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## 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS RESULTS

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held July 12 in Kalskag. Nearly 6,200 proxies were received with more than 450 of them cast online. Shareholders voted on the election of four Board Directors and one advisory resolution. A total of 55 percent of all outstanding shares were cast in person or by proxy for this meeting.

Within each Administrative Unit, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast is the elected director. Directors serve three-year terms. The elected directors are as follows:

- Margaret Pohjola was reelected for Administrative Unit 7
- Willie Kasayulie was reelected for Administrative Unit 8
- Earl Samuelson, Sr. was newly elected for Administrative Unit 9
- Leslie R. Hunter, Sr. was newly elected for Administrative Unit 10

Additionally, there was one advisory resolution. Advisory resolutions are non-binding. The level of support for an advisory resolution is considered by the Board in evaluating the proposed action of the resolution. The advisory resolutions and results are as follows:

- Replace Administrative Unit Selection of Board Members (147,394 in favor; 284,785 opposed)

"Calista is more than an organization; Calista is comprised of and representative of people with ties to the Calista Region. The Corporation

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Latest Job Listings

Program Assistant - Lakehurst, New Jersey  
Video Teleconference Technician - Tunista Services-  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
Printout / user - Murretsville, Alabama

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## BOARD MESSAGE

Willie Kasayulie, Chairman of the Board

Teamwork is something we learn in school and in our homes; working together we are stronger than we are as individuals. Our culture and Elders teach us the importance of partnerships because this harmony is essential to subsistence practices and survival. Calista Corporation is a group of hard working individuals that come together to serve the best interests of the people of the Calista Region.

The Calista Region covers hundreds of miles and in order to make sure every area is represented, the Board of Directors is composed of people from every part of the Region. Each Director represents a different unit and serves as a voice for those communities. At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders we elect the leaders and say goodbye to members that have served us in previous years.

This year, we welcome Earl Samuelson, Sr., who will serve as the new Director for Administrative Unit 9. Earl currently lives in Napaskiak and has served on the Napaskiak Tribal Council for the last nine years. He has a commercial pilot certification and previously worked as the president of Yuut Yaqungviat. We also welcome, Leslie R. Hunter, Sr. as the new Director for Administrative Unit 10. Leslie,

originally from Marshall, is currently in Bethel and owned Hunter Sales for almost 40 years. He is a past board member of both the Lower Yukon School District and Maserculiq, Inc.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to outgoing Directors Arthur Heckman, Sr. and Robert Hoffman. Qu yana for your years of service and contribution to our corporation.

**As a leadership team we are looking forward to the upcoming year and working together to provide benefits to our Region.**



Earl Samuelson, Sr.



Leslie R. Hunter, Sr.

*"Calista wishes to thank all the Directors, past and present, that have served the corporation."*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Andrew Guy, President & CEO

As a corporation and as individuals, we recently exercised one of our most important rights as Native people, the right to vote. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to every Shareholder who took the time to vote in our 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Your vote helped select our leadership team and determine the future of our corporation through voicing your opinion on a Shareholder proposal. This is an important obligation held by every Calista Shareholder and without your voice we would not be a strong corporation.

It is important to remember not only to vote in our corporation's elections but also for every Shareholder, Descendant and person in our Region, to vote in primary and general elections at local, state and national levels. If our Native voice is not

heard, we risk losing important political, economic and cultural battles.

Before you vote, please educate yourself about candidates and issues. By voting, you ensure our Region is represented by candidates that will support our Native values and decisions are made that benefit our culture and Region.

There are many organizations and resources available to turn to for education and assistance. Groups like the Alaska Federation of Natives routinely help keep voters informed about important issues facing them in upcoming elections. Resources like [www.nativevote.org](http://www.nativevote.org) can help you register to vote and provide additional resources and materials.

**I would encourage every Alaska Native to get out the Native vote in our upcoming elections, the primary election on August 19 and general election November 4. By making sure our voice is heard throughout Alaska we can preserve our rights and build a bright future for our culture.**

*"We must stand together as a corporation and make sure our voice is heard on important issues like leadership, land rights and subsistence issues."*



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will succeed as a business as we maintain connection with our values and traditions," said Calista Corporation Board Chairman Willie Kasayulie.

2014 marked the first year electronic online proxy voting was an option for Shareholders.

