



# Baan O Yeel Kon Corporation

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Dear Shareholders and families,

12/2/19 President's Message

Happy Holidays everyone!! After a very warm and challenging summer, the Interior has finally settled into winter once again! We are grateful to the firefighter crews who saved Rampart Village and the many camps along the Yukon River this summer, and to our friends and relatives of Rampart who helped assist the firefighters with transportation, hauling equipment, and so much more. The BLM was reporting to the Corporation almost daily, informing us in strategizing teleconferences, as we provided authorizations for firefighters to do their job. A heartfelt "thank you" to everyone for helping; it was a great effort and necessary to safeguard our lands and structures during the fires. Throughout the very busy summer and fall, Judy Evans, our administrator, has done a wonderful job in sending out information and messages about BOYK board activities and facilitating all meetings. Here is a recap of BOYK's projects and activities since our last newsletter:

### Annual Meeting of the Shareholders

BOYK's annual meeting was held on July 27, 2019, at the Morris Thompson Cultural Center in Fairbanks. We welcomed new board members Toni Mallott and Ben Mallott, and congratulated Lori Bishop for her reelection. Toni is filling a vacant board seat for the remainder of the term until 2020. We also thanked Altona Rathbun for her many years of service to the BOYK Board and to Linda Evans, who stepped down from the board and whose seat was filled by Toni. We have a dynamic, thoughtful, "get it done" board and look forward to a great year ahead!

### Scholarship Program

Scholarship Committee proudly awarded 21 students with scholarships for the fall semester, 2019. There were 5 new students and 16 returning students. The next deadline for the scholarship program is January 3, 2020, for the spring semester. We offer full time and part time scholarships, and you must be registered for a minimum of 6 credits for part time. We also offer vocational education scholarship awards. Again, many thanks to our Scholarship Committee and Judy Evans for their hard work in vetting and awarding scholarship recipients. Please contact Judy Evans at the BOYK offices if you have questions regarding applications.

### Settlement Trust Approval at the Special Meeting of the Shareholders

A special meeting of the shareholders was held on November 2, 2019, where the Baan o yeel kon Settlement Trust was overwhelmingly approved by the shareholders. This came after months of preparation, holding information meetings for shareholders in Anchorage and Fairbanks, and answering shareholders' very important questions regarding the settlement trust. Enaa baasee' to the BOYK board, Judy Evans, inspector of elections Garry Hutchison, attorney Bruce Edwards, Doyon, Limited's Robin Renfro and Sharon Hildebrand for presenting information to our board, and in Anchorage, Daphne Huntington. Also, thank you to Manny Carlo for donating king salmon and Pat Bessette for making lunch at the special meeting. Most of all, Enaa baasee' to our shareholders for taking the time to learn about the significant advantages of the settlement trust to shareholders and the Corporation and for your votes. The settlement trust was approved by 98% of the voting shares! Congratulations!! BOYK will be sending more information on Trust activities in spring, 2020.

## **BOYK Building in Fairbanks**

We are continuing the upgrading of the BOYK headquarters building at 529 6th Avenue, which is entirely paid for. This fall the building was repainted and it looks great, and we installed head bolt outlets for the building tenants. We will be replacing the windows in the spring, 2020, to help with energy efficiency. We still have one very nice small office space for rent.

## **Investments/Portfolio**

BOYK's investment portfolio has had an approximately 13.64% return year to date, continuing to increase at a solid rate and mirroring stock market increases. The Investment Committee monitors the portfolio and meets quarterly to make adjustment recommendations to the board. It was noted at the last committee meeting in October that it is important to diversify investments due to the tumultuous economic and political climate and expectations of future 7(i) distribution decreases.

## **Rampart Buildings**

We currently have one house rented out in Rampart. When the old store building's roof blew off during the high winds this fall, we temporarily repaired the roof.

The board also approved BOYK assisting with the roof repair for an elder in Rampart when his roof blew off during the high windstorm.

