So the big question about Elsie Sanders these days is this: How will she adjust to life in Las Vegas? After a lifetime well lived mostly in Alaska, it’s kind of hard to imagine. However one of her sons has been after her to move so she’s finally done it.

Elsie Sanders was born Elsie May Black on Feb. 18, 1922, up the Noatak River.

Shareholder and Nome Employee Chrystie Salesky was hired in the summer of 2011 as an intern. Chrystie now works as an assistant in the Shareholder Department and she is also a scholarship assistant for the Sitnasuak Foundation.

She is juggling a lot right now between raising her 6-month old daughter with Jacob Martin and also caring for her sled.

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Rebecca is currently project assistant in Sitnasuak’s Anchorage office. She works directly with CEO David Hoffman and VP of Administration Holly Poydack. Rebecca leads many projects, such as events planning, social media and the re-creation of the new Sitnasuak website, which is to go live in June. Other day-to-day responsibilities include technology assistance and board meeting planning.
SITNASUAK ELDER: 
Elsie Sanders  
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at a prospecting camp. She was raised in Candle and Deering, daughter of James Black and Emma (Mills) Black.

Elsie’s best memories of childhood are from the age of 5, when she had a 3-dog team. Later, as a teenager, she ran freight with dog teams. After World War II Elsie lived and worked at North Island.

Elsie has lived an active, busy life. After World War II, Elsie lived and worked as a practical nurse in Texas. In 1948, Elsie returned to Deering where she worked in mining operations. She moved to Nome in 1955 and worked at Cavotas NC Store, North Star restaurant and the hospital. Then in 1967, she moved to Anchorage and worked at the Singer store and Aleutian Pribilof Island Association.

Elsie has nine children, 20 grandchildren, lots of great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. She hopes she has taught her children and grandchildren to respect their Elders and their culture.

Her advice to younger people:
“Never think of yourself as old!”

NOME EMPLOYEE:  
Chrystie Salesky  
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dogs. Chrystie has been a musher for nine years and maintains a kennel of around 30 sled dogs. She is also the president of the Nome Kennel Club and vice president of PAWS of Nome (People for Animal Welfare and Safety of Nome).

“At PAWS we are helping better the lives of Nome’s animals through providing help and education to local pet owners,” Chrystie explains.

At Sitnasuak, her mornings are in the Shareholder Department, where she helps with deceased pending files, updating forms, writing letters and encouraging shareholders to complete their wills.

In the afternoon, she switches focus to scholarships at the Sitnasuak Foundation, which is managed out of the Bering Straits Foundation office. The two foundations work together to provide scholarships to shareholders and descendants who are going to college or vocational training.

Her mother is Janice (Salesky) Doherty and step father is Doug Doherty of Nome. Her grandparents are Carol and Vic Olsen and her great grandmother was the late Ella Tanner, also all of Nome.

“I love working at Sitnasuak. It is nice to get to know the shareholders and students and assisting them however I can. I like getting to interact with the shareholders and also helping the students further their education,” she said.

Chrystie also says she is excited to help the Foundation grow and they hope to do more student outreach as well as switch to an online application in the near future.

ANCHORAGE EMPLOYEE:  
Rebecca Neagle  
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The most exciting part of her position is emceeing shareholder events.

“Working for Sitnasuak is very rewarding and the greatest opportunity I have been given. It is a great feeling knowing I come to work and my work is going towards making a better life for shareholders now and for the many generations to come,” she said. “I couldn’t have joined the corporation at a better time. It is a profound time of change and growth that I know we will all look back on as a time of great success. Our team is incompable to any other and I feel honored to work with everyone at Sitnasuak.”

Rebecca’s long-term goals are to complete her degree in Business Management and Marketing with a minor in Native Studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and to one day be a leader of Sitnasuak.

“When stepping into my position, or more like jumping over a cliff, I knew I wanted to be here for the long haul. It has been my dream since a young girl to be just like my grandfather, Lawrence T. Davis, Sitnasuak’s first elected president,” she said. “My supervisors have made every day of my job excitingly intriguing, and more interesting with every new project. They go beyond believing in me, which is the most encouraging part of this position and journey.”