## PROXY PRIZE WINNERS

Charlene L. Ihly  
Theresa Uisok  
James Glenn Merritt  
Curtis L. Augline  
Liam Wihinapa Wescott  
Danny Fredericks  
Frances Anna Evan  
Martha B. Jimmy  
Margart Mary Augline  
Evelyn Gail Andrew  
Elizabeth Ann Gosuk  
Evelyn Francine Thomas  
Aaron H. Alexie  
Natalia Balluta  
Elena J. Nicolai  
Leonard George Fitka  
Clara L. James  
Carl Gilila Andrew  
Anna T. Chayalkun  
Olga Wigley  
Mary Moses  
Caroline Mary Fisher  
Matthew Wilson Toopelook  
Tanya Michelle Slim  
James Martin

Lubova Fisher  
Christine Sharon Enoch  
Myrtle Marie Phillips  
Norbert T. Kashatok, Jr.  
Laura Lucy Bavilla  
Elizabeth Tiffany Noes  
Hansel Lloyd Mathlaw  
Darlene W. Mochin  
Bruno Thomas Kasayuli, Sr.  
Theresa Amik  
Jerome Milton Paul  
Marie L. Andrew  
Elia Wasky  
Zena Kulongak  
Nick Peter Carter  
Tammy R. Katchatag  
Helena Williams  
Rosalie Tunuchuk  
Diane Martha Britton  
Marie George Phillips  
Phillip Alexie  
Gary F. Mike  
Alice D. Moncher  
Elena Margaret Rath  
Allen Paul Alirkar

Chris-tee Jean Craghtten  
Alma Mollia Williams  
Aeryn Emily Werning  
Angelina L. P. Chiklak  
Nastasia Adeline Peterson  
Warren William Jones  
Gertrude E. Berry  
Krystal Dobkins  
Elizabeth Nellie Nicholas  
Charlene Elena Rae Alexie  
Stephanie Atseriak  
Wendalyn D A Ann Nevak  
Martina J. Campbell  
Neva Vanessa Blakemore  
Edith Beebe  
Anthony Olick  
Elizabeth U. David  
Alexie Askoak  
Emma Fullmoon  
Kenneth Wallace Reed, Jr.  
Mary Christine Vallieres  
Nikita Wasky  
Nicholas Naneng  
Charlene Ruth Pleasant  
Wilson Manutoli

## JULY 2014 BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Calista Corporation Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled quarterly board meeting July 23-25. Here are a few of the major strategic decisions made at the meeting:

- Adopted a policy for determining the size of Shareholder dividend payments
- Elected Directors to the Board committees
- Adopted a Shareholder resolution regarding Descendant enrollment for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (Note: The date and location of the next annual meeting has not yet been determined)

For more specifics about the dividend policy and Board committees, please visit our website and look for future articles in the Storyknife.

The details about Descendant enrollment will require multiple articles in Storyknife. By early next year Calista will also create a website for Shareholders to review potential effects of Descendant enrollment. The Board's Shareholder Relations Committee and management also plan to visit many villages to present information and answer Shareholder questions.

## LEADERS FROM THE REGION SHAREHOLDER AWARDS

Nominated by fellow Shareholders and Descendants, the awardees exemplify cultural excellence and we are proud to have them as part of our corporation.

### Calista Culture Bearer: Edna R. Patgulria Mathlaw.

Edna is a talented and creative artist who tells buyers about the culture behind every art piece. For years, Edna has been sewing beautiful kuspaks, weaving intricate grass baskets, skin-sewing fur parkas and designing many more cultural pieces of art. Edna is committed to using traditional methods to make each piece. She was awarded the culture bearer award for her lifetime of creating beautiful artwork, and desire and passion for sharing her culture.

### Axel C. Johnson Distinguished Shareholder: Melanie Coffee.

During a time of great tragedy, Melanie managed to have the strength to save lives despite dealing with the death of her child. In November 2013, Melanie was on a plane that crashed outside of Saint Mary's and Mountain Village. After surviving the crash, Melanie used a cellphone to call for help and then walked three-quarters of a mile to guide search crews to the wreckage to save the other survivors. Melanie is a true hero.

**Raymond C. Christiansen Community Service Award: Saint Mary's and Mountain Village.** When a plane crashed outside the villages in November 2013, concerned residents came to the rescue. About 50 people set out on foot, snowmachines and ATVs to search for the plane when residents noticed it flying low. Working together and with survivor Melanie Coffee, they located the wreckage and carried the survivors through rough terrain to safety. Paramedics and Alaska State Troopers have said the actions of these individuals saved lives.

