

**BY-LAWS
CIULISTET RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

Articles I. Name

Section 1. The name of the association shall be the Ciulistet Research Association .

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The Ciulistet Research Association shall be to validate , support, and enhance the professional growth as Native educators; to engage in research related to Native education; to serve as roles models, and to encourage young people and students to become teachers and leaders.

Section 2. The Ciulistet Research Association shall work cooperatively with the Dillingham City School District , Southwest Regional School District and other school districts that encompass the Bristol Bay Area served by the Bristol Bay Native Association and with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Bristol Bay Campus , and other professional organizations to engage in research and training that will benefit both native and non-native educators.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Voting Membership shall be open to person who are Alaska Native certified teachers and reside within the Bristol Bay area, those that are served by the Bristol Bay Native Association.

Section 2. Associate Membership shall be open to all persons who have expressed an interest in the goals of the Ciulistet Research Association and are not entitled to vote .

Section 3. Honorary Membership in the Association shall be by advanced invitation by any voting member and shall be limited in number as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Members shall not be entitled to a vote at any meeting. Eligibility shall be subject to a demonstrated commitment to the advancement of education for the Native people of the Bristol Bay area and shall be open to:

1. Elders , who are willing to share traditional Yup'ik knowledge or any, other indigenous cultural group within the Bristol Bay area.

2. Persons from the general public , corporate sector, or post-secondary institutions who concur with the aims and objectives of the Association.

Section 4. Term of Membership shall be annually

Article V. Ciulistet Research Association Membership Rights

Section 1. Voting Rights Members who are Alaska Native Educators who hold a current teacher certification shall be entitled to one vote .

Section 2. Termination of Membership. Membership will be reviewed annually and will terminate those who have not been active members of the associate as deemed by the Board of Directors.

Article VI. Ciulistet Research Association Officers

Section 1. Officers: The officers of the Ciulistet Research Association shall be elected from the voting membership and shall consist of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary/treasurer. These officers will constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Election and Term of Office. The officers of the Ciulistet Research Association shall be elected at the first business meeting of the new school year. The term of office will be one year and/or until a successor is elected.

Section 3. Election Procedure. Election for officers of the Ciulistet Research Association will be determined by a simple majority vote of Ciulistet Research Association voting members in attendance.

Section 4. Vacancy. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, or otherwise may be filled for the unexpired position of the term by a special election by the Ciulistet Research Association Board of Directors.

Section 5. President. A president shall preside at all meetings of the Ciulistet Research Association. In addition, s/he will perform all duties incident to the office of the president and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Ciulistet Research Association from time to time.

Section 6. Vice-President. The duties of the vice-president shall be to represent the president in assigned duties and to substitute for the president during her/his absence. S/he shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to her/him by the president or by the Ciulistet Research Association membership.

Section 7. Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the meeting, both regular and special meetings of the Ciulistet Research Association; shall keep records of all fund raising activities ; and shall perform all duties of the Secretary/Treasurer; and such other duties as assigned by the

President.

Article VII. Meetings of the Ciulistet Research Association

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The Ciulistet Research Association shall hold two business meetings annually. These meetings will be determined by the Ciulistet Research Association.

Section 2. Place of Meetings. The Ciulistet Research Association shall determine the meeting locations at their biannual meetings.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings. All meeting notices shall be in writing and shall state the day, hour and location of the meetings. These notices shall be delivered either through the mail or telegraphic communications systems.

Section 4. Quorum. At the beginning of each meeting, a proper quorum will be established to conduct business which represents a simple majority of the Ciulistet Research Association.

Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended at any time by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Ciulistet Research Association members. The amendments must further the purposes and objectives of the Ciulistet Research Association.

Article IX By-law Approval

Section 1. These by-laws will become effective only after a review and majority approval by the Ciulistet Research Association membership.

Approved by: _____
President

Date of approval: _____