

# THE ALEUTIAN CURRENT



April 2020 • vol. 54 • issue 2

## IN THIS ISSUE

President & CEO Report.....2  
 Board Chair Report..... 3  
 Shareholder Corner..... 6  
 TAF Update.....7  
 Native Land Allotment Information... 9

## LEADERSHIP REPORTS

TAC President & CEO Thomas Mack and Board Chair Sharon Lind provide updates regarding COVID-19, and the Corporation's response. Pages 2-3.



## CASH FOR GOOD GRADES DEADLINE!

7th-12th Grade Shareholders & Registered Descendants: the deadline for prizes is April 1!



## COVID-19 UPDATE

**QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19? SEE PAGE 4 FOR KEY RESOURCES TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.**

## BOARD SPOTLIGHT - DEBI SCHMIT

TAC Director Debi Schmit has sat on the Board for 6 years. Learn about her time growing up in King Cove, and what she thinks the future holds for The Aleut Corporation.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Greetings Fellow Shareholders,

I hope this Spring newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. I want to start by congratulating all those who are graduating this school year. We are in unique times that require us to follow unique guidelines regarding public events. Whether you are able to walk across the stage to receive your diploma or not, we at The Aleut Corporation are proud of you and hope you are as well!

The health, safety, and welfare of our shareholders, descendants, and employees continue to be a top priority during these unparalleled times. We are taking actions to mitigate risks associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and protect our Corporation and subsidiaries so that we remain profitable, employees are safe, and shareholders are kept informed. Although we have temporarily closed our Corporate headquarters following CDC, State and Local guidance, our staff continues to work remotely.

Unfortunately, I will not be traveling to the Aleut Region this coming summer to hold shareholder informational meetings due to COVID-19. I will miss seeing and visiting with the many shareholders and descendants in our amazing communities, but I will plan to do the visits and meetings next year.

In March, we held our regularly scheduled Annual Operational Plan &

Budget Review Meeting, and Quarterly Board Meeting via WebEx after canceling all non-essential travel due to COVID-19. Our subsidiaries presented their Annual Operational Plans and Budgets to the Board and we conducted our regularly-scheduled TAC business and board meeting with the following outcomes, which I noted in an earlier message:

- The Board of Directors approved a shareholder dividend of \$8 per share.
- The Board of Directors approved an Elders Benefit of \$1,000 to be paid in October.
- The Board approved the FY21 Aleut Corporation Budget, including operating budget and capital budget.

Other actions taken by the Board are outlined in the "Key Board Actions" section of this newsletter. I would like to highlight the following:

- 2020 Dividends: As I've mentioned previously, TAC will be paying out the \$8 per share dividend to shareholders in two separate, equal installments of \$4 each to help alleviate some of the financial burden during these difficult times due to the COVID-19. The first installment will be paid in April and the second installment in July.

- 7(j) Benefit Payouts: TAC will also expedite the payout of 7(j) payments to



our At-Large shareholders and Village Corporations in April to make monetary resources readily available during these turbulent times.

We are all feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to follow recommendations from the CDC, such as consistently and properly washing your hands, avoiding unnecessary travel, and practicing social distancing. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones during these challenging times because together we are stronger. Ataqan Akun! We are one!

Warmest regards,

*Thomas Mack*

President & CEO

## BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Greetings Shareholders,

First of all, I want to extend my thoughts and prayers for those who are struggling during these unsettling times. No area is immune to this dilemma we find ourselves in and that includes every part of Alaska. I want to assure you that the Board is keeping a close eye on TAC operations during this time. Our concerns also extend to our shareholders and staff all across Alaska and the United States.

The Aleut Corporation moved our annual budget meeting to an online platform in March. At that meeting the Board approved our FY21 budget and discussed crisis management in these difficult times ahead. Be assured that your Board and management team is focused on this ongoing threat in addition to the well-being of our people. Watch our online media platforms for communications from The Aleut Corporation. Also, stay connected through social media; interaction is more important now than ever before!