### Calista Elder of the Year: Fred and Dunia Holmberg.

Fred and Dunia Holmberg have been married for 56 years and exemplify our culture through their kindness, hard work and family values. Fred, 84, is a trapper, fisherman, hunter, firefighter, pilot, mechanic, plumber and much more. Dunia, 79, has worked as a post master, coffee shop clerk, election judge and parent advisory member. The couple has seven children, 25 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. They work as a team, and their marriage and subsistence lifestyle makes them role models for their family and community.

### Calista Youth/Educator of the Year: Muriel Nussaalar Amos.

Throughout Muriel's 26-year career as a teacher she has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving cultural education. She has assisted in writing and publishing a Cup'ig Eskimo dictionary, revitalizing Eskimo dancing on Nunivak and has been awarded a number of grants that have benefited schools in Mekoryuk. Muriel is a role model who exemplifies preservation education.

**Calista Business of the Year: Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association (YDFDA).** YDFDA is a homegrown business that provides jobs and income for YK Delta residents. The company takes its role in the Community Development Quota program seriously and has invested resources for long-term economic development in the Calista Region. The company supports the port in Emmonak and has been hosting visiting legislative elected officials and staff, testifying at hearings and is willing to provide its own funds in support of the project.

# SAYING GOODBYE

## *Our Corporate Move Then (1999)*



In October, the Calista Corporation will move into a newly constructed headquarters building located in Midtown Anchorage. Moving is an investment for the corporation, as we are part owners in the building. The new space provides a number of benefits including greater energy efficiency which will save our company money. Fifteen years ago we moved into our current building and it is remarkable to see how much we have achieved since then.

We look forward to our move and our future accomplishments in our new space. Come by and visit us.



Illustrations of the new building, located on the Northwest corner of C Street and International Airport Road in Anchorage.

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# TO OUR BUILDING

*- Our Corporate Move Now (2014)*



Our current building is in South Anchorage.

## 2014

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LION	IN REVENUES	<b>\$369 MILLION</b>
ION	NET INCOME	<b>\$53 MILLION</b>
, 1994-1999)	SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT ISSUED TO SHAREHOLDERS AND DESCENDANTS	<b>\$405,000 (2013)</b>
ION	AKILISTA FUND	<b>\$52 MILLION</b>
VED INTO N BUILDING	CORPORATE MOVE	<b>OCTOBER 2014 ESTIMATED MOVE</b>

# Employee Feature

## ANDREI JACOBS SOLSTICE ADVERTISING

It can be a tough challenge to land your dream job but Calista Descendant Andrei Jacobs is lucky enough to have found his perfect fit.

"I like people. I like ideas. I like communication. Solstice Advertising is a culmination of the things I like most," said Andrei.

Andrei is the newest team member at Solstice Advertising, LLC, a Calista subsidiary and award-winning advertising agency. In his client insights position, Andrei serves as the main point of contact for clients and ensures key messages, strategy and creative are on point.

"Lincoln Garrick, our president, said it best one day - my role is like I am 'the client in the room.' I provide their perspective," said Andrei. "It is imperative that I understand the client's business, markets and aspirations. I have to forecast where they would like to be with their messages. What a fun thing, to be visionary."

Andrei has been in communications for several years, previously as a small business owner in Bethel, a staff development manager at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation and at the Koahnic Broadcast Corporation. Andrei was working in Bethel when he saw the job opening at Solstice Advertising.

"I just had to take a leap of faith, I had to apply for the job. It worked out. Today, I know that it was the right decision. I love coming to work

every day and being innovative and communicative," said Andrei.

Andrei's clients include the Alaska Federation of Natives, Ahtna Corporation, the Rasmuson Foundation and Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. He is working on a number of projects that will help Alaska Natives around the state.

"I like being able to contribute to social justice, i.e. helping people. I think social justice was instilled in to me at an early age through the efforts of my single parent mother, Blanche Jacobs," said Andrei.

Andrei's family originates from Shaktoolik and Hooper Bay, in the 1950's they moved to Healy. His heritage is Yup'ik, Inupiaq, and Black and growing up in a predominately Yup'ik community gave Andrei a bicultural view of the world. As a Calista and CIRI Descendant, and Class C Doyon Shareholder, Andrei is excited about the opportunity to help Alaska Native people.

"The efforts of Calista, to help the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region is consistent with the values my mom instilled in me. Now that I'm an adult, I can further her intentions to help people. I get to help people through innovation and communication. I couldn't ask for anything better," said Andrei.