## **Shareholders Update**

We currently have 233 total shareholders, out of which we have 224 voting shareholders.

Within the past 6 months we have enrolled 6 new shareholders because of parents gifting some of their shares to their children. We currently have more applications for gifting shares in process. Shareholders have given positive feedback that this is an excellent way to have their children and descendants become involved with BOYK. This is important for the survival of our Corporation and board succession planning.

## **BOYK Involvement in Statewide Activities**

In May 2019 BOYK sent two representatives, the president and secretary, to the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) conference in Anchorage. We met with leaders from village corporations statewide, learned about issues like ours that they are facing such as with SBA 8 (a) corporations and federal and state regulations, and became informed about investments and partnering opportunities, energy and alternative energy programs, grant writing ideas, and about the economic climate of Alaska in general. The conference was very substantive, and the board reps recommended that BOYK attend next year's conference as well.

AFN was well attended by BOYK board members, although our Corporation is not a delegate currently. During the conference we attended the ANVCA caucus and presentation, as well as watched our very own Rampart Dancers at Quyana Alaska evening cultural performances.

Please visit the BOYK website at [baanoyeelkon.com](http://baanoyeelkon.com) for updates on board meetings and shareholders news such as processing transfer of shares to children/grandchildren and applications for scholarships. You can also call Judy Evans, BOYK administrator, at (907) 456-6259 if you have any questions. Also, please email me at [janine@avnerlaw.com](mailto:janine@avnerlaw.com); I'd love to hear from you!

Have a wonderful Holiday and a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year!

Warmest regards,

Janine Avner, President BOD, BOYK

**Baan O Yeel Kon Corporation  
Committee Assignments  
August 10, 2019**

**Budget & Audit**

Marjorie Merry, Chair  
Lori Bishop  
Sharon Cummings  
Antoinette Mallott

**Scholarship Committee**

Antoinette Mallott, Chair  
Clara Anderson  
Anna Huntington-Kriska

**Bylaws Committee**

Janine Avner, Chair  
Anna Huntington-Kriska  
Marjorie Merry  
Ben Mallott

**Investments**

Janine Avner, Chair  
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Lori Bishop  
Ben Mallott

**Lands**

Marjorie Merry  
Mack Wiehl  
Manny Carlo  
Ben Mallott

**Shareholders**

Marjorie Merry, Chair  
Sheila Justice  
Manny Carlo  
Sharon Cummings

Above is the Baan o yeel kon Corporation Committee Assignments. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Judy at the BOYK office and she will pass on your questions to the committee.

Thank you,

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# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINES

**January 3 for Spring Semester**

**June 30 for Fall Semester**

**NO summer semester deadline**

Please call the BOYK office 1-800-455-6259 or (907) 456-6259 if you want a scholarship application mailed or email me at [boyk@mosquitonet.com](mailto:boyk@mosquitonet.com).

You can email, fax, mail or drop your scholarship application off at the BOYK office at 529 6th Avenue, Suite 202

**You can also go to the BOYK website at [baanoyeelkon.com](http://baanoyeelkon.com) to get a scholarship application.**

## Scholarship Recipients Fall 2019

Georgia Attla	Chase Lopez	Brianna McCarthy
Sydney Carlo	Mayo Lopez	Thomas Newman
Bevyn Cover	Noah Lovell	Aurora Phlegar
Skyler Edwin	Lillian Mandregan-Burroughs	Stephanie Pitka
Gladys Erhart	Shondiin Mayo	Amber Sawyer
Mikayla Grunin	Analisa Mayo-Ramos	Seth Watson
Vanessa Joseph	Alyssa McCarthy	Geneva Wright

## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

### NEW STUDENT APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed BOYK application
2. Essay on education goals
3. Letter of recommendation by a non-family individual
4. Last semester or quarter and cumulative GPA (both must be 2.0 or higher)
5. Acceptance letter **and** enrollment in courses for new term

### CONTINUING STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completed BOYK application
2. Current transcripts with GPAs or proof of request on or before the deadline must be sent to the BOYK office.
3. Course enrollment or courses in progress for the new semester or term. As stated previ-

## **Rampart Village Council (RVC) Update**

### **Phone (907) 358-3312**

Hello from Rampart

11/22/19

Roads: Our guys (RVC Employees) haven't started on the road yet, they did go out as far as Slate but the creek was too high and it had been broken through. They put brush on parts of the road but they haven't really started yet. People are coming in by snow machine.

