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# Shee Atiká Elects New Directors and Chair

# Announces Growth in Federal Government Business Lines

(Sitka, Alaska) – Shareholders of Shee Atiká, Incorporated elected three new directors, and the board elected new officers at the corporation’s 46th annual meeting of shareholders held online on September 12, 2020. Directors elected to serve three-year terms ending in 2023 are: Kichnaalx (Laurence Garrity), Yaanas ix Ch’aak (Alysha Guthrie), and Kadashan (G. Ken Truitt). The new board re-elected Karl Potts as President and Chief Executive Officer, and chose the following members as new officers: Chairman – Rob Allen, Vice-Chairman – Roxanne Drake Burkhart, Secretary – Laurence Garrity, and Treasurer – Norma Perkins.

Shee Atiká also provided updates on new subsidiaries created to pursue new business opportunities in the federal market space, including those participating in the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 8(a) Business Development Program. These subsidiaries have been awarded several contracts in 2020. This business growth is anticipated to result in employment opportunities for Shee Atiká shareholders over the next several years.

The Directors elected to server a three-year term include Laurence Garrity, Alysha Guthrie and Ken Truitt. Laurence Garrity (Kichnaalx) is Deisheetan (Raven/Beaver) and was re-elected to the Board. He is one of the original Gajaa Heen Dancers and has spent a couple years volunteering with the Sitka Native Education Program instructing dance. He has been a certified journeyman electrician for almost 40 years and currently resides in Sitka, AK. Alysha Guthrie (Yaanas ix Ch’aak) is Kaagwaantaan (Eagle/Wolf) and Haida Gut ga niis (Raven/Owl) and is one of the newly elected Directors. She grew up in Sitka and spent time as a Gajaa Heen dancer. She currently works in an international marketing capacity with Alaska seafood. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance. She currently resides in Juneau, AK. Ken Truitt (Kadashan and Tuk’ Sāēk) is Raven/Coho and is also a newly elected Director. He is the son of former Director Gil Truitt. He works as an Attorney, Legislative Aide, House Rules Committee for the State of Alaska, Alaska Legislature. He has worked his entire life to be a qualified professional and be in positions to contribute to the improvement of Alaska Native peoples. He currently resides in Juneau, AK.

The officers elected by the Board include Rob Allen, Roxanne Drake Burkhart, Laurence Garrity, and Norma Perkins. Rob Allen (L’uxshakee) is Eagle/Kaagwaantaan of the Box House and serves as the new Chairman of the Board. He is the son of Betty and Bob Allen of Sitka. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Master of Public Administration, both from Harvard University. He has extensive board experience and is currently residing in Sitka, AK. Roxanne Drake Burkhart (Hohka Seix) is Raven/Dog Salmon and serves as Vice-Chair. She has 33 years in the accounting profession currently working for the Inside Passage Electric Cooperative. She was born and raised in Sitka and currently resides in Juneau, AK. Laurence Garrity serves as the Secretary and was mentioned in the previous paragraph. Norma Perkins is Eagle, the daughter of the Kiks. ádi clan and serves as the Treasurer. The daughter of former Director Ray Perkins. She worked over 30 years for SEARHC and holds a Bachelor in Business Administration. She currently lives in Sitka, AK.

Rob Allen, the newly-elected chair, thanks the outgoing chair, officers and directors for their service. “Pam Steffes, as chair, provided steady and wise leadership during a time of transition for Shee Atika. I am glad she will continue to provide her wisdom and experience on the board. I also am grateful for the years of service provided by Faleene Worrell on the board.” Allen says that his priorities as Shee Atiká’s chair are increasing transparency and accountability, creating more opportunities for communication with shareholders, and instituting policies to ensure long-term sustainability of the corporation and its assets. “As we enter a period of exciting growth for Shee Atiká, we are looking to the future generations to continue to provide economic and cultural opportunities.”

There were eight candidates for three open seats on the Shee Atiká board. 1,866 shareholders voted in the election, a participation rate of 55.6 percent of shareholders and 60.8 percent of shares. Results were as follows:

Lowell Frank 35,994 votes

Laurence Garrity 47,833 votes

Alysha Guthrie 46,222 votes

Martina Ruhle 30,056 votes

Martin Strand 17,521 votes

G. Ken Truitt 50,246 votes

James Wilkins 33,037 votes

Faleene Worrell 40,727 votes

Shee Atiká has three subsidiaries with 8(a) certification. Alaska Northstar Resources, LLC provides IT / Cybersecurity services and solutions to the US Government and is based in Montgomery, AL. Shee Atiká Enterprises, LLC focuses on science, technical and engineering services for the US Government and is based in Orlando, FL. American Marine and Technical Services, LLC is working in the Government’s ship repair industry and is based in Philadelphia, PA. Each of these companies is working to win contracts to increase shareholder value.

Shee Atiká is the urban Native corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) for the Alaska Natives historically residing in and around Sitka, Alaska.

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