Outside of her job, Rebecca loves spending time with her family, subsistence activities like berry picking, fishing, and reindeer herding, camping, snowboarding, and personally planning an annual “Less Fortunate Feed” held on her birthday. She leaves very little time to do nothing. “Any extra time I have I like to spend with my 2-year-old nephew Isaiah and puppy Annabelle,” she said.
From the Chairman:

ROBERT (BOBBY) EVANS

Spring is in the air and everyone is thankful we had a mild winter. It’s great to see everyone out and about, taking advantage of the long warm days. It is that time of year when we prepare for our 41st Sitnasuak Annual Meeting of Shareholders that will be held at the Nome Elementary School on May 31, 2014. Soon shareholders will receive or have just received the annual report, and I encourage everyone to read it and to join us for the annual meeting. We will have tables with staff to answer questions, fill out wills and other shareholder paperwork, and the meeting will be available via webcast, for those who can’t join us in Nome. We are committed to providing more information and open communication with each and every shareholder.

This edition of the Venture introduces you to all candidates on this year’s proxy. We have more shareholders stepping up and running for the Board of Directors, which is a great thing for our people and future.

The Annual Report details our numerous successes in 2013, where we took some big steps to diversify our lines of business, and continued to raise the expectations for our future workings. This last year we started creating new procedures that have already shown positive improvement. We do a lot of things well, however we are always striving to do better. We also love to hear from our Shareholders and get their point of view; so please like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and Instagram, visit our website, and come see us face-to-face at the Nome and Anchorage offices.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors, Sitnasuak leadership and all of our employees for their hard work this past year. It has been such a positive team effort, with everyone working together. I would also like to thank all our Shareholders for their continuous support of Sitnasuak Native Corporation. You can be proud and know that the future will continue to be bright for many years to come. Please see the graph below that shows our contributions that we gave back to shareholders and the community of Nome in this last year.

Wishing everyone a safe and prosperous spring season.

DIRECT ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO SHAREHOLDERS IN 2013

Total: $2,162,876

- Regular shareholder dividend ($6.16 per share) [$1,265,264 (58.5%)]
- Special Elders dividend ($500 per Elder) [$218,000 (10.1%)]
- Scholarships [$161,534 (7.5%)]
- Charitable contributions [$293,922 (13.6%)]
- Bereavement benefits [$35,000 (1.6%)]
- Shareholder discounts on heating oil ($.70/gallon) [$179,756 (8.3%)]
- Shareholder discounts on rent [$9,400 (0.4%)]
Meet Sitnasuak’s Subsidiary CEOs:
CAROLYN CROWDER, SCOT HENDERSON, CHARLIE SASSARA,

Carolyn Crowder
(Inupiat name: Kingahluq)
CEO, SITNASUAK HEALTH SOLUTIONS (SHS)

HOMETOWN: Nome, Alaska. Tribal member, Nome Eskimo Community.


PROFESSIONAL HISTORY: President & CEO, Norton Sound Health Corporation; President, Bering Straits Foundation (1991-present); President/Owner, Crown Consulting and Management Services. Current Alaska Tribal Representative on multiple national tribal health committees including co-chair of national Indian Health Services (IHS) Budget Formulation, Tribal Advisory Committee to IHS Director, Tribal Chair of national Information Systems Advisory Committee to IHS Director and Contract Health Services (now Purchased & Referred Care) Work Group advisory to IHS Director; former director of BSNC.

GOALS FOR SITNASUAK: SHS will be the recognized industry leader for integrated health system solutions designed to drive sustainable improvements in health organization performance and outcomes with a mission to lead the development of an integrated, sustainable national tribal health system through progressive business partnerships with self governance tribal health and affiliated organizations.

OTHER INTERESTS: Family, reading, cooking, travel (especially to warm places!), health leadership mentoring, and creatively driving tribal health systems organizational development, resourcing, innovations, and performance improvements.

Scot Henderson
CEO, BONANZA FUEL

HOMETOWN: Palmer, Alaska.

PREVIOUS POSITION: Have been with Bonanza since 2004 with similar responsibilities, although job title has changed during that time from Fuel Manager, General Manager, to current title of CEO.


GOALS FOR SITNASUAK: Continue to expand and grow the company (Bonanza), try to keep fuel prices affordable for the local community and shareholders, and continue to increase and develop shareholder hire opportunities within the company.