The Board has approved an early dividend in April in addition to the early payout of this year's at-large distribution. A second dividend will go out in July. Elder Benefits are as scheduled in October. As this situation progresses your Board remains focused on our shareholders, staff, and TAC operations and assets. On behalf of your Board, please stay safe and follow the recommendations of the CDC as we travel through this unprecedented situation. What I know for sure, our people are known for overcoming the most difficult trials and tribulations. Let's work together to overcome this hardship, just as we have done so for generations. God Bless and keep you and your family.

Sincerely,

Sharon Guenther Lind, Ph.D.

*Sharon Lind*

Chairman of the Board



## KEY BOARD ACTIONS: MARCH 19, 2020

Approved the inclusion of the word Unangaġ as a watermark in the Aleutian Current.

Directed Management to continue shareholder education of The Aleut Corporation's current open enrollment plan.

Approved the 2020 Annual Shareholder Meeting Theme "Ataqan Akun" (We are One).

Approved the 2020 Annual Shareholder Meeting Rules.

Approved the 2020 Nominating Packet.

Approved the 2020 Shareholder Affairs Calendar.

Approved the Egan Convention Center for TAC's 2021 Annual Meeting of the Shareholders location.

Approved the revised TAC Personnel Policies.

Declared a Shareholder Dividend of \$8 a share to be paid in July and an Elder Benefit of \$1,000 to be paid in October. (Please note, this dividend is now being distributed in two payments, one in April and one in July, both at \$4 a share.)

Approved the FY21 TAC Budget, including the operating budget and capital budget.

Approved the President & CEO FY21 Incentive Goals as presented.

Approved the creation of a new entity – Aleut Federal, LLC.

## DESCENDANT REGISTRATION DRAWING

To encourage our shareholder descendants to register with The Aleut Corporation (TAC), we will be holding quarterly drawings for new registrants! Three winners will be drawn at the end of each quarter, and will receive \$100.

### First Quarter Deadline: June 30, 2020

To register, visit [bit.ly/TACforms](http://bit.ly/TACforms) and complete the Descendant Database form.

Return completed forms to [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com).

*\*\*Please note: if you are already a TAC shareholder, you do NOT need to register as a descendant.\*\**



# COVID-19 RESOURCES

It is important shareholders and descendants stay well-informed regarding the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some good, well-vetted sources of information:

**The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:**  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

**World Health Organization:**  
[www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019](http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

**Alaska Department of Health & Social Services:**  
[dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epidid/Pages/COVID-19/](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epidid/Pages/COVID-19/)

**Municipality of Anchorage:** [muni.org/covid-19](http://muni.org/covid-19)

**Visit Anchorage - Business Resources:**  
[anchorage.net/articles/post/business-resources-for-covid-19/](http://anchorage.net/articles/post/business-resources-for-covid-19/)

**Anchorage COVID-19 Community Information:**  
[anchoragecovid19.com/](http://anchoragecovid19.com/)

**Grow with Google Work Remote Hub:**  
<https://grow.google/remotework/>

**Small Business Administration Guidance and Loan Resources:** <https://www.sba.gov/>

**Alaska Small Business Development Center COVID-19 Resources:** <https://aksbdc.org/covid19/>

**Better Business Bureau Resources:**  
<https://bbb-businesses.org/covid-19/>

**Anchorage Travel Information:**  
[anchorage.net/blog/covid-19-traveler-information/](http://anchorage.net/blog/covid-19-traveler-information/)

**Anchorage School District:** <https://www.asdk12.org/>

**Small Business Tips from Google:**  
<https://smallbusiness.withgoogle.com/news/resources-for-smbs-impacted-by-coronavirus>

# REAL ID: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

DEADLINE POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 1, 2021

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses". The Act established requirements for state-issued driver's licenses and identification (ID) cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting licenses and ID cards from states that do not meet the requirements.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, President Trump has postponed the deadline for REAL ID compliance to October 1, 2021. As we continue to feel the impacts of COVID-19, forcing people to acquire a REAL ID-compliant license with so many other priorities would amount to an undue burden at this time.