EPA/IGAP Grant: Yvonne is attending ATCEM this week. (Nov 18<sup>th</sup>)

HUD/ Housing: TCC Housing is accepting applications for the BIA HIP. The deadline for that application is December 15, 2019. This can include rehab of existing homes and also newer homes. When I called regarding this they said it can be up to \$60,000. He informed me that TCC will process the applications.

Water and Sewer: Greg Martin from ANTHC came out and they met with households and did test pits. They came out again and showed us the results of the report they did after they performed the test pits. They had different options on getting water and sewer in the homes. We will have a community meeting in December to show the home owners what ANTHC is thinking.

Rampart school: We were happy to get news that the school was approved to be a part of YKSD, but found out recently that the State declined our application. YKSD is still trying to get us into their district. We are sad to announce that our current Principle/Teacher Matt Dawson has resigned and will only be here until the end of the semester. We are very disappointed to see him go but he has very good reasons, he really likes Rampart and enjoyed his time here.

Complete Projects/ Grants: We have been working on closing out existing/past grants. We do have a BUILD/TIGER Grant out for the Rampart Road. Since writing this part, we found out we did not get the grant to build our road. Very disappointing. We will get more information when we meet with them during BIA Providers Conference in Anchorage.

#### Other

We sent Forest Johnson and Stephen Sykes to Power Plant Operator Training in Seward. Forest finished half and will go back for the other half and Stephen finished the whole training! So we now have a back up for our main operator.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the tribal office and we will try to help you to the best of our ability.

Thank You ,

Michelle Woods James

## NTVI UPDATE December 2019

First off, I would like to welcome our new NTVI board members Marjorie Merry and Benjamin Mallott. I would like to thank them both for agreeing to be on this board as they are both extremely busy individuals. I am also sad to announce that the NTVI board recently accepted Greg Bringham's resignation. Greg has left us to take a position with Senator Sullivan's office in Fairbanks. While we're sad to see Greg go, we're also happy that he and his family get to move back to Fairbanks.

Our NTVI team back in DC and Virginia have been focused on business development this year. I can't thank them enough for all the hard work they are doing and the countless hours they're putting into business development. A great success in their efforts this year is marked by the win of the GSA schedule. Only companies on this schedule are permitted to propose on GSA work. This win equates to the ability for NTVI to potentially earn millions in awards. Construction has already won over \$800,000.00 in 2019 with an anticipated \$3,000,000.00 in additional awards by July 2020. Professional Services has increased its work with the Library of Congress and anticipates an additional \$700,000.00 in awards by December 2019.

Despite all the positives this year we are looking at losses for year end. Our team spent their first year and a half stabilizing the company and "righting the ship" and did an incredible job doing so. 2019 has been the year of business development, which had been lacking for many years. As a small business owner, I know losses are tough but prefer to think of this year as an investment in this company. We've undergone a complete realignment with the changing revenue and look forward to reaping the benefits of our investment year in 2020.

In closing, I know that NTVI has gone through tough times before and looking at losses this year is no exception. Having said that, I personally prefer to "play the long game" in life and am focused on positioning this company to be here, successfully and profitably, for many years to come. I sincerely wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you,

Lori Bishop, NTVI Chair

## KITTY HARWOOD INTERVIEW

Yesterday Still Lives.....Our Native People Remember Alaska  
Johnson-O'Malley Program, Fairbanks Native Association 1978

Kitty Harwood was born and raised in the fishing village of Rampart, which is located on the Yukon River. She didn't leave Rampart until she was seventeen and on her way out to high school at Eklutna. In this Interview Kitty reminisces about her school days, life at fish camp and other experiences. She also has some advice for young people.

