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# **ACCEPTING 2022 BOARD APPLICATIONS Deadline: 4 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2022**



**MTNT** is currently accepting applications for the 2022 Board of Directors Election.

The three (3) seats available on the MTNT Board of Directors are:

One (1) At-Large Seat

One (1) Takotna Mandatory Seat

One (1) Telida Mandatory Seat

MTNT invites eligible voting Shareholders who are at least 18 years of age and wish to run for a seat on the Board to download the Candidate and Director Application from the Shareholder portal at

www.MyMTNT.com or MTNT website at www.MTNT.net. You may also contact MTNT to request an application at (907) 644-1200 or email info@MTNT.net.

To run for the Board of Directors, completed applications must be received by MTNT prior to 4 p.m. (AKDT), Friday, April 8, 2022.

Applicants may request additional information and submit the completed Candidate and Director Application to MTNT via the below information.

#### MTNT, Ltd.

1500 W. 33rd Avenue, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 Phone: (907) 644-1200 Fax: (907) 644-1212

Email: info@MTNT.net

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52 McGuire Drive P.O. Box 309

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## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**



#### Congratulations Holmberg-Ricketts-Hovda Family!

MTNT Shareholder Shirley Hovda's grandson was the first baby born in 2022 in Wasco County, Oregon. Welcomed by his parents Steven and Erica Hovda, baby Emory Gene Hovda was born at 11:24 a.m. on January 1. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 3/4 inches long. Emory joins his sisters Ava (6) and Poet (21), and brother Gideon (14).

Ms. Shirley Hovda's mother was the late Mabel Holmberg-Ricketts and father was the late Theodore Ricketts Sr. - an original MTNT Shareholder from McGrath. Her late Aunt Florence Nelson, from her mother's side, lived in Aniak and her late uncle Ernest Holmberg was an MTNT Shareholder from McGrath.

**KWNJA'** 

**KwnJa'** is pronounced "KwinJa" and means "News" in the upper Kuskokwim Athabascan dialect.



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear MTNT Shareholders:

I am pleased to announce that MTNT was able to directly distribute more than 94% of all CARES Act monies received to eligible MTNT Shareholders. resulting in \$638,822 in CARES Act funds going directly to eligible MTNT Shareholders.

As you may recall, these funds were made available to Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) through the Coronavirus Relief Fund Tribal Setaside within Title V of the CARES Act after an uphill battle that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. This was a victory for Alaska Native Corporations and our people.

The victory came with challenges. ANCs received the funds during the last half of 2021 with a prescribed deadline of December 31, 2021, to allocate and distribute the funds in accordance with the U.S. Treasury guidelines or return the remaining funds.

The CARES Act funds were allowed to reimburse MTNT's expenses not included in the organization's 2020 budget that were incurred due to the public health emergency. Yet, MTNT's priority was to provide relief directly to eligible Shareholders who were negatively impacted by COVID-19.

Once MTNT received the funding, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the MTNT COVID Relief Fund Program. The Program provided eligible MTNT Shareholders with financial assistance to reimburse losses or necessary expenses incurred due to the pandemic.

While MTNT was not immune to the effects of COVID-19, MTNT was steadfast in maximizing resources and limiting costs throughout this pandemic. The team's commitment and efforts paid off. The CARES Act funds received were expended in accordance with the U.S. Treasury guidelines and by the December 31 deadline, with a grand majority of the \$677,675 in CARES Act funds received providing direct relief to MTNT Shareholders. The remaining amount was expended on reimbursable operational and job-related expenses due to COVID-19, resulting in less than six percent of the funds being utilized to reimburse MTNT.

While administering the CARES Act funds was a priority for MTNT in 2021, day-to-day business operations continued and MTNT heralded many accomplishments throughout year. By employing a sustainable growth strategy with a dedicated and specialized team, MTNT expanded its operations overseas through its niche in secured construction services, grew its number of awarded contracts, increased business development efforts, completed projects closer to home and more.

MTNT also continued to enhance its cybersecurity posture by migrating its file management to the Cloud and upgraded its architecture according to government security requirements. All necessary endeavors for MTNT to continue to securely expand and conduct business in person, remotely, throughout the country and across borders.

As business operations grow, so does MTNT's team and the need to hire additional personnel to fill specialized roles. As a result, MTNT is at capacity in



its current Anchorage office. Therefore, will be moving to a new office space in Anchorage. Effective May 1, MTNT's new address will be 400 W. Tudor Road, Building A, Suite A-400, Anchorage, Alaska 99503.