Eventually, Alaska residents will need to present a federally compliant ID for boarding commercial aircrafts, for accessing Federal facilities, and entering nuclear power plants.

## WHAT IS A FEDERALLY COMPLIANT ID? DO I HAVE OPTIONS?

Yes, you have options! The Alaska REAL ID driver's license ID card is one of many options you can use to meet federal requirements. TSA provides a full list of acceptable ID cards

on their website at: <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>. Some common forms of acceptable IDs are:


- US Passport or US Passport Card
- Tribal ID, with a photo
- Military and Veteran IDs
- Trusted Traveler Cards, e.g. CLEAR

## DOES MY CHILD NEED A FEDERALLY COMPLIANT ID?

No, minors under age 18 will not need a federally compliant ID.

## IS IT MANDATORY I OBTAIN A REAL ID CREDENTIAL FROM MY STATE DMV?

No, the Alaska REAL ID is not mandatory. However, if you want one, the federal government requires you to apply in person and bring the original documents required.

Alaska Real ID  Got Yours?

# CASH FOR GOOD GRADES & ATTENDANCE!\*

7th-12th Grade TAC Shareholders & Registered Descendants: TAC will draw (3)-\$100 cash prize winners for the categories below. \*\*Spring 2020 Semester Report Cards are due June 30, 2020

### TWO CHANCES TO WIN!

- Excellent GPA (3.5 GPA or above)
- Outstanding Attendance (90% attendance)

### TO SUBMIT YOUR REPORT CARD, YOU CAN:

- Scan and email it to [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com)
- Fax it to 907-563-4328 (if you fax it, please call to ensure the fax was received)
- Mail/deliver it to 4000 Old Seward Highway, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99503

\* For official rules and deadlines visit [aleutcorp.com/youthincentive](http://aleutcorp.com/youthincentive)



# SHAREHOLDER CORNER

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEE PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE

The Aleut Corporation Board of Directors consists of nine members. Three seats are up for re-election at the 2020 Annual Meeting on October 10. In order to hold a position on the Board, you must be a voting Aleut Corporation shareholder and at least 18 years of age. Each elected director's term of office is three years.

To run for one of the director seats, please call the Corporate office to request a nominee packet. The packet requires ten (10) Aleut Corporation shareholders' signatures as part of the nominating petition. Candidates are not allowed to use The Aleut Corporation logo for any of their campaign materials or ask Aleut Corporation staff to obtain signatures on the petition. Candidates are also responsible for filing with the State of Alaska Banking and Securities department any campaign letters, fliers, or postings on social media during their campaign for TAC Board of Directors.

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINEE SUBMISSIONS IS 5 P.M., ALASKA STANDARD TIME, ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23.** Nomination Packets received after the deadline will not be included on the 2020 Aleut Corporation proxy form.

## DIRECT DEPOSIT RECIPIENTS

The first installment of the shareholder dividend and the 7(j) distributions will be paid in April. In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, TAC will email all direct deposit statements to shareholders with an email on file. Eliminating mailing of direct deposit statements will also reduce costs of printing and postage expenses. The dividend and distribution amounts are always accessible through the shareholder portal and will be available to print upon request. With the Municipal mandate to hunker down, TAC staff will work diligently and safely to get checks mailed by the third week of April. Please email the Shareholder Department if you have any questions at [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com).



# TAC BOARD SPOTLIGHT DEBI SCHMIT

## EDUCATION:

Associate's Degree in Office Occupations, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and Executive Masters of Business Administration degree pending June 2020.

**BOARD POSITIONS HELD:** Secretary & Treasurer; Policy Committee Chair; and Committee member on Budget & Finance, Lands & Resources, Shareholder Affairs, and Fisheries committees.