At the time of this interview Kitty was employed by Doyon , Ltd as the Director of Shareholder Relations. BY: Doretha Amouak

Some of Kitty's first experiences with school were frustrating. She had a lazy teacher who kept her and her niece in the seventh grade for four years. For this reason Kitty thought this would be her future and had no ambition to finish school. She thought there was not use to go on. Finally the Superintendent assisted the village in getting a new teacher for the school and this teacher gave the students some inspiration to continue. She promptly promoted Kitty and her niece to the eighth grade. One time Kitty was doing a math problem but she couldn't get the answer even though the answer was in the back of the book. The new teacher tried to help her but even she couldn't figure out the solution. And so Kitty went home to work on that problem because it was puzzling her. Then all of a sudden it came to her; she was forgetting "division or something." She got the answer and when she went back to school the next day, she said real shyly, "Do you think I could go to high school?" The teacher then said she had been planning to talk to her about that. So both of them asked Kitty's mother ( who was a widow and for whom Kitty had much admiration) if it was all right for her to go to the old boarding school in Eklutna. At that time it was a high school. Her mother briefly objected but finally Kitty convinced her that this was what she wanted and her mother agreed. She was seventeen when she left home and was accompanied by a nephew and a friend who were also attending Eklutna. She finished through her junior year in high school and learned many skills such as cooking, sewing and secretarial training which she has found very helpful.

Kitty has many memories: During the summer months while she was young, she worked at fish camp. Her mother had a fish net about a mile above camp. Every morning Kitty and her brother and sister would tow her mother in a little row boat by walking on the beach and pulling on a line. They would get to her brother's fish wheel and because they couldn't tow her around the wheel they would jump into the boar and row around the wheel. Their mother would say "T'iyah t'iyah meaning "More, more, give it all you got!" As soon as they got the upper end of the wheel, they would go ashore and run along the beach again, towing their mother upstream and rowing back down with the a load of fish for home. To Kitty it wasn't hard work because they all worked together, which she thought was fun.

The summer after her junior year she decided to go home for a visit and borrowed fifty dollars from her mother to come home. She worked all summer at the Hunter Creek Mine to pay her mother back, buy clothes, school supplies and be able to have fare back to school in the fall. She was happy working there and she met her husband-to-be, fell in love and got married instead of returning to Eklutna. She and her late husband moved back and forth between Rampart and Fairbanks for several years before settling in Fairbanks in 1951. During this time they were busily raising a family of seven children. Also during this time she served as the first Native woman United States Commissioner for the Territory of Alaska from 1946 to 1950 while in Rampart. This job included many interesting and worthwhile learning experiences.

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Kitty described going back to work after her children were old enough: she was a matron and booking officer at the Fairbanks Police Station; passing a state exam, she was a secretary to a school principal on Ft. Wainwright, where she also kept attendance records for five schools on base; and she is remembered to this day as advancing the shareholder records at Doyon, Ltd. As Director of Shareholder Relations.

Kitty feels fortunate to have lived in her generation's time. She has seen so many changes especially in the field of transportation. She grew up when traveling was with dog team and boat and yet has been witness to Man's landing on the moon. She says she now enjoys the best of both worlds.

Kitty had this advice for young people: "When I was going to school we didn't have as many opportunities for aid as they do now. I encourage young people to go onto school and finish their education while this aid is available." Kitty was able to finish her own high school education when she received a General Education Diploma. She was full of enthusiasm when talking about the careers and field open to today's youth.

### Shareholder Information

If you have any announcements, pictures or information you would like included in the next newsletter please email, fax, mail, or call the office to let us know. Baan O Yeel Kon encourages shareholder involvement. Please send us any short stories or personal experiences you would like in the next newsletter. Thank you.