



Northwest Arctic Leadership Team

LEADERSHIP BIOGRAPHIES

Louie Commack

Chairman of the Board, Maniilaq Association

Louie Commack lives in Ambler, AK with his wife, Virginia. Louie has been a representative for the Ambler IRA to the Maniilaq Board of Directors since 1998. During that time, Louie has also served as Chairman of the Board on-and-off for a number of years, and has been in this current position for almost 2 years. Additionally, Louie has served on a number of Alaska-wide committees including appointments to RurALCAP, ANHB, Alaska Legal Services, and ANTHC. Louie is committed to serving the people of the Maniilaq Service Area and enjoys his role as Chairman of the Board.

Ian Erlich

President/CEO, Maniilaq Association

Ian “Putuuqti” Erlich, President/CEO of Maniilaq Association, has been an employee of the health and social services non-profit for more than 10 years. Prior to being hired as the CEO, he worked in the Information Technology department for eight years, with a focus on Health Information Technology and Patient Care Database Administration. Ian is a former board member of the company, having represented Kotzebue IRA for two years, the last as Vice Chairman of Maniilaq Association. Ian has served on the Kotzebue IRA Council for 6 years, serving as Chairman and Co-Chair for several years as well as several years as Chairman of the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council. Ian also served three years on the Kotzebue City Planning Commission, serving as Chairman for all three years. Ian resides in Kotzebue, with his fiancé and their 7 children.