**OCCUPATION & CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:** Career highlights include 3 years in business and governance consulting, 26 years of business development and operations, 10 years of local government management, as well as several elected and appointed positions.

**YEARS ON THE BOARD:** 6

## WHY DID YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE TAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have a passion for business. My strengths include risk management, top-down analysis of companies, and strategic planning focused on implementing efficient and effective operating systems. I see myself as a change agent with a healthy appetite for agility in the business environment. I am serving on the TAC Board to utilize my strengths and work hard toward ensuring our Corporation is a top performer, and we have critical infrastructure and processes to attain our corporate goals.

When I reflect on my childhood in King Cove and my young adulthood in Pedro Bay, I have always had an entrepreneurial spirit. I am struck daily by how much opportunity there is in rural Alaska. As an 8th grader, I sold records, which later transitioned into owning and operating a store in Pedro Bay. In addition, I joined the University of Alaska's Rural Development program as one of its first students. Rural Alaska is where I advanced my career in government to the position of City Administrator, and I later worked as an Assistant City Manager in Oregon. There are not many places I know of where you can get this kind of experience and advancement if you are willing to work hard.

In 2014, when I was first elected to the TAC Board, I worked hard to use my organizational and operations experience to help with planning and goal setting of the corporation. My business experience helped bring accountability and growth to our family of companies. In 2014, TAC was beginning to set up the planning process, which today we use to create long-term goals for the corporation and its subsidiaries. I am very proud of my role in this effort.

## WHY IS DESCENDANT REGISTRATION SO IMPORTANT?

A goal of our board is to increase the number of registered descendants. As an original shareholder, I feel the Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) today are not reflective of who we are. The degrees of separation when it comes to us as Alaska Native people are minimal. We are all related directly and indirectly. This is one of the beautiful aspects of the ANCs; we are connected. Our sense of family connection and wholeness is a direct value of our Corporation.

With increased descendant registration, we can continue to protect the essence of our Corporation and continue to provide dividends, scholarships, and, more importantly, a sense of connection and belonging.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT THE FUTURE OF THE CORPORATION TO LOOK LIKE?

ANCs are unique in the global economy. The ANCs are for-profit businesses charged with balancing land protection with profitable services and creating benefits for their shareholders (dividends, scholarships, etc.). A conventional corporation stockholder prefers to grow the value of their stock verses to receive a dividend. ANC shareholders rightfully prefer dividends and benefits because the value of its stock has a different meaning. ANC shareholders can increase shareholder equity but cannot sell their stock as non-native corporations can, thus why conventional corporation stockholders prioritize growth.

In 50 years, I want our shareholders to be thriving. I want to be a multi-billion dollar corporation that pays meaningful dividends, provides family-wage jobs to our well-educated shareholders, and assists with benefits at a higher level than we are able to today.



## THE ALEUT FOUNDATION UPDATE, APRIL 2020

By: Cynthia Lind, Executive Director

Aang! We hope you and your family are safe and doing good during this unique and challenging time we are currently experiencing. Although it is difficult, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and spending quality time with your loved ones. We have been busy getting the 2020 Spring Scholarships out and gearing up for both the 2020 Summer and 2020-2021 Scholarship Applications.

We would like to thank The Aleut Corporation for providing \$1.5M to the Foundation for this upcoming fiscal year!

Qaḡaasakuq! Qaḡaalakuḡ! Qaḡaasakung! (Thank you!)

## REMINDER:

THE 2020 SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 30TH!!!!

REMEMBER TO GET TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS IN EARLY TO ATTEND THIS SUMMER'S CULTURE CAMPS.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST IS MAY 15TH!

THIS IS VERY POPULAR AND WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO MISS OUT!!!

