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June 4, 2020

## **To Shareholders with Voting Rights:**

Susumu Narita President The Aomori Bank, Ltd. 9-30, Hashimoto 1-chome, Aomori City, Aomori, Japan

# NOTICE OF CONVOCATION OF THE 112TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

You are hereby informed that the 112th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of The Aomori Bank, Ltd. (the "Bank") will be held for the purposes as described below.

In order to prevent the infection and spread of novel coronavirus disease, the Bank has decided to hold the meeting at a reduced scale compared to past years, putting shareholders' safety first.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can exercise your voting rights by submitting the Voting Rights Exercise Form or via electromagnetic means (via the Internet). Please review the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders below, and exercise your voting rights by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, Japan time.

\* To ensure impartiality of shareholders, the Bank will cease distribution of souvenirs to shareholders who attend the meeting from this year. We ask for your kind understanding in advance.

**1. Date and Time:** Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Japan time

(Reception desk will open at 9:00 a.m.)

**2. Place:** 8F, Main Conference Room, Head Office of the Bank, 9-30, Hashimoto

1-chome, Aomori City, Aomori, Japan

3. Meeting Agenda:

**Matters to be reported:** 1. The Business Report and Non-Consolidated Financial Statements for the Bank's 112th Fiscal Year (from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020)

2. Consolidated Financial Statements for the Bank's 112th Fiscal Year (from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020) and results of audits of the Consolidated Financial Statements by the Accounting Auditor and the Audit and

**Supervisory Committee** 

Proposals to be resolved:

**Proposal No. 1:** Appropriation of surplus

**Proposal No. 2:** Election of five (5) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and

**Supervisory Committee Members**)

**Proposal No. 3:** Election of four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee

Members

#### Requests to the shareholders

- When attending the meeting, please submit the enclosed Voting Rights Exercise Form at the reception upon arrival.
- To prevent the spread of infection and to shorten the meeting time, we are considering a simpler proceeding method than in past years. Shareholders are kindly requested to review the "notice of convocation" in advance and bring it with you to the meeting venue.
- In order to save electricity, the air conditioning at the venue will be set moderately. We would appreciate your attendance in light attire.

#### Notice

- Of the documents that should be provided with this notice, "Non-Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets" and "Notes to the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements," as well as "Consolidated Statements of Changes in Net Assets" and "Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements" are posted on the Bank's website (https://www.a-bank.jp/) in accordance with laws and regulations as well as Article 16 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Bank. They are therefore not included in the Appendix to this notice. Accordingly, the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Appendix to this notice are part of the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements and Consolidated Financial Statements that were audited by the Accounting Auditor and Audit and Supervisory Committee in preparing the Accounting Audit Report and Audit Report.
- In case revisions are required to the Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Business Report, and the Non-Consolidated Financial Statements, Consolidated Financial Statements, the revised information will be posted on the Bank's website (https://www.a-bank.jp/).

### Handling of Duplicate Voting

- (1) If you exercise your voting rights both in written form and via the Internet, the vote placed via the Internet will be deemed valid.
- (2) If you exercise your voting rights multiple times via the Internet, the last vote will be deemed valid. Additionally, if you exercise your voting rights multiple times via personal computer, smartphone, and mobile phone, the last vote will be deemed valid.

# **Reference Documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders**

## **Proposals and References**

#### **Proposal No. 1:** Appropriation of surplus

The Bank's basic policy is to maintain stable dividends while striving for long-term enhancement of its business foundation. Under this policy, the Bank proposes that the surplus for the fiscal year under review be appropriated as follows.

Regarding the year-end dividend, the Bank proposes 25 yen per share (a decrease of 5 yen from the previous fiscal year) by comprehensively considering the business results for the fiscal year under review and harsh business environment, etc.

- 1. Matters concerning year-end dividends
  - (1) Type of dividend property Cash
  - (2) Matters concerning the allotment of dividend property to shareholders and the total amount It is proposed that 25 yen per share of common stock be paid and that the total amount be 509,599,300 yen.
    - The full-year dividends for the fiscal year under review will be 55 yen per share, including an interim dividend of 30 yen that has already been paid.
  - (3) Effective date of distribution of surplus June 26, 2020
- 2. Matters concerning the appropriation of surplus
  - (1) Item and amount of surplus to be decreased Unappropriated retained earnings 500,000,000 yen
  - (2) Item and amount of surplus to be increased Appropriated retained earnings 500,000,000 yen

**Proposal No. 2:** Election of five (5) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members)

The terms of office of all five (5) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) will expire at the conclusion of this meeting.

