

## **Doyon, Limited Elects New Board Members and Chair**

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Doyon, Limited announced Miranda Wright as its Board of Director's Chair and elected two new members, Orié Williams and Jerry Carroll, at the conclusion of its annual meeting Friday. They also re-elected Board members Andy Jimmie, Victor Nicholas and Georgianna Lincoln.



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Board Chair Wright said, "Doyon has infinite possibilities. The Board make-up and structure is diverse, and the members are energetic and ready to get to work." She continued, "When I took the gavel it was as if it rose up with the spirit of past leaders. I was reminded of my friend and mentor, the late Rosemarie Maher, a former Board Chair."

The Board now consists of Jerry Carroll, Andy Jimmie and Victor Nicholas representing rural seats and Georgianna Lincoln and Orié Williams representing the remaining seats. All board members, including the chair are elected for staggered three year terms by Doyon shareholders.

The officers elected by the Board are Miranda Wright-Chair, Victor Nicholas-Vice Chair, Florence Carroll-Treasurer, and Josephine Malemute-Secretary. Officers are elected every three years.

A resolution to extend the public comment period on a proposed land exchange between Doyon and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service was overwhelmingly defeated. Over 90% of the 800,000 votes cast by shareholders opposed extending the public comment period.

Newly elected Board member Jerry Carroll said, "I think it's an honor to serve all these shareholders and I will do my best to do what the shareholders wish and I will work as hard as I can for our children. That is my main goal to take care of our children. I would like to thank everyone that voted for me."

Orié Williams added, "I appreciate the support and prayers from all the Doyon Shareholders. I am positive we can, as a united Board of Directors, work to continue to install pride, respect, and positive guidance for our employees, managers, partners, and customers. It will be a pleasure to work for our tribal shareholders for the next three years. God bless the young people who encouraged me to continue to serve our people."

Over the past five years Doyon has had an unprecedented period of growth and profit and the board is committed to continue that success and work diligently to increase shareholder job training and employment opportunities.

**Biographies are the all Doyon, Limited Board members are below.**

**Miranda Wright** was raised in the village of Nulato and currently lives in Fairbanks. She has served on the Board of Directors since 1995 and has been Treasurer since 2002. Wright holds Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Alaska Fairbanks where she is a faculty member. Wright is active on the UAF Strategic Planning Committee, Academic Program Head, International Review Board and Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Native Education, and sits on the Community Advisory Board for Holland America/Westours.

**Jerry Carroll** is the Mayor of the City of Fort Yukon and President of Gwitchyaa Zhee Corporation. He is currently employed with the City of Fort Yukon Water and Sewer Project.

**Georgianna Lincoln** has been a Doyon, Limited Board member since 1976. She has previously served as Chairwoman of the Doyon, Limited Board. She also serves as Chairwoman of Doyon Development Corporation, Doyon Drilling Inc., Doyon Properties Inc., Doyon Services Corporation, and Doyon Tourism, Inc. She is a lifelong fisherwoman. In 2005 she retired from the Alaska State Senate after serving in the Alaska State Legislature for 14 years.

**Orie Williams** has previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer for the Doyon Family of Companies. He previously served on the board of directors from 1978 to 1984 held the offices of Vice-President, Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Williams has also been employed by the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Toghoththele Corporation. He graduated from Lathrop High School and attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and Skadron College of Business in California.

**Andrew Jimmie** has served on the Board of Directors since 2005 and serves on the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and Shareholder Relations Committees. He served as Chief of the Minto Village Council. He is Chair of the Tanana Chief Conference's Regional Health Board and the Alaska Native Health Board.

**Victor Nicholas** is the owner of a general merchandise and grocery store in Nulato and is a commercial pilot. He has served on the Board of Director's since 2002 and previously served from 1998 to 2001. He also serves on the Doyon Properties, Inc. and Doyon Services Corporation Board and the Finance and Investment and Shareholder Finance Committees as well as the Doyon Foundation Board. He is the Second Chief of the Nulato Traditional Council



Doyon, Limited is headquartered in Fairbanks, Alaska, and is one of the 13 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act regional corporations. Its mission is to continually enhance its position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social wellbeing of its shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen its Native way of life and to protect and enhance its land and resources. The corporation has more than 16,000 shareholders and is one of the largest private landowners in North America.

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