The Aleut Foundation is pleased to announce the

# 2020 SPRING SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS

## HONORS

Caela Brandal, *Biology* – SUNY Polytechnic Institute  
Kyra Dushkin, *Nursing* – Mohave Community College  
Lucas Fisher, *Mathematics* – University of Alaska Anchorage  
Jade Kochuten, *Nursing* – Trinity Western University  
Douglas Krukoff, *Biological Sciences* – Columbia University  
Victoria Marquez, *Nursing Science* – University of Alaska Anchorage  
Ashley Mercurief, *Nursing Science* – University of Alaska Anchorage  
Stephanie Mercurief-Feyereisen, *Information Technology* – Capella University  
Kasie Murphy, *Biological Studies* – Pratt Community College  
Louise Nevzoroff, *Business Administration/Accounting* – Alaska Career College  
Andrew Peters, *Biological Sciences* – University of Alaska Davis  
Shayla Shaishnikoff, *Environmental Science* – Western Washington University

## EXCEPTIONAL

Aimee Eagle, *Liberal Studies* – Technologico de Monterrey  
Alexander Eagle, *Liberal Studies* – San Diego State University  
Andrew Guenther, *Finance* – Eastern Washington University  
Anthony Lekanof, *Undeclared* – University of Alaska Anchorage  
Lauren Yee, *Neuroscience & Psychology* – University of California Santa Cruz

## ACHIEVEMENT

Jordan Betschart, *Business Administration* – University of Oregon  
Kaylee Gunderson, *Secondary Education* – University of Mississippi  
Laurence Mercurief, *Electrical Engineering* – University of Alaska Anchorage

## MERIT

Jessica Frantz, *Business Management* – Pensacola Christian College  
McKale Hill, *Mechanical Engineering* – University of Alaska Anchorage  
Joseph O'Brien, *Exercise Science* – Trinity Bible College

## PART-TIME

Sarai Etheridge, *Health Information Management* – Collin College  
Nichole Gordon, *Business Administration* – University of Washington  
Taylor Kauffman, *Elementary Education* – University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Laureta Kochuten, *Clinical Psychology* – University of Alaska Anchorage  
Mitchell Orloff, *Mechanical Engineering* – Montana State University

## GRADUATE

Maxwell Beers, *Medicine* – Boston University School of Medicine  
Siri Gillespie, *Education in Human Sexuality* – Widener University  
Samantha Mack, *Political Theory* – Lincoln College University of Oxford

## VOCATIONAL

Angelica Gould, *Insurance Coding & Billing* – Alaska Career College  
Monetha Merrill, *Medical Coding* – American Academy Holdings LLC  
Mackenzie Miller, *Cosmetology/Esthetician* – Aveda Institute

## ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT

Many questions have arisen concerning the new Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Section (Sect. 1119) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Dingell Act). Here's what you need to know:

### WHAT IS IT?

The Alaska Native Veterans Program of 2019 will provide the opportunity for eligible Vietnam-era veterans or their heirs to select a 2.5- to 160-acre allotment of Federal land in Alaska.

Before applications can be accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the new law requires that within 180 days of enactment, the Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs, prepare a list of potential applicants based on their service dates. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will then use the list to identify the potential applicants based on their Native heritage. Last, BLM will review the list for those who have already received allotments. Only those qualified individuals who have not previously received an allotment are eligible under Public Law 116-9.

The Department of the Interior and the Department of Veterans Affairs will conduct outreach to the eligible individuals. Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans do not need to apply immediately for their allotment. Once BLM has worked through all of the processes, Alaska Native Veterans who served during the Vietnam Era will be notified to apply.

While that is being done, the BLM, with input from other agencies, potential applicants, and the general public, will draft the regulations that will guide the program and identify public lands that will be available for allotment within 18 months.

The application period will open when the regulations become effective. The Department of the Interior will provide assistance in applying for allotments. Applicants will have five years from the date the regulations become effective to apply for an allotment.