Accordingly, the election of five (5) Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) is proposed.

Additionally, the candidates for Directors were nominated after the appropriate procedures were taken by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, which consists mainly of Independent Outside Directors, and as a result of deliberation of this Proposal, the Audit and Supervisory Committee determined that these candidates are qualified for the position of Director.

The candidates for Directors (excluding Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members) are as follows:

No.	Name		Current position at the Bank	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors
1	Susumu Narita	(Male)	Director / President (Representative Director) Reappointment	14 / 14 (100%)
2	Akihiro Kawamura	(Male)	Director / Senior Managing Executive Officer (Representative Director) Reappointment	13 / 14 (92%)
3	Tomohiko Sasaki	(Male)	Director / Senior Managing Executive Officer Reappointment	11 / 11 (100%)
4	Keitaro Ishikawa	(Male)	Director / Managing Executive Officer Reappointment	11 / 11 (100%)
5	Naotake Atsumi	(Male)	Director Reappointment Outside Director Independent Director	14 / 14 (100%)

(Note) Candidates for Directors Mr. Tomohiko Sasaki and Mr. Keitaro Ishikawa were newly elected as Directors at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders for the previous year (held on June 26, 2019). Accordingly, their attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors refers to meetings of the Board of Directors held from that day onward.

	N				Number of
No.	Name			r summary, positions, responsibilities,	shares of
1,0,	(Date of birth)		ar	nd significant concurrent positions	the Bank
					held
		Apr.	1978	Joined the Bank	
		Jun.	2008	Executive Officer / General Manager of Credit	
				Supervision Division	
	Susumu Narita	Jun.	2010	Executive Officer / General Manager of	
	(Sep. 27, 1954)			Hirosaki Branch	6,020
		Apr.	2011	Executive Officer / Hirosaki Area Supervisor	shares
	Reappointment	Jun.	2011	Managing Director	
		Jun.	2014	Senior Managing Director	
1		Apr.	2015	Director / President (current position)	
		_		In charge of Auditing Division	
	Reason for nomination	n as a ca	ndidate t	for Director1	

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Mr. Susumu Narita is well versed in operations both of branches and headquarters, backed by abundant experience. He has driven the management of the Bank with precision since his assumption of office as Representative Director in June 2014, and has accumulated adequate social credibility. The Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Director in the expectation that he will fulfill his role as the chief officer in charge of management, administration and business execution.

		Apr.	1981	Joined the Bank	
		Apr.	2005	General Manager of Minato Branch	
		Apr.	2007	General Manager of General Planning	
				Division and General Manager of Public	
				Relations Office	
		Jan.	2008	General Manager of Personal Banking	
				Division	
	A 1 '1 ' TZ	Jun.	2009	General Manager of General Planning	
	Akihiro Kawamura			Division	2.740
	(Sep. 11, 1957)	Apr.	2011	Executive Officer / General Manager of	3,740
	D : 4			Business Administration Division	shares
	Reappointment	Jun.	2012	Executive Officer / General Manager of	
				Credit Supervision Division	
2		Jun.	2013	Director / Hirosaki Area Supervisor	
2		Jun.	2015	Managing Director	
		Jun.	2018	Director / Senior Managing Executive Officer	
				(current position)	
				In charge of General Planning Division and	
				Tokyo Liaison Office	

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Mr. Akihiro Kawamura has served as General Manager of four headquarters divisions. He assumed the office of Director in June 2013 and has supervised the corporate planning division in recent years. He has the knowledge and experience to execute management and administration in general in an accurate, fair manner, and the Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Director in the expectation that his knowledge and experience may contribute to the enhancement of the management structure through the improvement of the decision making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

No.	Name (Date of birth)			er summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Bank
	,		•	organicanic concernon positions	held
3	Tomohiko Sasaki (Apr. 25, 1960)  Reappointment	Apr. Apr. Oct. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun.	1983 2004 2009 2011 2012 2014 2015 2017 2018	Executive Officer / General Manager of General Planning Division Director / General Manager of General Planning Division Managing Director / Executive General Manager of Regional Headquarters (Aomori Area) Managing Executive Officer / Executive General Manager of Regional Headquarters (Aomori Area) Director / Senior Managing Executive Officer (current position) In charge of Credit Supervision Division, Treasury & International Division, and	1,800 shares
3				General Manager of Regional Headquarters (Aomori Area) Director / Senior Managing Executive Officer (current position) In charge of Credit Supervision Division,	

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Mr. Tomohiko Sasaki has served as General Manager of three branches and General Manager of two headquarters divisions. He assumed the office of Director in June 2015 and has supervised the credit supervision division and market division in recent years. Based on his balanced qualities as an executive, the Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Director in the expectation that he will deliver swift and flexible decision-making as Director.

