Dear Shareholders,

As we make our transition from fall time to winter time, the shareholders of Gana-A’Yoo are busy preparing for the cold months as we’ve done for thousands of years: hunting, fishing, berry picking, getting wood, and gathering tea. The time spent doing these activities creates memories, family time and healthy exercise, which also means healthy communities. Preparation is an integral part of the Athabascan culture. Then there’s also preparation for another important aspect in our people’s lives today—education. Every fall brings a new school year with the same excitement that a new spring brings—new goals, new adventures, and opportunities for learning, listening and sharing. Our parents and elders in our communities have always voiced the importance of it and with their guidance, we have many shareholders with diplomas, degrees and certifications who we are proud of. Although degrees and certifications are a huge accomplishment to be proud of, I would also like to acknowledge the unspoken importance of other contributions that shareholders make every day with their actions, leading by example, sharing their traditional knowledge and talents, hard work, kindness, encouragement and love for one another. These attributes are the roots of what creates a community, along with our connection to the land, which has brought us through the hardships, successes and celebrations in our villages that no book can get us through, however it is equally commendable.

I hope you had a memorable summer and as you look forward to preparing for a new season with your families, I hope you stay safe, healthy and warm this winter.

Respectfully,
Kimberly Bower, Director
With our Mission in mind, “We are A Unique Company and people, T'eyegge Hut'aane”, thriving for thousands of years by adapting to the environment, we are at a time that we must consider a change of our bylaws to the ever changing business landscape.

Our shareholders reside in Fairbanks, AK and other parts of the state. (See the graph to the right). The graph illustrates that from 2011 to 2014 there was an increase in migration from the villages to cities in Alaska. This trend is expected to increase in the years to come. Unfortunately, the continued migration decreases the number of potential board candidates located in our villages.

Gana-A’Yoo, Limited’s articles of incorporation require that all four of our villages are represented on the board of directors. Each shareholder holds at least one of four classes of stock representing the villages. (A, Galena; B, Koyukuk; C, Nulato; and D, Kaltag). Of the nine member board, at least two members have to own stock in each of the classes of stock and at least one of them must live in that village.

Only 36% of our shareholders live in the 4 villages

"Since demographics have so greatly changed, we have to bring this to the attention of the shareholders and be responsive to the interests expressed by shareholders who no longer reside in our communities.”

Ida Hildebrand, Chair
For example, at least two of the directors have to own Class A or Galena stock and one of those directors has to live in Galena. The same rule applies to the villages of Koyukuk, Nulato and Kaltag. In the past three years, interested board candidates have not qualified because of the restrictions. In addition, the shareholder population is aging. The average age of a shareholder is nearly 50 years old. Many of them are no longer interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

At the 2015 annual meeting and the recent shareholder informational meetings in our villages, we presented this information and got good feedback. When told that because of the trend of shareholders moving away from the four villages and the requirement that at least four of the directors have to live in the village where their stock is classified, the pool of shareholders eligible to run for the board of directors is shrinking, many of the shareholders present supported making a change.

After serious consideration, the Shareholder Relations Committee and the Board of Directors, are proposing an amendment to the articles and by-laws of the corporation at the June 2016 annual meeting. The recommended change would be less restrictive and open it up to a greater number of candidates. Village representation would still be required but would reflect that a lot of our shareholders no longer live in one of the four villages.

Gana-A’Yoo therefore is being proactive by seeking to change the composition of the Board of Directors so that more shareholders can qualify for the board without having to reside in the actual village with the same class of stock. Gana-A’Yoo would like to submit the proposed by-law changes to our shareholders during the Annual Meeting in Nulato held on June 4, 2016.

The proposed change shows that Gana-A’Yoo indeed can adapt to change and will provide more opportunities for shareholders to learn about our business interests as they grow. The proposed change also aligns with Gana-A’Yoo’s core values:

- We are respectful of our culture, language, traditions, and one another.
- We are trustworthy.
- We are successful.
- We are responsible.
- We are prepared.

Please consider submitting comments that you may have via mail or email. Send them to Crystal Sommer at csommer@ganaayoo.com. All of the responses will be shared with the Board of Directors.

Thank you!

Current Board Qualification
- Must be a shareholder with voting stock.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- At least two (2) directors must hold stock in each of the classes of stock (A, B, C, D) and at least one of the two must live in the village by the class of stock.
  - Two from Galena
  - Two from Koyukuk
  - Two from Nulato
  - Two from Kaltag

Consideration for Annual Shareholder’s Meeting 2016 - Bylaw Amendment
- Must be shareholders who hold voting stock.
- Must be 18 years old.
- Draft Amendment - the Board of Directors shall be comprised of directors who meet the following requirements:
  - One (1) director shall be the owner of record of Class A Stock; and One (1) director shall be the owner of record of Class B Stock; and One (1) director shall be the owner of record of Class C Stock; and One (1) director shall be the owner of record of Class D Stock; and
  - Five (5) directors shall be elected from all shareholders at-large regardless of class of stock held.
  - Three (3) of the nine (9) directors shall reside in rural Alaska.
Foundation Board Recruitment

If you are interested in serving on the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board of Directors there is one (1) seat open.