OTHER INTERESTS: Hunting, fishing and other subsistence activities.
Meet Sitnasuak's Subsidiary CEOs:
carolyn crowder, Scot hender Son, charlie Sassara, richard Strutz, and humberto zacapa

Charlie Sassara
CEO, SITNASUAK PROPERTIES

HOMETOWN: Anchorage, Alaska.

PREVIOUS POSITION: Past Sitnasuak roles include Sr. Project Manager/General Manager for Sitnasuak and Sitnasuak Construction Services.


GOALS FOR SITNASUAK: To fulfill the vision of Sitnasuak Properties as a dynamic, agile and profitable real estate development company.

OTHER INTERESTS: Sailing, climbing, exploration, human and organizational development, past president of the American Alpine Club 2013.

Richard Strutz
CEO, SITNASUAK FINANCIAL SERVICES

HOMETOWN: Anchorage, Alaska.

PREVIOUS POSITION: President, Wells Fargo Alaska for 20 years with total service of 42 years.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY: Prior to Wells Fargo, 18 months at David Green Furs.

GOALS FOR SITNASUAK: To integrate Fidelity Title and Mat Su Title into Sitnasuak. Then as the market allows, to expand them by purchasing other title companies.

OTHER INTERESTS: Hunting, fishing and snow machining.

Humberto Zacapa
CEO, SNC TECHNICAL SERVICES

HOMETOWN: San Salvador, El Salvador.

PREVIOUS POSITION: Zya Consulting Group.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY: Textile manufacturing industry since 1989. Professional positions with Superior Surgical Medical Uniforms in Florida; jeans manufacturer Knight Apparel in South Carolina; and Grupo Merlet in El Salvador. Grupo Merlet is a major player in the apparel arena in Central America. In 1994, founded Zya Consulting Group in El Salvador with focus on textile companies in Central America.

GOALS FOR SITNASUAK: Optimize operations and grow company sales.

OTHER INTERESTS: Reading, rowing, church.
Candidates for the Board of Directors

See the proxy materials for complete statements and information on the candidates. The information below is excerpted from the proxy materials.

Barb (QasuGlana) Amarok
Ms. Amarok has served on the Board of Directors since June of 2011. She serves as assistant secretary of the Executive Committee, co-chair of the Elders Committee, chair of the Sitnasuak Foundation Board and vice chair of the By Laws Committee; she is a member of the Subsistence Committee and Financial Services Board. She is currently editing her dissertation as a Ph.D. candidate in the University of Alaska Fairbanks Indigenous Studies Program. Ms. Amarok is the daughter of Mary Ann Amarok Tiffany and granddaughter of Joe and Maiyak Amarok.

Helen C. Bell
Mrs. Bell has served on the Board of Directors continuously since May 1987. Mrs. Bell has served as the secretary of the corporation since June 4, 2011, as a member of the Executive Committee since June 27, 2011, and as the chairperson of the Elders Committee. She also chairs the Board of Sitnasuak Health Solutions. Mrs. Bell was employed by Stem’s Inc. Flower Shoppe from October 20, 1999 until December 2011.

Janice (Salesky) Doherty
Mrs. Doherty previously served on the Board of Directors from 2009 to 2012. She served as secretary, treasurer and assistant secretary of the Board, on the Executive Committee, chairperson of Finance Committee, president of Nanuaq, LLC, president of Bonanza Fuel, LLC, president of Sitnasuak Foundation, and member of the Land Committee and SNCT Board. She lists her business experience as owner and manager of Glacier Creek Investments, LLC, Quartz Creek Investments, LLC, Hastings Creek Media Group, NatGeo TV, Original Productions and Wells Fargo Bank.

Caleb Dotomain
Mr. Dotomain previously served on the Board of Directors from 1980 to 1985. He worked for the U.S. Census Bureau and is currently the Senior Pastor and founder of New Beginnings Faith Assembly of God. Mr. Dotomain holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Theology. He says “All of my obligations in my professional employments to date include; providing staff selection and leadership, develop budgets, and operate the business within the established Corporate, State and federal constraints.”

