

# CANDIDATE PROFILES

2022 NEC TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION



## Kevin Bahnke, incumbent

My name is Kevin Bahnke and I am seeking a third term on the NEC Tribal Council. I have served on the tribal council for six years. First elected in 2016, I served as the vice president from 2016-2019 and currently serve as the NEC representative on the NSHC Board of Directors. I have been employed at the Bering Straits Native Corporation Land Management Department for eleven years. I have served on the Nome Volunteer Fire Department for 24 years as well as Nome Search and Rescue. I'm active in Nome Lion's Club and have coordinated the Nome Golovin Race for over 12 years. If re-elected I will work for our commitment to succeed as a tribal organization. If I can provide additional information or answer questions before the next annual meeting, please reach out to me personally. I enjoy serving our community. Thank you for your consideration.



## Allison Johnson

My name is Allison Johnson. My Inuit name is Taliguq. I am the oldest of four siblings. I was born in Nome, but when my father joined the military, we moved around for a while. I returned to Nome in 2002. I married Frank "Boogles" Johnson in 2011. We have five children, care for our nephew, and have opened our home to foster care. We are teaching the children to live off the land and invite anyone willing to learn to join us. My leadership experience includes three years as president of the Nome Preschool Association board and four years on Kawerak's Headstart parent committee. I work at Alaska Airlines and serve on the safety committee and run emergency response meetings. I have worked with groups on many activities, such as hunting, tending to the harvest, reindeer handling, and coaching youth softball. My goal as an NEC Tribal Council member is to serve our members, their families, and our community. Thank you.



## Jeannie Kost

My name is Jeanette (Jeannie) Kost. I am interested in serving on the NEC Tribal Council. I would work and communicate on behalf of our entire tribal membership with joy and compassion and work professionally with staff as needed. I have an associate's degree in Rural Human Services from UAF. I have previously served on the board of directors of Sitnasuak Native Corporation. My previous employment has included Norton Sound Health Corporation as patient advocate and Alaska Native Medical Center as administrative support. It would be a great honor to be elected to a three-year term on the tribal council. Thank you.



## Shane Smithhisler, incumbent

My name is Shane Smithhisler and I am seeking re-election to the NEC Tribal Council. I have been a Tribal Council member since 2014. I believe I bring an open-minded approach to the needs of the membership. I am willing to work with all NEC members and the tribal council to help our tribe grow. I am currently employed by Sound Quarry Inc., a subsidiary of Bering Straits Native Corporation, as the quarry manager. I have been in this position for four years. I am an 18-year member of the Nome Volunteer Fire Department and hold the rank of captain. I have also served on the Nome Port Commission for the last 3 years. Thank you for your consideration.