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**NANA SHAREHOLDERS ELECTS 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**March 14, 2017 – KOTZEBUE, ALASKA** – NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. (NANA) held its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders today in Kotzebue, Alaska. During the meeting, the following board members were elected to serve three-year terms on the NANA board:

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Board Member Name</b>
Ambler	Nellie A. Nayuk Sheldon
Buckland	Tony Sañuiq Jones, Jr.
Deering	Bonita Qanalaq Barr
Kiana	Ely Utuktauraq Cyrus
Kivalina	Myra Aqurruaq Wesley
Kobuk	Alex Putyuk Sheldon
Kotzebue	Lance Qaluraq Kramer

The following board members are continuing directors: Hendy Saanjiaq Ballot, Sr. (Noorvik); Marvin Qanailaaq Barr (Kiana); George Uluatchiaq Douglas (Shungnak); Johnetta Unaviqsruaq Horner (Kobuk); Gladys Ikkaiyuk Jones (Ambler); Linda Piquk Lee (Shungnak); Joseph T. Iikuluk Luther (Noatak); Ronald Yauguraq Moto, Sr. (Deering); Diana Paniagrük Ramoth (Selawik); Mary F. Avaayak Sage (Kivalina); Sarah Anausuk Scanlan (At-large); Donald G. Nalikak Sheldon (Noorvik); Stella Saumik Shy (Noatak); Allen Suqqalik Ticket, Sr. (Selawik); Clara Paniğrauq Ticket (Buckland) and Harvey B. Sinaaqquq Vestal (At-large).

**ABOUT THE NANA BOARD:** NANA Regional Corporation’s 23-member board is elected by the Corporation’s more than 14,000 Iñupiat shareholders. The board structure consists of two Iñupiat shareholder board members from each NANA regional community (with the exception of Kotzebue with one board seat), two at-large seats and an Elder Advisor. Directors serve three-year terms.

*NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. (NANA) is one of the 13 Regional Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) created pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). NANA’s mission is to provide economic opportunities for its more than 14,000 Iñupiat shareholders and to protect and enhance NANA lands. Join the hunt at [www.nana.com](http://www.nana.com).*