Jason Evans
Mr. Evans served on the Board of Directors from May 2000 to May 2003 and since June 4, 2011. He served as chairman from June 4, 2011 to June 2013 and as a member of the Executive Committee since June 27, 2011. Mr. Evans is currently president/CEO of Rural Energy Enterprises and owner of Financial Inc. a business consulting firm. He is an owner of Alaska Media LLC, which publishes the Arctic Sounder, The Bristol Bay Times and the Dutch Harbor Fisherman newspapers.

LieuDell Goldsberry
Mr. Goldsberry previously served as shareholder representative on the Land Committee and on the Bonanza Fuel, LLC Board. He owns Chukotka-Alaska, Inc., a Native crafts gift shop in Nome founded by his late father. Previously, Mr. Goldsberry was in education for 11 years as a secondary teacher and as the assistant residential principal of Mt. Edgecumbe High School. His parents are Nancy Kunayak and the late Victor Goldsberry. Mr. Goldsberry’s Eskimo name is “Ayaaq” named after Gregory Ayac of King Island.
Cliff Johnson

Mr. Johnson previously served on the Board of Directors from 1993 to 1996 and was one of the founding members of the Sitnasuak Foundation. He has been a general contractor and business owner since 1997. Mr. Johnson was born and raised in Nome, and is part of the Karmun family. His mother is Sally (Karmun) Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a US Navy Veteran, past board member of / vice chair of Kawerak, Inc., and past council member/president of Nome Eskimo Community.

Gloria Ann Karmun

Ms. Karmun served on the Board of Directors from 1998 until May 2007 and since September 1, 2009. She currently is 1st vice-chair of the Board, chair of the Bylaws/Personnel Committee, and chair of the Land Committee. Ms. Karmun serves as a board member of Banner Wind, SNC Technical Services, Sitnasuak Health Solutions and Sitnasuak Financial Services. Ms. Karmun is employed by the Alaska State Troopers.

Nelson (Jake) Kenick

Mr. Kenick lists his business experience as Security Specialist II with the State of Alaska, and he is sole proprietor of Jake’s Carpet Care. He is a member of the Arctic Native Brotherhood, VFW Post 9569 Commander and American Legion Post 19 Adjutant. Mr. Kenick is a descendant of Leora Kenick and a proud Veteran. He says: “I am interested in maximizing shareholder dividends by observing and participating in the standard business model that is in place.”

Karen Davis Neagle

Mrs. Neagle lists her previous business experience as program development in the social justice field. Mrs. Neagle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Justice and an Associate of Applied Science and Human Services from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Mrs. Neagle’s parents are the late Lawrence Tingook Davis and Mary Ann Davis from Nome. Her grandparents are the late Elmer and Laura Davis and the late Paul and Etta Tocktoo. Her father, Lawrence was the first elected president and director of Sitnasuak Native Corporation.

Trudy Sobocienski

Mrs. Sobocienski previously served on the Board from 2008 to 2009, and she was the president/CEO from 2009 to 2010. Currently, she owns Alaska Native Enterprise Developers, a consulting company. She has a BA Degree in Organizational Management and is a Certified Paralegal. Her parents are Irene and Ralph “Babe” Anderson. Her maternal grandparents are the late Grace and Arthur Johnson and her paternal grandparents are the late Katherine and Amos Turner and Charles “Curly” Anderson. Mrs. Sobocienski was born in Nome and raised in McGrath and Nome.

Wendell (Mike) Wassmann

Mr. Wassmann previously served on the Board from 1995 to 2004 and from 2005 to 2011. He served previously as treasurer and 2nd vice-chair of the Board and as a director of SNC Technical Services, GBS, Bonanza Fuel, Nanuaq and Banner Wind. He lists his latest business experience as maintenance coordinator for Alyeska Pipeline Service, and Facility Engineer for SRI Technologies, Inc. He is the son of Wendell J. Wassmann and the late Suzanne Fagerstrom-Wassmann. His maternal grandparents are the late Charles E. Fagerstrom and Helen Johnson-Fagerstrom.
Sitnasuak would like to thank the past and present board members for their dedication to our shareholders and corporation.

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Shareholder concerns addressed

Many shareholders expressed concerns and commented on various issues at the Sitnasuak 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on June 1, 2013. The following are Sitnasuak’s answers to some of the questions.

Q. Five shareholders want “more fish in our rivers” and asked for action at Hobson Creek, an incubation facility, located on Sitnasuak land 15 miles north of Nome.