**To further his goal of helping people, Andrei is working on his Masters in Public Administration at Baruch College online and expects to graduate in 2015.**



*"Improving the lives of others through public service is my passion."*



## INTERNS WRAP-UP SUMMER PROGRAM

This month, a record number 20 interns finished their summer internship with Calista Corporation and its subsidiaries. The students spent 10 weeks learning new skills and receiving on-the-job experience. In our intern article in the June/July issue of Storyknife Thomas Albert was left out of the list of interns. Thomas spent his summer with STG, Inc. He is from Tununak and is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

**We wish all of the interns luck in their upcoming semester.**



## VILLAGE PROFILE: UPPER, LOWER KALSKAG

Connected by a two-mile dirt road, the villages of Upper and Lower Kalskag were established along the Kuskokwim River. Upper Kalskag, also known as "Upper" to its residents, was settled in 1898 when Nicholas Kameroff, Sr. along with his wife and eight children move into the area. The village was originally a fish camp known as Kessiglik. In the following years, residents of nearby Kalthagamute began to move to Upper and by 1940 the village had a school, general store, post office and barging company. During the 1940's, the village owned and worked a herd of an estimated 2,000 reindeer. According to the most recent U.S. Census data, about 220 people live in Upper Kalskag.

Upper Kalskag was and remains heavily influenced by the Roman Catholic Church, which prompted a group of Russian Orthodox practitioners to relocate to a nearby fish camp used by village residents in the 1930's. The location eventually became its own village called Lower Kalskag, or "Lower." Residents built a Russian Orthodox chapel in 1940. A school was constructed in 1959, quickly followed by a post office, sawmill and power plant. Today, approximately 300 people live in Lower Kalskag.

The villages of Upper and Lower Kalskag are both federally recognized tribes. The sale and importation of alcohol is prohibited. Members of the communities practice traditional Yup'ik lifestyles. Subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering provide most of the food including salmon, moose, waterfowl and berries.

The two villages are connected by a gravel road, making it easy for barges to deliver fuel and other supplies during the summer months. Russian Mission and Aniak are accessible by snowmachine trails in the winter.

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholder was held in Upper Kalskag on July 12.



## SUBSIDIARY NEWS FUTARIS INVESTS IN INTERNATIONAL FIBER OPTIC NETWORK

Futaris, Inc., a subsidiary of Calista Corporation, recently invested in an international fiber optic network that could create access to affordable, high speed broadband internet in rural Alaska. Earlier this year, Futaris announced its investment in Quintillion Networks Limited. The company is part of a project to build an international fiber optic cable connecting Asia to Western Europe, using a route passing along Alaska's coastline.

Quintillion has exclusive rights to develop landing sites for the cable in Alaska. Proposed landing sites include Prudhoe Bay, Barrow, Wainwright, Point Hope, Kotzebue, Nome and Shemya. Approvals for the sites are pending from the federal government. The fiber optic network will be over 9,300 miles.

As part of the project, a local broadband network will be made available to service providers for sales to businesses and Alaskans in communities near the landing sites. According to Futaris, the new network is expected to reduce the cost of service and provide high-speed bandwidth to people and businesses in the area.

**Having a broadband network will help in a number of ways including aiding in economic growth, emergency response, communications and infrastructure development.**

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## TALENT BANK

Calista Corporation and its family of subsidiaries are always looking for qualified employees to join the team. Working in a number of different industries requires a diverse group of employees. We exercise Alaska Native hire preference and are always looking for Descendants and Shareholders.

Currently we have a number of job openings including:

### HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC – STG, INC., ANCHORAGE

The Heavy Equipment Mechanic must be highly skilled and experienced in working with a wide variety of cranes, heavy equipment and other smaller company vehicles.

### EQUIPMENT MECHANIC - BRICE EQUIPMENT, PRUDHOE BAY

This position requires good communication skills and the ability to follow directions from the shop foreman and operations manager. This is a fast paced working environment with constantly changing work priorities.

### HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR - BILISTA HOLDING, FAIRBANKS

The Human Resource Administrator is primarily responsible for coordinating the recruiting, on-boarding and off-boarding process for employees. This position also assists with other Human Resource functions as needed.

For more information on these positions or others, visit our Talent Bank. To be notified about positions that may be of interest to your skills, please fill out a Talent Bank Resume.

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## PERSONAL DATA FORM - AUGUST 2014

Shareholder Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like Calista to send you new Will forms?  Yes  No

Calista Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Village Corporation Shares \_\_\_\_\_

Please change my address as I have indicated above. I understand that you cannot make address changes without my permission and signature, which I hereby give of my own free will and without constraint. I further authorize Calista and its subsidiaries to share this information.

Shareholder Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness 2 \_\_\_\_\_

(Two witnesses are required if Shareholder signs with an "X.")

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