No.	Name (Date of birth)			or summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Bank held
4	Keitaro Ishikawa (Apr. 26, 1961) Reappointment	Apr. Jun. Nov. Apr. Apr. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun. Jun.	1984 2005 2008 2009 2010 2011 2013 2014 2015 2016 2018	Joined the Bank General Manager of Oominato Branch General Manager of Minato Branch General Manager of Minato Branch and Honchou Branch General Manager of Personnel Division General Manager of General Planning Division General Manager of Head Office Executive Officer / General Manager of Head Office Executive Officer / General Manager of Business Administration Division Director / Executive General Manager of Regional Headquarters (Hirosaki Area) Managing Executive Officer / Executive General Manager of Regional Headquarters (Hirosaki Area) Director / Managing Executive Officer (current position) In charge of Business Administration Division, Business Support Division, and Regional Development Division	2,160 shares

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]

Mr. Keitaro Ishikawa has served as General Manager of three branches and General Manager of three headquarters divisions. He assumed the office of Director in June 2016 and has supervised the entire business planning division in recent years. The Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Director as it has judged that he will be able to contribute sufficiently to the Bank's business development and enhancing the management structure, based on his experience in a broad range of areas.

No.	Name Career summary, positions, responsibilities,				Number of shares of	
1.0.	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions			
		Apr.	1968	Joined Nippon Aluminum Corporation	held	
		Nov.	1984	Joined Sumitomo Business Consulting Co.,		
		INOV.	1704	Ltd.		
		Apr.	1989	General Manager and Chief Consultant of		
	Naotake Atsumi	1		Osaka Consultant Division III, Sumitomo		
	(Jun. 6, 1945)			Business Consulting Co., Ltd.		
		Apr.	1995	General Manager and Chief Researcher of		
	Reappointment			Marketing Strategy Division, Research	300	
				Business Headquarters, The Japan Research	shares	
	Outside Director			Institute, Limited		
		Jul.	2005	Partner and Chief Researcher of Integrated		
	Independent Director			Research Division, The Japan Research		
				Institute, Limited		
		Apr.	2013	Representative of Anz Consulting (current		
				position)		
5		Jun.	2018	Director of the Bank (current position)		

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director]

Mr. Naotake Atsumi has served as General Manager and Chief Researcher of Marketing Strategy Division at The Japan Research Institute, Limited, and currently serves as Representative of Anz Consulting, which is engaged in management consulting service. He has accumulated a high level of expertise in areas such as management strategy and marketing strategy. The Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Outside Director in the expectation that his knowledge and experience may contribute to further enhancement of the decision making and supervisory functions of the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, Mr. Atsumi does not have experience of participating directly in corporate management, but based on the above reasons, the Bank has judged that he will be able to appropriately execute his duties as Outside Director.

Mr. Atsumi will have served as Outside Director of the Bank for two (2) years at the conclusion of this meeting.

(Notes) 1. There is no special interest relationship between each candidate for Director and the Bank.

- 2. Mr. Naotake Atsumi is a candidate for Outside Director.
- 3. The Bank has registered Mr. Naotake Atsumi as an Independent Director with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as set forth in the regulations of the Exchange, and if the reappointment of Mr. Naotake Atsumi is approved, the Bank intends for him to continue as an Independent Director.
- 4. Liability limitation agreement with Directors

  The Bank has entered into an agreement with Mr. Naotake Atsumi to limit his liability pursuant to Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, and if the reappointment of Mr. Naotake Atsumi is approved, the Bank intends to continue the agreement with him.

  An overview of the content of the liability limitation agreement is as follows:
  - In the event that a Director is liable for damages to the Bank owing to failure to perform his or her duties, his or her liability shall be limited to the total amount provided for in each item of Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act.
  - The aforementioned limitation of liability shall only be recognized in cases when the performance of duties by the Director that is the cause of the liability is done so in good faith and without serious negligence.

