, first American up Copper River; meets Chief Nicolai.
- 1898:** Klondike gold rush.
- 1900:** Chitina Mining and Exploration Co. Richest known concentration of copper in the world.
- 1903:** Guggenheim and J.P. Morgan's Kennecott Copper Corporation.
- 1938:** Copper River and Northwest Railroad hauls ore.
- 1951:** John Billum Sr., Doc Billum's son, files first Ahtna land claim.
- 1962:** Oscar Craig and Markle Ewan at first Tanana Chiefs meeting.

Later, in 1898, as prospectors arrived with the Gold Rush, killing game, catching fish, and bringing disease and alcohol, that became our time of starvation. Once when Chief Nicolai of Taral was desperately hungry, he led the whites to a vein of copper, the Nicolai Prospect, in exchange for food. Speculators for the Kennecott Copper Corporation soon began developing the Kennecott Mine. Over a period of twenty-seven years, they extracted \$200 million in copper, a lot of money in those days. Chitina was established along the Copper River. In 1911, the railroad began operation, connecting Strelna, McCarthy, and Kennicott by rail.

At Lower Tonsina on the Copper River, my great grandpa, Doc Billum, ran his ferry along with his son Ts'inaeen, John

Sr. Not too many people had boats, but he did. Their usual customers were miners, prospectors, and their horses. He would ferry Chief Nicholai from Taral to Chitina, which was abandoned when the chief died. Doc was recognizable by his top hat. He helped both Native and non-Native, and he was nicknamed after a famous white physician of that era, Dr. Billum. In 1927, when Doc was working at the Copper Center Lodge, he caught the flu. He died, and he was buried near Lower Tonsina.

You can read the full interview with Priscilla Billum Mahle in Judy's book: *Windows to the Land, An Alaska Native Story Vol. One: Alaska Native Land Claims Trailblazers:* www.judysoutpost.com/trailblazers.php



In this photo taken in Lower Tonsina in about 1910, the shaman "sleep doctor" Doc Billum, Priscilla's great-grandfather, is wearing his trademark top hat. Next to him in the beaver hat is Priscilla's grandfather John Billum Sr. (Courtesy of Priscilla Billum Mahle).



Priscilla Billum Mahle in 2005. (Photo by Judy Ferguson).

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

TESTAMENTARY DISPOSITION – WHO WILL INHERIT YOUR SHARES?

Ahtna's Shareholder Services Department is responsible for settling deceased shareholder estates and a testamentary disposition form provides clear and concise guidelines to determining the heirs of your Ahtna shares and the process is different than gifting shares when a shareholder is still living. A Testamentary is not a complete personal will, but directs us on your wishes for your Ahtna shares. It is extremely important for shareholders to prepare and have a valid Testamentary on file with Ahtna. Without it, when you pass, your shares may go to someone other than your choosing. The Testamentary Disposition form will also allow you to appoint a representative to handle any potlatch fund donations you are eligible for from Ahtna after your passing.

When a shareholder passes on and they do not have a Testamentary on file with Ahtna, the transfer of shares becomes more complicated and could take months, or even years, delaying what could be a relatively quick and simple process. We know it isn't easy thinking about these things, however a Testamentary protects you by allowing you to determine who inherits your shares if something were to happen to you. Preparing for this makes the process much smoother and faster for your family.

The Testamentary is a three page form and is available to shareholders to be printed online at www.ahtna-inc.com by clicking on the "Shareholders" tab, then selecting "Services and Forms" from the drop down menu. You may also call Shareholder Services at (907) 822-3476 to have one mailed to you from the Glennallen headquarters office. Shareholder Relations is available to answer questions or assist you in filling out the form correctly. The form must be

A Testamentary protects you by allowing you to determine who inherits your shares if something were to happen to you.

completely filled out, notarized, and returned to Shareholder Relations to be considered valid. Custodians, guardians or power of attorney cannot complete the form – it must be completed by the individual shareholder. You can update your Testamentary at any time and only the most recent dated form will be considered valid. You should also make a copy of the completed form for yourself and keep it in a safe place.



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Opportunities are now available for online courses in several Microsoft applications. **Build Your Skills!**

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- SharePoint 2013
- Skype for Business
- Access 2016 (Beginner, Intermediate)
- Office 365
- OneDrive for Business
- OneNote
- Windows 10

Courses are interactive with short modules that can be completed at your own pace! Many courses come with printable quick reference guides to use after your training and printable certificates of completion to enhance your resume.

Courses are free courtesy of Ahtna Son' University and available now!