A. In early 2013, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Sitnasuak engaged in talks to develop a cooperative agreement for pink salmon egg incubation at Hobson Creek. The agreement would have been in effect 2013 through 2015. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to reach agreement for a number of reasons including egg take conditions.

Q. An educator expressed concern that our Native elementary school children are not achieving and learning their grade level subject material.

A. A committee with representatives of eight local organizations has been formed to address the question of Native youth proficiency in reading, writing and math.

Q. Two shareholders strongly recommended that the annual meeting minutes be approved by shareholders.

A. This has been added to the 2014 Annual Meeting Agenda.

Board member profile:

ANDREW MILLER, JR.

Andrew Miller, Jr. has served on the Sitnasuak Board of Directors since 2006. He was born and raised in Nome. Andrew’s parents were Hannah Alexine Miller of Golovin and White Mountain and Andrew Miller, Sr., born in St. Michael and raised on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. His parents raised nine sons and three daughters.

Andrew’s spouse is Mary (Keller) Miller and their family includes son Jared (and wife, Kacey) and daughter Joan. They have three granddaughters Maggie, Kellie, and Alexa (ages 12, 9, and 8) and a grandson, Jack (born 2/13/14).

Andrew attended school in Nome and served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Vietnam era. He then worked with the Alaska Department of High ways for 12 years, followed by 30 years of seasonal employment as an equipment operator on road, airport construction, and sewer/water projects, mining, and hazardous waste clean up in the Nome area and surrounding villages. He retired in 2011.

In 2006 several shareholders encouraged Andrew to run for the Sitnasuak Board of Directors and he was elected. He considers himself a shareholder representative to the board and keeps their interests in clear focus when important decisions are before the board. His primary concern is twofold: to have a financially viable corporation primarily for the benefit of all shareholders; and to permanently protect Sitnasuak’s landholdings, its greatest asset. He has consistently advocated for these goals and will continue to do so.

Andrew’s community work and involvement include serving on the councils and boards of Alaska Village Initiatives (17 yrs.), Nome Eskimo Community (17 yrs.), Norton Sound Health Corporation (8 yrs.), Kawerak, Inc. (8 yrs.), Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (4 yrs.) and Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee (3 yrs.). He also volunteered with the Iditarod Basketball Tournament for 22 years.

Andrew hopes to pass on to his children and grandchildren the importance of identity (who they are where they come from) and preserving the land, to think of the common good of all, to give Elders a friendly greeting and helping hand, and to pray often.
Sitnasuak’s shareholder reception in Anchorage attracted a vibrant gathering at the Alaska Native Heritage Center on a crisp Saturday in early February. The event gave shareholders the chance to meet our Anchorage staff, and it gave Sitnasuak an opportunity to update shareholders on how our corporation is doing – from community projects to business operations in Puerto Rico.

President Chuck Fagerstrom gave an informative presentation on Sitnasuak’s community involvement, including information on the progress of the Eskimo Cemetery. Land Manager Austin Almasuk delivered the Land Department’s report for 2013. Additional presenters were Helen C. Bell of the Elders Committee and Nome Shareholder Liaison Dave Evans. Evans explained the process for gifting shares, and the importance of having wills on file. CEO David Hoffman reported on business operations. Chairman Bobby Evans covered shareholder benefits, from dividends to the Sitnasuak Foundation scholarships.

The space was filled with laughter, hugs and delicious food. The unity among our Sitnasuak family was demonstrated between our staff and our shareholders.
The Sitnasuak Foundation has been providing scholarships to our shareholders, their descendants and additional applicants since its founding in 1993. The Foundation awards higher education scholarships to new and continuing students. If you have received scholarships from the Sitnasuak Foundation, please contact and update us on where you are now. We would love to reconnect with you!

The Ongtowasruk sisters, Tamara and Cheryl, gained inspiration from a young age to further their education past high school. Much of their encouragement came from their family members. Their parents are Geraldine and Ronald Ongtowasruk. Tamara and Cheryl’s maternal grandparents are Arlene Soxie and Patrick Ongtowasruk and their paternal grandparents are Vivian and James Olin.