Proposal No. 3: Election of four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members

The terms of office of all four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members will expire at the conclusion of this meeting. Accordingly, the election of four (4) Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members is proposed.

Additionally, the Audit and Supervisory Committee has given its consent to this Proposal. The candidates for Directors who are Audit and Supervisory Committee Members are as follows:

No.	Name	Current position at the Bank	Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors
1	Akira Nakagawa (Male)	Executive Officer General Manager of Business Support Division New candidate	-
2	Norihisa Ishida (Male)	Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member Reappointment Outside Director Independent Director	14 / 14 (100%)
3	Toshisada Kushibiki (Male)	Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member Reappointment Outside Director Independent Director	14 / 14 (100%)
4	Mie Ishida (Female	Director Audit and Supervisory Committee Member Reappointment Outside Director Independent Director	14 / 14 (100%)

No.	Name (Date of birth)			or summary, positions, responsibilities, and significant concurrent positions	Number of shares of the Bank held	
1	Akira Nakagawa (Jan. 19, 1964) New candidate	Apr. Apr. Jun. Jun. Jun.	1986 2012 2013 2017 2018 2019	Joined the Bank General Manager of Yanagimachidori Branch General Manager of Treasury & International Division General Manager of Tokyo Branch Executive Officer / General Manager of Tokyo Branch Executive Officer / General Manager of Business Support Division (current position)	900 shares	
	[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Director]  Mr. Akira Nakagawa has served as General Manager of two branches and General Manager of one headquarters division. He assumed the office of Executive Officer in June 2018 and has supervised the corporate business planning division in recent years. The Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Director as he has a capability to precisely understand changes in the business environment and market, etc., and also excels in risk management.					
2	Norihisa Ishida (Oct. 11, 1953)  Reappointment  Outside Director  Independent Director	Apr. Oct. Nov. Nov. Dec.  Nov. Jun. Jun.	1978 1982 2007 2007 2010 2013 2015 2016	Joined Asahi Mutual Life Insurance Company General Manager of Enterprise Division, Aomori Tanaka Educational Academy Chairman of Aomori Tanaka Educational Academy (current position) Chairman of Chuoufukusikai, Social Welfare Corporation (current position) Representative Director and Chairman of Aomori Shinseikatsu Gojokai Co., Ltd. (current position) Vice Chairman of Aomori Chamber of Commerce and Industry (current position) Director of the Bank Director / Audit and Supervisory Committee Member (current position)	1,000 shares	
	Mr. Norihisa Ishida a	assumed	the offic	for Outside Director] ce of Outside Director in 2015. He is Chairman o abundant experience as manager of an education		

Mr. Norihisa Ishida assumed the office of Outside Director in 2015. He is Chairman of Aomori Tanaka Educational Academy, and has abundant experience as manager of an educational institution. In addition, he also has achievements as a Director of the Bank. The Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Outside Director as his high level of knowledge based on his abundant record of achievements will contribute to further enhancement of the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, Mr. Ishida's period in office as Outside Director of the Bank will be five (5) years at the conclusion of this meeting, and his period in office as Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Bank will be four (4) years at the conclusion of this meeting.

No.	Name	Career summary, positions, responsibilities,			Number of shares of the Bank	
	(Date of birth)		and significant concurrent positions			
		Apr.	1977	Joined Yamanouchi Co., Ltd.	held	
	Toshisada Kushibiki	Apr.	1979	Joined Nakagawa Yasu Co., Ltd.		
		Apr.	1985	Joined kanesyou Co., Inc.		
	(Sep. 3, 1952)	May	1995	Representative Director and President of		
	Reappointment			kanesyou Co., Inc. (current position)	800	
	ксарропшиси	May	2002	Chairman of Aomori Prefecture Brewed Food	shares	
	Outside Director			Industry Cooperative (current position)	Silaics	
	Outside Director	Dec.	2002	Chairman of Aomori Prefecture Public Safety		
	Independent Director			Commission		
3	independent Director	Jun.	2016	Director / Audit and Supervisory Committee		
)				Member of the Bank (current position)		

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director]

Mr. Toshisada Kushibiki assumed the office of Outside Director in 2016. He is Representative Director and President of kanesyou Co., Inc., and has abundant experience as a corporate manager. He also has sufficient social credibility, including having served as Chairman of Aomori Prefecture Public Safety Commission in the past. The Bank has nominated him as a candidate for Outside Director as he will contribute to enhancing the governance of the Bank.

