

# The Tripod



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The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.



### The Trail for all Seasons

The Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance promotes public awareness of the Iditarod Trail and its gold rush and AlaskaNative heritage by encouraging education programs and historical research, assisting in the protection, improvement, maintenance and marking of the trail and developing partnerships that foster stewardship commitments and support.



Thanks to all the members who have renewed their membership in the Alliance.

### Annual meeting and election of board members

The annual meeting of the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance will be held in Anchorage on November 29 and 30.

The first day will be a workshop for the board members. The annual meeting of the Alliance will be on November 30 at the Lakefront Hotel in Anchorage, 4800 Spenard Road.

Ballots and proxies were sent to members on November 9.

Deadline for return of ballots and proxies will be November 22.

Board seats up for election and candidates recommended by the nomination committee:

Seat I-Norton Sound: Stephanie Masters Johnson

Seat J at large # 4: Jonathan Sewall

Seat K: at large #5: Annie Bill

To conduct business at the annual meeting we need at least 25% of the members present in person or by proxy, so it is very important that you send in your proxy if you cannot attend in person.



### iTREC!

The fall workshop for the Iditarod Trail to Every Classroom (iTREC) teachers was held in Seward November 3-5.

On the 3rd Alliance board member Dan Seavey (above) spoke to the teachers about the Iditarod Trail Sed Dog Race and board member Lee Poleske spoke to them about the history of the Iditarod Trail. The spring workshop will be in Nome.

**From the past...**

"Seward Gateway" February 2, 1918

**ROAD COMMISSION ACTIVE  
IN KUSKOKWOM DISTRICT**

The main work in the Kuskokwim region last season by the Alaska Road Commission, as reported by Superintendent Carl Lottsfeldt, who left the city today for Juneau, consisted of the completion of the automobile road between the Takotna and Ophir.

A new road on the Little Creek, in this section, was also advanced one and one-half miles. A new 25 mile tractor road was constructed between upper Tuluksak Landing and Bear Creek. This road has been used mostly by the New York Alaska Gold Mining company.

Road work in this section for next year, though as yet not officially approved, may consist of gravel surfacing between Flat and Iditarod.

Two Ford trucks were sent in last summer to help in this work. Mr. Lottsfeldt said work will also be started on the summer portage between Russian Mission, on Yukon, and Kaltshak on the Kuskokwim.

Some of the winter work consisted of placing mile posts on the Nenana-Flat trail between Telida and Flat. Thirty miles on the Flat-Holy Cross trail was relocated, shortening the old location 12 miles. New shelter cabins were constructed, one at the Little Delta, between Shageluk and Iditarod, one at the foothills on Tuluksak-Bear Creek trail, and two on the winter mail trail between Bethel and Quinhagak.

editorial in "Seward Gateway" February 3, 1928

**ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION  
MONUMENTS**

The work of the Alaska Road Commission in building shelter cabins along winter snow trails, are monuments to that splendid Alaskan organization. These havens of refuge to those who make long dangerous "mushes" throughout the long winters, have saved countless lives. A place to remain overnight,

or longer should they wish to rest, dry, a roof overhead, and warmth.

**Christmas shopping**

Go to: [www.Iditarod100.org](http://www.Iditarod100.org) and click on store for a fine selection of Iditarod themed items for sale by the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance.

Also a membership in the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance makes a fine gift

The Alliance is now a charity recognized on AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the Alliance. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Alliance.

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**Litter pick-up**



On October 28 the Seward Iditarod Trail Blazers did the fall pick-up of litter along the three mile section of Exit Glacier Road the members cleanup twice a year under the "Adopt A Highway" program.