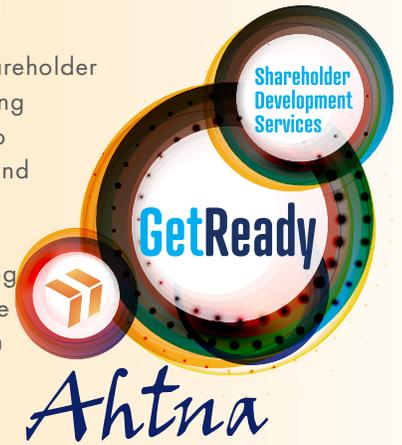
For more information or to register for courses, connect with us
Shareholder Development Program >> Contact Ahtna's
Shareholder Development Coordinator at
shdevelopment@ahtna.net or call (907) 868-8221

AHTNA SHAREHOLDER DEVELOPMENT VIDEO – GET READY



You may have received a call recently from Ahtna's Shareholder Development Coordinator, Tracy Parent. Tracy is reaching out to help make sure Talent Bank profiles are current so shareholders don't miss out on the latest job openings and training and professional development opportunities.

The Shareholder Development Department is also getting ready to launch a brand new video which will showcase where Ahtna can take you. We are here to support you in your career goals, whatever they may be. All you have to do is take the first step and call Shareholder Development Services at (907) 868-8250.



2018 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Saturday, June 2, at Glennallen High School. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with call-to-order at 9 a.m.

We will only be sending one Annual Meeting packet per household this year which will include the Annual Report, Proxy Statement, Annual Meeting Agenda and Door Prizes list. The household packets will be mailed April 20 and Proxy Voting Forms and PIN letters will be mailed separately to individuals a week later on April 27. Online voting will open that day as well. The Board made the decision to hold proxies until a week after the household packets go out in order to give you the opportunity to receive as much information as possible before marking your vote. This change will bring substantial cost savings to the company in printing and postage as well as help to reduce our environmental impact. As in previous years, shareholder will be able to vote online. Shareholders who submit their proxies by the early-bird proxy deadline of May 11 will be eligible for the early-bird prize drawing.

You can find more information about the annual meetings at www.ahtna-inc.com/shareholders/annual-meeting-of-shareholders or contact Shareholder Services Manager Eileen Ewan at (907) 822-3476 or shservices@ahtna.net.

MEET THE 2018 BOARD CANDIDATES

This year, in lieu of an in-person candidate forum, candidate videos will be made available on the Ahtna website for viewing. The brief videos will help shareholders to better get to know each of the candidates who will be asked a set of pre-scripted questions. It is Ahtna's hope that shareholders will use the information provided in the videos to help them make more-informed decisions regarding whom they want to elect.

ARTS & CRAFTS TABLES AVAILABLE!



Ahtna will host Arts & Crafts tables for Shareholders at the 2018 Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 2, at Glennallen High School. Tables and chairs will be provided free of charge. For more information and to reserve your space please contact Carlene Pete at (907) 822-3476.

ANNUAL MEETING TEMPORARY HIRES

Ahtna is accepting applications for:

- Set-up/take-down crew members
- Cooks/helpers
- Greeter/Elder assistant
- Custodian
- Runners
- Camera/video
- Medic/first-aid station
- Youth servers to assist Elders with drinks, meals and snacks (must be 14-19 years of age, attend mandatory server orientation June 1 and wear black pants, white dress shirt and good shoes to annual meeting)

Please visit <http://ahtna-inc.com/shareholders/employment> to apply for any of the positions. If you have not previously set up an online application, you will need to set up your online employment profile. Multiple applications can be filled at once. Simply check all the boxes next to each position.

If you have any questions, please contact Shareholder Development at (907) 868-8250 or shdevelopment@ahtna.net or the Ahtna Human Resources Department at (907) 868-8250 or ahtnajobs@ahtna.net.

HONOR GUARD

Ahtna would like to invite all Shareholder Veterans to serve as Honor Guard at the 45th Annual Meeting on June 2. Those interested will need to arrive between 8:15-8:30 a.m. at the Glennallen High School and Carlene Pete can be contacted with any questions at (907) 822-3476. Thank you!

GRADUATES TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING – GET YOUR GIFT REQUESTS IN

Shareholders receive a congratulatory gift for graduation of high school or college. Check out the form below and submit the request by May 18 so we can celebrate your achievements at the Annual Meeting on June 2.

Go to: <http://ahtna-inc.com/shareholders/shareholder-services>. Under Shareholder Forms, select Graduate Information Form. It's a simple one-page document.