The current board members & term consists of: Anne Esmailka; Kaltag; term ends 10/2015; Larissa Sommer; Galena; term ends 10/2016; and Kim Bower; Nulato; term ends 10/2017.

The deadline for candidates to turn in their information is October 9, 2015. Qualifications: 1) Be a shareholder of Gana-A’Yoo, Limited 2) Be 18 years of age or older.

Submit your resume and letter of intent to Crystal Sommer: Fax: 907-569-9699 Email: csommer@ganaayoo.com. The candidate will be selected on October 13, 2015 at the annual membership meeting.

Please note: Under federal laws governing private foundations, family members of Gana-A’Yoo Foundation board members are not eligible to receive a Foundation scholarship during their term on the board. Current scholarship recipients are also not eligible to serve on the board.

Scholarships Awarded:
The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation scholarship committee includes board members: Anne Esmailka, Larissa Sommer, Kim Bower, and Hazel Lolnitz. The group met in August and awarded $57,000 in scholarships.

General Scholarships:
- David Beardslee, Okanogan, WA
- Denae Benson, Fairbanks
- Eve Blake, Auburn, WA
- Teyah Clark, Wasilla
- Christina M. Edwin, Anchorage
- Diloola Erickson, Fairbanks
- Nicole Fennimore, Galena
- Bethany A. Green, Fairbanks
- Sharon Hildebrand, Fairbanks
- Janelle Huntingdon, Anchorage
- Kathrin Huntingdon, Anchorage
- Jaclyn Johnson, Galena
- Taylor Kauffman, Wasilla
- Felicia R. Kayotuk, Wasilla
- Celeste LaFever, Lake Mary, FL
- Loretta Lolnitz, Fairbanks
- Logan Marshall, Fairbanks
- Jenessa Pitsa, Anchorage
- Celina Powers, Fairbanks
- Skyla E. Powers, Fairbanks
- Kayla Ridderbush, Fairbanks
- Brittleigh Rogers, Cochran, GA
- Shirley Sam, Huslia
- Rochelle Sommer, Chester, VA

Freshman/Soph. $1000:
Christina Edwin, UAA Sophomore, “I believe catalyzing youth all over Alaska to discuss important issues impacting our people will lead to healthier and stronger unity among all peoples of Alaska.” Her parents are Christine Edwin & Greg Hoffman; grandparents are Flora McCoy, Steve Felch and Donald Hoffman.

Vocational $2,500:
Andrew W. Sommer, Perry Tech Institute, “I know I will always remain true to my heritage even after I am a successful air traffic controller.” His parents are Paula and Andrew; grandparents Laura and the late Edward Pitka; Dorothy and the late Fred Sommer, Sr.
Goals are a very important thing for one to have in order to maintain the drive to persevere through life. Having a goal gives one a reason to live, a drive to persevere to have in order to maintain life. Having a goal is something that means they could have one thing. Some of my goals include becoming a paramedic, owning a nice house, and learning my father’s Native language. Most of my goals are academic, but they do apply to my personal ones as well. For a few years now, I have been dead set on becoming a paramedic. When I started high school, one of my first classes that I had was a class on health, and that is what first sparked my interest in the medical field. Another class that I had was Spanish. Unfortunately, the language program was discontinued due to the instructor getting another job. I was disheartened by this, but was still able to try and learn with my dad before he moved away. The last goal that I wish to talk about is a little selfish, I will admit, but I would love to own a nice house sometime in the future. My current home is not exactly the greatest. It is rather large in size, but it is requiring far too much maintenance at the time. There was a flood recently, and things could be better for my home. When your mind is set on more than one goal, there are bound to be some similarities. A way that all these goals could seem to have a similar theme would be that learning a new language could help break down any language barriers that could come across my way when working as a paramedic, and working as a paramedic could ultimately help me in purchasing a nice home. No matter how many goals one could have, they all end up in having something in common. It’s just all a long chain reaction to one another. It doesn’t matter what any of the goals are if one doesn’t know where to start. My own personal priority is to become a paramedic, along the way I could pick up some Spanish here and there, maybe get the house later, but my main goal in life is to be able to help others in need in any way that I humanly can. One could say that my goal in life is to help those who are helpless. Aside from owning a nice home, I can’t think of anything that will not benefit others than myself. Owning a nice house could finally show me happiness again, after these few, painful years. Life would have no point to any individual who doesn’t have a goal or dream. These goals are what has kept me going through even the hardest of times in life. I know goals are important no matter how big or small, they give us that-want, that need, to go on. They are simply put, important.

The minimum donation was $35 for an adult and $25 for children. A $1,200 donation was received from an individual. The total donations received amounted to $2,715.


Participants from Fairbanks: Larissa Sommer & Jeff Kramer.

The Foundation would like to recognize all who made contributions this quarter.
"Our Culture. We’re still doing it now. We never give up."

Goodwin Semaken, Sr.
As told to Sharon Hildebrand while participating in Native singing.

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Where Are You?
Current addresses are needed for these shareholders. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts or how we may contact any of them, please call our office.

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Who Are You?
An Impressive Athabascan Introduction Submitted by Christina Edwin

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- I am Koyukon Athabascan
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