Furthermore, Mr. Kushibiki's period in office as Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Bank will be four (4) years at the conclusion of this meeting.

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Mie Ishida	Sep.	2008	Registered as an attorney	
(Apr. 25, 1975)	Sep.	2008	Joined Ishida Law Office (current position)	
	Jun.	2018	Director / Audit and Supervisory Committee	
Reappointment			Member of the Bank (current position)	0
			•	shares
Outside Director				
Independent Director				

[Reason for nomination as a candidate for Outside Director]

Ms. Mie Ishida assumed the office of Outside Director in 2018. She has a high level of knowledge and expertise regarding law as an attorney. The Bank has nominated her as a candidate for Outside Director as she has contributed to the revitalization of the Board of Directors with her proposals, etc. that are made based on her standpoint independent from the management.

Furthermore, Ms. Ishida does not have experience of participating directly in corporate management, but based on the above reasons, the Bank has judged she will be able to appropriately execute her duties as Outside Director.

Furthermore, Ms. Mie Ishida's period in office as Outside Director (Audit and Supervisory Committee Member) of the Bank will be two (2) years at the conclusion of this meeting.

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- 1. There are transactions, including lending, between the Bank and Aomori Shinseikatsu Gojokai Co., Ltd., where candidate for Director Mr. Norihisa Ishida serves as Representative Director and Chairman, and Aomori Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he serves as Vice Chairman.
  - There are transactions, including lending, between the Bank and kanesyou Co., Inc., where candidate for Director Mr. Toshisada Kushibiki serves as Representative Director and President. Other than the above, there is no special interest relationship between each candidate for Director and the Bank.
- 2. Mr. Norihisa Ishida, Mr. Toshisada Kushibiki, and Ms. Mie Ishida are candidates for Outside Director.
- 3. The Bank has registered Mr. Norihisa Ishida, Mr. Toshisada Kushibiki and Ms. Mie Ishida as Independent Directors with the Tokyo Stock Exchange as set forth in the regulations of the Exchange, and if their reelection is approved, the Bank intends for them to continue as Independent Directors.
- 4. Liability limitation agreement with Directors

The Bank has entered into agreements with Mr. Norihisa Ishida, Mr. Toshisada Kushibiki, and Ms. Mie Ishida to limit their liability pursuant Article 427, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act, and if their reappointment is approved, the Bank intends to continue the agreements with them. An overview of the content of the liability limitation agreement is as follows:

- In the event that a Director is liable for damages to the Bank owing to failure to perform his or her duties, his or her liability shall be limited to the total amount provided for in each item of Article 425, paragraph (1) of the Companies Act.
- The aforementioned limitation of liability shall only be recognized in cases when the performance of duties by the Director that is the cause of the liability is done so in good faith and without serious negligence.

(Reference)

# **Independence Standards for Outside Officers**

The Bank designates all Outside Officers who qualify as Independent Directors as Independent Directors.

(Independence Standards for Outside Directors)

The Bank has formulated its Independence Standards as follows:

- (1) The party shall not be a party whose major business partner is the Bank or an executive thereof.
- (2) The party shall not be a major business partner of the Bank or an executive thereof.
- (3) The party shall not be a consultant, accounting specialist, or legal specialist who receives significant money or benefits from the Bank (excluding the Bank's executive remuneration).
- (4) The party shall not be a major shareholder or an executive thereof.
- (5) The party shall not be a party that receives significant donations from the Bank or an executive thereof.
- (6) The party shall not have fallen under any of the criteria in (1) to (5) above within the past three (3) years.
- (7) The party shall not be a close relative of anyone falling under any of the criteria (1) to (6) above.

End

<sup>\*1 &</sup>quot;A party whose major business partner is the Bank": Refers to a business partner for which transactions with the Bank make up 2% or more of the business partner's consolidated net sales in the most recent fiscal year.

<sup>\*2 &</sup>quot;A major business partner of the Bank": Refers to a business partner for which income from transactions with the business partner makes up 2% or more of the Bank's consolidated gross profit in the most recent fiscal year.

<sup>\*3 &</sup>quot;Significant": An amount exceeding 10 million yen per year over the past three (3) years on average \*4 "A major shareholder": A shareholder that holds 10% or more in direct or indirect voting rights of the Bank

<sup>\*5 &</sup>quot;A close relative": A relative within the second degree of kinship