Please note that Graduate Gift Requests are managed under a separate program from Class L Stock and require their own submission of proof of graduation

Approved applicants will be officially recognized at the Annual Meeting; however, gifts will be tendered upon receipt of all necessary documents, at the discretion of management.

Contact Carlene Pete at Shareholder Records for questions. Send the form and required documents via fax at (907) 822-3495, by email at cpete@ahtna.net or by mail to:

Carlene Pete Graduation Form
PO Box 649
Glennallen, AK 99588



The gifts are as follows:

- High school Certificate of Attendance/Completion \$150
- Diploma/GED \$200
- Associate Degree \$250
- Bachelor Degree \$350
- Master Degree \$500
- Doctorate Degree \$750

TOLSONA SHAREHOLDER PROFILE: EDWARD GREYBEAR, EXPEDITOR

“Wombli Kinyon Emakiyapi.” Edward GreyBear was born on October 26th, 1995 to Avamarie GreyBear and Deacon Magnan in Sidney, Montana. Edward, is part of the Lakota, Sioux Hunkpapa tribe and is a direct descendent of Chief Sitting Bull. He is also part of the Ahtna Athabascan Naltsiine clan.



Edward was raised on the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana until the age of five, when he moved to Alaska with his mother. After the move, he attended school in the Copper River School District. One of Edward's role models is his grandfather Abraham GreyBear Sr. who passed away when Edward was only seven years old. Despite losing him at such a young age, Edward still looks up to him, striving to be the best he can for him.

After the start of his freshman year of high school, Edward quickly realized that he was passionate about the environment and had a great appreciation for science in general. Edward is interested in anything involved with the outdoors, which led him to pursue his love for outdoor recreational sports such as rock/ice climbing, snow/paddle boarding, backpacking and mountaineering. During his years in high school, Edward lived with and helped to care for his two grandmothers, Ina Lincoln (Great Grandmother) and her daughter Vivian GreyBear (Grandmother), along with his mother Ava.

Having graduated high school, Edward is currently in his third year of college at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and during the summers he has been working with Ahtna under an internship program. Within the next year, Edward plans on traveling the world to experience different cultures and generally broaden his perspective on life, in addition to joining the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from UAF. Edward will always have a special place in his heart for his late great grandmother Ina Lincoln, who helped raise him and shared her experience and knowledge of the Athabascan culture.

EVELYN BEETER'S DOG MUSHING CAREER TEACHES LASTING LIFE LESSONS – ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

Photo courtesy Barbara Cellarius

Dog mushing has a long history in Alaska and the Ahtna way of life. Beginning in the 20th century, dog teams were used by the Ahtna people for transportation and packing goods, supplies and game meat.

Evelyn Beeter was born in Tanana, Alaska and grew up in Chistochina living the Ahtna way of life.

Evelyn Beeter's first memory of being in a dog sled is when she was four years old and with her family headed to check their Chistochina river trail trap line. It was her parents, Lena and Jerry Charley Sr., that later taught her how to mush. They also taught their children how to properly care for the dogs and cook for them using rice, kibble and dry fish. Evelyn and her siblings (Ernie Charley, Agnes Denny and Jerry Charley Jr.) also helped with hauling wood using the dogs and hooking them to the sled.



Photo courtesy Barbara Cellarius

Evelyn started junior mushing when she was about eight years old. She remembers her mother taking all four children, plus their cousins, to the junior races in Tok. She continued to competitively race until 1976, her sophomore year at Glennallen High School, when she ran the 7-dog class in the Junior World Championship in Anchorage. Not only did she win, but she set a track record which was

only just recently broken. She ended up taking a break from racing, but her love for working with dogs and the outdoors did not diminish and she knew she wanted to be involved in the sport again someday. She picked the sport back up in 1993 and started competitively racing again in 1996.

Evelyn credits her mother as being her original mentor and her inspiration to get into racing. Her mother ran sprint open races and did really well and later switched to distance mushing. She ran the Yukon Quest four times by the age of 58. When

Evelyn started listening to the radio and hearing about dog mushing greats like George Atlla, Dr. Roland Lombard and Roxy Wright, she was inspired to see their ability to compete no matter what their background or where they came from. Each of these racing inspirations had their own unique story. The late George Atlla Jr. was a legend in sprint racing and one of Alaska's most decorated mushers winning two premiere sprint races — the Fur Rendezvous World Championship Sled Dog Race in Anchorage and the Open North American Sled Dog Championships in Fairbanks — a combined total of 18 times. Dr. Roland Lombard was a veterinarian who was a famous dog racer in Alaska, even though he lived in Wayland, Massachusetts. Roxy Wright retired from competitive sled dog racing in 1996, but the Fairbanks native wrote the final chapter of her remarkable career when she captured her fourth GCI Open North American Championship in 2017 at the age of 66.