Finally, I am happy to report that MTNT is planning to hold the 2022 Annual Meeting in person in McGrath on July 23! We will continue to monitor the pandemic and observe the advice of local and national authorities. Yet, until further notice, we are anxiously preparing to meet MTNT Shareholders and their families on July 23 at the McGrath Native Village Council, Community Center for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Please remember to keep your address on record up to date with MTNT to receive the latest MTNT news including the 2021 Annual Report and Proxy Packet to be mailed this summer.

Until we meet again, may you all stay healthy and strong.

Sincerely. theme

Michele Christiansen Chief Executive Officer

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **Indigenous Leadership Award Honoree**



Congratulations to Alaska Federation MTNT has been working diligently to of Natives (AFN) President Julie Kitka who is the recipient of the 2022 Ecotrust Indigenous Leadership Award. The Indigenous Leadership Award is a celebration of the determination, wisdom, and continuum of Indigenous leadership across the region.

AFN was instrumental in the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and Julie, as the organization's President, was a driving force behind the 1991 Amendment to the Act which prevented the transfer of lands conveyed to Alaska Native Corporations under ANCSA to others, thereby securing the landholdings we have today.

Kitka began working at AFN in late 1981 and has held numerous positions within AFN including Special Assistant-Human Resources, D. C. Lobbyist, Vice-President, and currently as the President.

MTNT, Ltd. is a proud member of AFN and was honored to support the nomination of Ms. Kitka.

# Nikolai ANCSA 14(c)(1) Claims Update



fulfill the Nikolai ANCSA 14(c)(1) claims to 19 original homesites in Nikolai eligible for reconveyance to the original claimants and/or their beneficiaries based on original use and occupancy at the passage of ANCSA.

While this has been a long and arduous process, it is well overdue. Part of the challenge is only seven (7) of the original claimants are living. Therefore, MTNT had to research and identify the rightful heirs/beneficiaries including working with BLM and outside counsel to determine rightful ownership and the appropriate process for MTNT to transfer 14(c)(1) properties to the original homesite owners and/or their beneficiaries.

While the pandemic put a halt in the process, we have ramped up our efforts again to notify and contact the beneficiaries to process the reconveyances. Since then, MTNT has completed two reconveyances to the original claimants. Both Ms. Dora Esai and Ms. Sally Jo Collins have received their recorded Quit Claim Deeds to their 14(c)(1) lands in Nikolai.







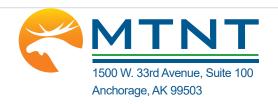


# **Important Dates**



**April 8** Board Candidate Applications Due **May 30** Memorial Day Holiday June 3 Record Date Juneteenth Observed June 20 July 4 Independence Day Holiday **July 15** Fall Scholarship Deadline July 23 2022 MTNT Annual Meeting

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## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

## Deadline: July 15, 2022

MTNT Foundation is accepting scholarship applications for the Fall term. To receive consideration, applications must be received by 4 p.m. (AKDT), July 15, 2022.

You may download the application online at www.MTNT.net.

MTNT Foundation offers basic and vocational scholarships to MTNT, Ltd. original enrollees and their descendants. Awards range from \$500 per semester for part-time and vocational training students, to \$1,000 per semester for full-time students.

If you need further assistance, please contact MTNT at (907) 644-1200, (877) 238-6868 or email **info@MTNT.net**.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** 

MTNT has a variety of employment opportunities, from Alaska to the East coast, available for qualified individuals including the following:

Contracts Administrator Assistant Facility Security Officer Security Specialist Computer Analyst-Intermediate

To learn more, please visit MTNT's careers page at www.MTNT.net, email hr@MTNT.net or call MTNT at (907) 644-1200. Interested candidates may email their resume to hr@MTNT.net to receive consideration. MTNT provides an employment preference to MTNT Shareholders.



MTNT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Nicole Borromeo Chairman

Melody Magnuson-Strick President

Joseph "Joe" Frank Secretary/Treasurer **Gina Dementoff-McKindy** Director

Steve Eluska Director

Theresa Fox Director

Claude "Joe" Petruska Director

Robert Strick Director

James "Jim" Vanderpool
Director

## **INFORMATION**



**New MTNT Anchorage Address** 

400 W. Tudor Road, Building A, Suite A-400 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Effective May 1, 2022



## Locating Resources Near You

If not ourselves, we know someone who could use additional assistance during this unprecedented time.

**2-1-1** is a comprehensive source of local social services information in the United States and most of Canada.

If you need assistance finding food, healthcare, paying housing bills, or other essential services, dial 2-1-1 on your telephone to speak to someone who can help in your area.

You may also visit www.211.org to search for local resources.