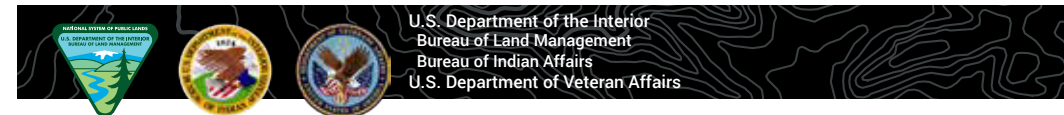
### WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

If you believe that you are eligible under Section 1119 of the Dingell Act (i.e., you are an Alaska Native Vietnam era veteran who served between Aug. 5, 1964 and Dec. 31, 1971, or a descendant of one), you are encouraged to update your address with the BIA and VA. You can also double-check with each agency whether you are listed in their databases as meeting the definition for Alaska Native or Vietnam-era veteran respectively.

In order to help the process proceed smoothly, please ensure that your tribal entity and the BIA has your current mailing address.

- Contact Bureau of Indian Affairs to verify your information is current: (907) 271-1743 (current number while BIA is in telework status)
- To obtain copies of DD 214/215/INGB22 and other personnel records, visit: <http://veterans.alaska.gov/Records-Documents>

## LAND ALLOTMENT TIMELINE



# Are you an Alaska Native Vietnam era veteran who served between Aug. 5, 1964 and Dec. 31, 1971 or a descendant of one?

The John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116-9) passed on March 12, 2019. This act provided for Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans who served between **Aug 5, 1964 and Dec 31, 1971** to receive a land allotment.



Update your information with the following agencies:

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**  
Enrollment Verification:  
(907) 271-4506  
Realty: (907) 271-4104

**Veterans Affairs**  
[www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits)

**Your Local Tribal Organization**

Appoint a personal representative for eligible individuals who are deceased:  
<http://courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm>

For more information, please visit: [www.blm.gov/ak-native-vietnam-vet-land-allotment-2019](http://www.blm.gov/ak-native-vietnam-vet-land-allotment-2019)

BLM/AK/GI-19/008+2561+9400

## ATTENTION: SPRING 2020 GRADUATES

PLEASE SEND US YOUR GRADUATION DATE INFORMATION SO WE CAN BE SURE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS JUNE 28TH

## ANNUAL ALEUT PICNIC JUNE 27, 2020 NOON – 3:00 P.M.

This is being held in conjunction with the Closing Ceremonies of the APIA Urban Unanga Culture Camp

**THERE WILL BE CHILI COOK-OFF SO GET READY TO BRING IT ON!!!**

We are looking for TAF ALUMNI to help cook, set up and break down, as well as keeping an eye on the tables, etc.



## VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Have you thought about vocational training?** If so, The Aleut Foundation provides funding for vocational training programs. This allow students to get ready for specific careers. Prospective students can consider standalone courses, certificate/diploma-granting programs, associate degree programs and apprenticeships. Some vocational trainings include: Construction Trades, Manufacturing Sector, Food Service, Accounting and Bookkeeping, Cosmetology and Hair Stylists, Computer and IT Support, Trucking and Transport Industry, etc.

**For those of you interested in a career development scholarship –** TAF's Career Development Program is for courses or training that are 12 weeks or less that include continuing education units, conferences related to profession, CDL courses, 6-pack license, 40-Hour HAZWOPER Training, HVAC/Boiler, Ironwork and Welding, Iqyak Apprenticeship, etc. The Aleut Foundation will pay up to \$3,000 per fiscal year for anyone who wishes to attend this type of training. TAF will also provide reimbursement for training. After approval of the Career Development Application, TAF will reimburse participants for training already occurred up to two months after completion of training with all supporting documents.

### TAF on Facebook!

The Aleut Foundation is on Facebook! We hope you will like and share. Our goal is to provide meaningful information on educational and cultural opportunities for our Unanga. This is a great way to connect with those in our network and support "Growing our Own!"