Evelyn describes her kennel of 18 dogs as being small. She only uses 8 of the dogs for racing; 3 retired dogs and 7 yearlings making up the rest of the pack. When it comes to traits she looks for in her dogs, she says they need to love running and have that drive to be a great sled dog. "A drive to want to work and please human beings, along with having a happy demeanor are important."

Outlaw was the dog that Evelyn first started her team with. He was a husky breed and ran the Fur Rondy and the Yukon Quest races. Outlaw was very special to her and did what was asked of him in his 17 years, 15 of which he raced. Another favorite is the late Ruby. All of Evelyn's current dogs are descendants from Ruby's line. "She didn't have the top-notch speed of other dogs, but she stayed in front of the dogs no matter what the pace was," Evelyn said.

Although dog mushing is a winter sport, it takes year-round preparation to compete. Evelyn starts her training in the fall using a four-wheeler to get the dogs out three to four times per week. She incrementally moves their mileage up once they can run a route easily and then continues until there is enough snow to use a sled. Because she runs the 8-dog class she typically keeps her long run training sessions to under 13 miles. Her race season kicks off in January and picks up from February through March with races every weekend. The dogs are accustomed to traveling in the dog truck and get excited when they know it's time to go race.



Evelyn sprint mashes which means her team is going very fast – up to 22 miles per hour – and she loves the rush of it. She is mentally tough and disciplined, but also truly enjoys what she does which gives her an advantage. Her career goal is to win the Limited North American 8-dog class; last year she placed second at the event in the 4-dog race. She

recently won the Eagle River Classic 8-dog and Alaskan Sled Dog & Racing Association (ASDRA) Norma Rasmussen 8-dog in Anchorage. This year she was most looking forward to racing at the local Chistochina Fun Days which she serves on the planning committee for. She placed first in the 6-dog race and came in second in the 4-dog, but just by a hair.

When it comes to being prepared and safe on the trail Evelyn says she always has two snow hooks to hold the team and help stop. She also runs small teams using a snowmachine with a big string for her first run out to make sure there are no problems. She has had a couple run ins with moose on the trail, luckily without incident, so sometimes she has a snowmachine trail her which keeps the moose at bay. Evelyn's advice for youth that are interested in getting into dog mushing is to do it and enjoy it as it will teach you about yourself. A tip she offers is to get dogs from mushers that are already trained. "Don't rush; take your time and figure out what type of mushing you enjoy – sprint, distance or just recreational."

When it comes to her free time outside of mushing and work, Evelyn enjoys being social and building relationships with her grandchildren. She counts herself lucky to have her mother around to teach her and for her grandchildren to learn from.

"All I can say is that anything is possible, if you want to do it just go do it. That is how the people before us were. Thanks to my parents for raising and teaching us our ways of life."

About Evelyn Beeter

Evelyn Beeter was born in Tanana, Alaska and grew up in Chistochina living the Ahtna way of life. She has one daughter, Marilynn, who also lives in Chistochina and three grandsons: Bjorn, Ronan and Finn. Her mother is Lena Charley and her father is Jerry Charley Sr. Her maternal grandparents are Jack and Daisy Nicolai and her paternal grandparents are Mary and Frank Charley. She belongs to the Atls'e'inaey tribe and her father is of the Udzisyu clan.

Evelyn has worked at the Mount Sanford Tribal Consortium (MSTC) since 1993, currently as President, and before that the Copper River Native Association and as a Community Health Aid for Chistochina. In her role as President of MSTC she enjoys being in the community and working with partners to improve health care services in the region. MSTC is currently working on building a brand new clinic. Evelyn has spent most of her life in Chistochina with brief stints in North Dakota and Wyoming.



MEET THE BOARD



KEN JOHNS

Ken Johns was the President/CEO of Ahtna, Inc. from 2000 to 2011. He has served on many Ahtna committees and subsidiary boards over the years and was reelected to the Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors in 2017.

He previously worked at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Copper River Native Association and has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Copper River School District, Indian Education Board, Alaska Village Initiatives, Alaska Commercial Company, Native American Rights Fund, and Alaska Federation of Natives. His financial experience includes serving as a Bank Advisor for National Bank of Alaska and Wells Fargo. He currently serves as Special Assistant to the President for Cully Corporation and is the former CEO.

Describe your family (married, children, grandchildren?)