Tamara Ongtowasruk was born in Nome and raised in both Wales and Nome, Alaska. She attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, Alaska. After graduating high school in 2006, Tamara went on to further her education at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

At Fort Lewis College she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Human Services. During her time in Durango, Tamara remained busy outside of class and coursework. She spent time participating in on-campus ministries, working out, playing basketball, becoming a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, as well as traveling to the different parts of the Four Corners area, where she saw sights she had only dreamt of prior to attending college.

Looking back at her career path and time spent at Fort Lewis, Tamara advises our Native youth considering or attending higher education to, “Talk to anyone who will be supportive of your desire to continue your education. If you have an academic counselor, or know someone who has gone to college or technical school, talk to them and ask them questions; some will offer good advice.”

Currently, Tamara is the administration assistant in the Behavioral Health Services department of Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome.

“I have been thinking about going into law enforcement. I am still creating a vision for my future, I have high hopes,” Tamara said. “My parents began talking to me about the importance of furthering my education (beyond high school) when I was very young. It was stressed that a higher education would open up more opportunities for me. My Papa Patrick gave me words of encouragement while I was in high school; he told me to learn as much as I could during this lifetime because it was a privilege for me to be where I was.”

Cheryl Ongtowasruk is currently a student studying Art K-12 Teaching with a minor in Psychology. Like her sister Tamara, Cheryl was raised in both Wales and Nome. After graduating from Mt. Edgecumbe High School, Cheryl decided to continue her education at Fort Lewis College as well.

“My parents and my Papa Patrick have always inspired my siblings and me to pursue training or higher education,” said Cheryl.

Outside of school and course work, Cheryl stays quite busy. She recently starting beading, adopted bunnies this past November (she is training them to do tricks for carrots), enjoys berry picking and fishing during the summers with her sister and family, and hiking. She is also newly engaged.

“The Sitnasuak Foundation has made school more affordable. I am very thankful that Sitnasuak is able to help students like my sister and me with funding for school,” she said.

Studying outside of Alaska has not stopped Cheryl from advancing her education. Her advice for other Native youth wanting to pursue higher education is, “Being away from home is hard, but home will always be there. Try to find a positive group of people in the training program/college you attend and surround yourself with them.”

Tamara and Cheryl are just two of our many talented and inspiring shareholders and/or descendants who have or currently receive scholarships from the Sitnasuak Foundation. In 2013, the Sitnasuak Foundation gave out $161,534 in scholarships. If you have any questions regarding the Sitnasuak Foundation, please contact Chrystie Salesky at csalesky@beringstraits.com, or by phone at (907) 443-4305 or (907) 443-4316. The Sitnasuak Foundation is presently managed out of the Bering Straits Foundation office.

ANNUAL MEETING
Set for May 31

The 41st Annual Shareholder Meeting of Sitnasuak Native Corporation is Saturday, May 31, 2014 and you are invited! It begins at 10 am at Nome Elementary School.

Be sure to read your proxy packet, complete your proxy and review the annual report. Lunch will be provided, with updates about Sitnasuak’s operations and election of the Board of Directors. RSVP to social@snc.org.

Hope to see you there!
Missing SHAREHOLDERS:

Vem M. Abloogalook
Ralph Barger
Mary Buck
William H. Buck
Suzanne M. Castel
Theresa L. Carragher
Daniel R. Coleman
Eric M. Coleman
Amanda Dorn
Andrew L. Earp
Frederick E. Ernak, II
George E. Finley III
Laura Giffin
Timothy M. Greiner
Sherri F. Harris
Gordon S. Iya

Helen S. Iyapana
Hazel N. Jack
Romald K. Katexac
Chalmer Kingik Sr.
Jennifer Kinney
Patricia Koopmans
Woodrow Malewotkuk Jr.
Nellie L. Mayer
Jack W. McCann Jr.
Patricia C. McCann
Patricia McClary
Wayne A. Miller
Gerald D. Mogg
Donna M. Norbert
Joseph S. Norbert Jr.
Jennifer E. Olson

Richard R. Omelak
Louise Seeganna
Marvin P. Seton
Jacqueline Silook
Anthony Soolook
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Alaine L. Tate
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Katheryn L. Venuto
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If you know the whereabouts of a missing shareholder please contact Sitnasuak’s Shareholder Liaison with updated information.

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