## REMINDER: THERE IS NO DEADLINE FOR VOCATIONAL OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS!

For information about scholarships, internships, travel scholarships or other programs we provide, please contact The Aleut Foundation at:

PHONE: (907) 646-1929 or

Toll Free at (800) 232-4882 and asked to be transferred to The Aleut Foundation

FAX: (907) 646-1949

EMAIL: taf@thealeutfoundation.org

WEBSITE: <http://www.thealeutfoundation.org>

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

THE ALEUT FOUNDATION PROVIDES AN ADVANCED COLLEGE CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR THOSE STUDENTS TAKING COLLEGE COURSES WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

WE'VE HAD THREE STUDENTS WHO, WHEN THEY GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, ALSO EARNED THEIR ASSOCIATES DEGREE.

## THE 2020 CENSUS

### How To Respond

While Census field operations are on hold until at least April 1 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's even more important for Alaskans to respond to the Census from home. The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is or will be living with you on April 1, 2020. For the first time, you can choose to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. Find out more about each of these methods below:

- **Online Response:** Please note that if you are responding online, you must complete the census in one sitting, as you don't have the ability to save your progress. <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-online>
- **Phone Response:** You have the option of completing the questionnaire by phone. To begin, call 844-330-2020. <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone>
- **Paper (Mail) Response Guide:** Visit [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or call (844) 330-2020.

Help your community by staying home and ensuring critical resources for the future.



## CALL FOR PHOTOS!

Whether it's hunkering down with family during COVID-19, or reminiscing about the past, we always love to see what the members of the Aleut Family are up to. TAC is looking for photo submission from shareholders and descendants from all locations over the next several months to share via social media and the Aleutian Current!

We will do one monthly drawing of \$50 until July 31st. First drawing will be April 30.

**Drawings: April 30, May 31, and June 30**

### PHOTOS IDEAS INCLUDE:

- Wearing Aleut bentwood visors
- Grandkids with grandparents
- "Hunkering Down" at home with family
- People and places in the Aleut Region
- People performing cultural activities

\*\*\*Please continue to follow social distancing and all COVID-19 guidelines to keep you and your family safe.\*\*\*

Email the high-resolution photos to [info@aleutcorp.com](mailto:info@aleutcorp.com) subject: PHOTO CONTEST

Include names and locations.

Shareholders and descendants from all locations encouraged to participate!



One Aleut Plaza  
4000 Old Seward Highway, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Phone Number: 907.561.4300  
Toll-Free: 800.232.4882  
Fax Number: 907.563.4328  
Email: [receptionist@aleutcorp.com](mailto:receptionist@aleutcorp.com)  
Website: [www.aleutcorp.com](http://www.aleutcorp.com)

**Shareholder Affairs**  
Email: [info@aleutcorp.com](mailto:info@aleutcorp.com)

**Shareholder Records**  
Email: [records@aleutcorp.com](mailto:records@aleutcorp.com)

The Aleut Corporation reserves the right to edit and revise all news items submitted for publication. ©2020

PRSR FIRST CLASS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit #69  
Anchorage, AK

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SHARON GUENTHER LIND  
Chairman

JENIFER SAMUELSON  
NELSON  
Vice Chair

DEBRA MACK  
Secretary

DR. GARY L. FERGUSON II  
Treasurer

TARA BOURDUKOFSKY  
Director

COLLEEN DUSHKIN  
Director

KYLE FOSTER  
Director

STANLEY MACK  
Director

DEBI SCHMIT  
Director

## ALEUT IMPORTANT DATES

- APRIL 30:** TAF Summer Scholarship Deadline
- MAY 15:** Culture Camp Travel Scholarship Deadline
- JUNE 23:** Board of Director Nominating Packets Due
- JUNE 27:** Annual TAC Picnic (Tentative)
- JUNE 30:** Report Cards Due for Cash for Good Grades and Attendance
- JUNE 30:** Descendant Registration Drawing (Quarter 1)