I am married to Leona Johns and we have four children: Jerry, Amber, Caleb and Andrew. We also have 12 grandchildren.

What clan are you a member of?

The Udziyuu Caribou clan.

What are some defining/influential moments in your life?

Back in the days when I became a Christian that is continuing to influence my life since then.

Is there anyone in particular in your life that has inspired you?

My dad, Harry Johns, Sr. has been an inspiration to me.

What hobbies or activities do you enjoy?

Hunting and fishing; subsistence hunting. I like to go hunting any chance I get. I also like basketball; I have a game tonight! They watch my shooting! I also enjoy coin collecting with the thought that one day one of my grandkids will take up the interest in collecting and sports card collecting. My favorite team is the Boston Celtics. Now that I'm retired I have the time needed to work hard for the shareholders and elders of the Ahtna region. I'm able to truly focus on the issues and commit the time necessary to my position on the board.

What are your hopes for the future of Ahtna?

My hope for Ahtna is that it will train and mentor our

young people to be able to operate and run the corporation - in all areas of their business.

How long have you served on the Ahtna Board?

I have served off and on the Ahtna Board for about 10 years.

What is the Board's vision for Ahtna, Inc?

First and foremost it's the protection of land, profitability and growing the trust fund.

What made you want to join the Board?

My village, Kluti-Kaah, wanted me to represent them.

What excites you the most about the Board's work?

The future.

What are some key things you wanted to change/implement when you joined the Board?

There was nothing I wanted to change. I wanted to make sure that there were safeguards in place for the financials of the corporation.

What is one or a few things you would love for all shareholders to know about the Board?

That it is a very important function for determining Ahtna's future.

What message would you like to share with the youth of today?

First and foremost is to be happy in areas that you currently are. Anything past that is a plus.

Can you tell me more about your work history and community involvement?

I have been involved with Ahtna since the inception of the corporation starting with enrollment and the land selections. I was an iron worker on the pipeline. I have served on state-wide boards, bank boards and economic boards throughout my lifetime. I am an active member in our Copper Center church and Wrangell Mountain Bible Conference.



Leona and Ken Johns shortly after they were married in 1972

CONDOLENCES

We have lost many precious elders and shareholders already this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families that are healing from the loss of loved ones.
In loving memory of our shareholders who have passed:

Alec John
Andrew M. Racelis
Denise L. Fleming
Dorothy A. Savage

Frieda C. Sanford
Judith R. Houghton
Mae E. Marshall
Markle Pete

Norma L. Gene
Reynold M. Voyles
Alberta Voyles
Roy S. Ewan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

 video conference
between Anchorage &
Glennallen

APRIL

Apr 20 - Household Annual Meeting Packets Mail Out

Apr 20 - Class L Deadline

Apr 21 - Kluti-Kaah SVO, Kluti-Kaah Hall, 9 a.m.

Apr 27 - Proxy Forms and PIN Letters Mail Out

Apr 27 - Proxy Voting Opens

MAY

May 7 - AITRC Board, 10 a.m.

May 8 - Shareholder Committee, 9 a.m. 

May 8 - Audit and Finance Committee, 1 p.m. 

May 9 - Land Committee, 9 a.m. 

May 11 - CRNA Annual Meeting

May 13 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Glennallen Graduation

May 18 - Mentasta Graduation

May 21 - Kenny Lake Graduation

May 28 - Memorial Day

May 31 - Katie John Day

May 31 - AI Board, 9 a.m., Glennallen

JUNE

June 1 - Election & Rules Committee, 9 a.m., Glennallen

June 2 - AI Annual Shareholders Meeting, 9 a.m., Glennallen

June 7 - AI BOD, 9 a.m., Glennallen

June 8 - Election & Rules Committee, 9 a.m., Glennallen

June 9 - Chitina Native Corp Annual Meeting, Chitina Hall

June 11 - AITRC Board, 10 a.m.

June 17 - Father's Day

June 18 - Ahtna Day (Ahtna offices closed)

June 21-23 - AI BOD Training, 9 a.m., TBD

JULY

July 4 - Independence Day (Ahtna offices closed)

July 9 - AITRC Board, 10 a.m.

July 11-12 - AN Subsidiary Meetings, Anchorage, 9 a.m.

July 12 - AN BOD, Anchorage, 1 p.m.

July 13 - AN BOD Strategic Planning, Anchorage, 9 a.m.

July 20 - Class L Deadline

July 20 - Audit and Finance Committee, 9 a.m. 

July 21 - AI / AN Year 4 Strategic Plan, 9 a.m., TBD



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