



2022 Annual Convention Agenda

Thursday, October 20 – Morning Session

8:30 a.m. Alaska Native Heritage Dancers

9:00 a.m. Call to Order
Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Invocation
Nicholas Jackson

In Memoriam Presentation

Posting of Colors
Alaska Native Veterans Association

National Anthem – Shyanne Beatty

Welcome Remarks from Dena'ina Leader
Aaron Leggett, Chief and President, Native Village of Eklutna
Michael Curry, Board President & Chair, Eklutna, Inc.

Welcome Remarks from the City of Anchorage
The Honorable Dave Bronson, Mayor

Recognition of Major Sponsors
Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

9:40 Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy

10:10 Introduction of Special International Indigenous Leaders

10:20 AFN President's Report
Julie Kitka, President, AFN



10:40 Special Guest Speaker – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland
(Virtual)

Introduced by Raina Thiele, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs & Strategic Priorities, U.S. Department of the Interior

11:00 Keynote Address U.S. Representative Mary Sattler Peltola

Introduced by Ana Hoffman, AFN Co-Chair

11:30 Citizen of the Year and Denali Awards

Citizen of the Year Award: John F.C. Johnson, Prince William Sound, Alaska

Citizen of the Year Award: Dr. Gordon L. Pullar, Sr., Kodiak, Alaska, *Posthumously*

Denali Award: Roberta Townsend-Vennel, Kodiak, Alaska

Denali Award: Congressman Don Young, *Posthumously*

12:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION RECESS

Special Lunch Presentation

Alaska Tribal Administrators Association *(Video)*

Thursday, October 20 – Afternoon Session

12:30 p.m. Qasgirmiut Dancers

1:00 p.m. Call to Order

Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Preliminary Credentials Report

Nicole Borroneo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

1:05 Nainoa Thompson, President Polynesian Voyaging Society

Special Guest Speaker on Convention Theme *(Virtual)*

1:25 COVID-19 Update – Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer for the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services



1:45 AFN's Navigator Program: Guiding Native Communities to the Post-Pandemic Investments They Deserve

Overview: In response to the unprecedented levels of federal investment to help the nation recover from COVID-19, AFN created and began operating our Navigator Program—a special project designed to bring as much of these resources back to Native communities as possible. AFN's Executive Vice President and General Counsel Nicole Borromeo will explain AFN's Navigator Program, including the work it has been doing to help Native communities learn about and succeed in securing federal grants, and how your community can work with the Program to bring home the federal investment you deserve.

2:20 Federal Broadband Update

Tim Stelzig, Regional Director for Alaska and the Territories, NTIA
Denise Bambi Kraus, Chief of the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission
Jean Kiddoo, Chair of the Federal Communications Commission Broadband Data Task Force

2:40 Micro Nuclear Reactor Opportunities in Alaska

Moderated by Dominique Pride, Research Assistant Professor of Economics, UAF Alaska Center for Energy and Power
Dr. Diane Hirshberg, Director, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage
Vladimir Novak, Chief Commercial Officer, Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation
Mary Ann Pease, eVinci Alaska Business Development, Westinghouse Electric Company

3:00 ANCSA Regional Association and Alaska Native Village Corporation Association Organization Updates

Kim Reitmeier, President, ANCSA Regional Association
Hallie Bissett, Executive Director, ANVCA



3:20 Alaska's Self-Determination – Opportunities and Successes

Overview: Alaska's tribal self-governance and self-determination differ from the Lower 48. Specifically, Congress spread the responsibilities for the betterment of Alaska Natives over multiple Native entities. This panel will discuss Alaska's unique model of self-determination, share success stories, opportunities to advance self-determination in our communities and organizations, and the importance of unity among the Alaska Native community.

Moderated by Shauna Hegna, President, Koniag

Ken Johns, Chairman, Ahtna, Inc.

Joe Nelson, Chairman, Sealaska and AFN Co-Chair

Chalyee Éesh Richard Peterson, President, The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Brian Ridley, Chief, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Dr. Pearl Kiyawn Brower, President and CEO, Ukpeagvik Iñupiat Corporation

4:20 Alaska Bush Caucus Update
Representative Tiffany Zulkosky

4:40 Roselyn Tso, Director, Indian Health Services

5:00 2022 Tribal Conference Report
Nicole Borrromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

5:20 Alaska Historical Society's Native Claims Act Research Guide
Thom Aparuk Leonard, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Calista Corporation

5:30 RECESS



Friday, October 21 – Morning Session

8:30 a.m. Kingikmiut Singers & Dancers

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Recognition of Major Sponsors

Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Invocation – Lance Kramer

9:05 AFN Co-Chair Candidate Presentations

9:25 U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (*Virtual*)

9:35 U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

9:55 Transforming Alaska’s Child Welfare System: Five Years of the Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact

Overview: Transforming Alaska’s child welfare system is no easy feat. Over the past five years the Tribes and the Office of Children’s Services have stayed the course, focusing on what is best for Alaska’s tribal children and families. The landmark Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact, the first of its kind in the nation, is on the cutting edge of law and policy.

10:30 Special Recognition of Senator Lyman Hoffman, Senator Gary Stevens, and Representative Tiffany Zulkosky for Public Service

10:45 Dr. Alondra Nelson, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy



11:00 Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies

Moderated by Ben Mallott, Vice President of External Affairs, AFN
Catherine Stevens

Lt. General A.C. Roper, Deputy Commander, U.S. Northern
Command (*Virtual*)

Randy “Church” Kee, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret.), Senior Advisor, Arctic
Security Affairs, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies

11:30 Alaska Military Leadership Presentations

Moderated by Colonel Cory Mendenhall, US Army (ret)

Lieutenant General David Nahom, Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region,
Alaskan Command, and Eleventh Air Force

Major General Brian Eifler, Commanding General, 11th Airborne Division

Major General Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard,
and Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

12:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION RECESS

Friday, October 21 — AFTERNOON SESSION

12:30 p.m. Ida’ina K’eljeshna Dance Group

1:00 p.m. Call to Order

Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Final Credentials Report

Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN

1:05 2022 Elders and Youth Conference Report – Elizabeth La Quen Náay
Medicine Crow, President, First Alaskans Institute

**1:25 Alaska Native Boarding Schools, Structural Violence and Historical
Healing**

Moderated by Emily Edenshaw, President and CEO, Alaska Native
Heritage Center

James W. LaBelle, Sr., 1st Vice President, The National Native American
Boarding School Healing Coalition



Benjamin Jacuk, Indigenous Researcher for the Alaska Native Heritage Center

Theresa Sheldon, Director of Policy & Advocacy, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

1:55 U.S. Department of Treasury Update
Lynn Malerba, Treasurer Chief, United States Department of Treasury

2:05 U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

2:25 Pat Pitney, President of the University of Alaska

2:45 Re-Imagining the Future of Education
Aaron Leggett, Chief and President, Native Village of Eklutna
Gloria O'Neil, President, and CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council Inc.

2:55 The Future of Alaska Native Tribal Education Compacting

Moderated by Joel Isaak, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Acting Commissioner Heidi Teshner, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development

Senator Gary Stevens

Sandy Salaktuna Kowalski, Alaska State Board of Education

3:15 Celebrating Indigenous Leadership in Congress

U.S. Representative Mary Sattler Peltola

U.S. Representative Kaiali'i Kahele (*Virtual*)

U.S. Representative Sharice Davids (*Virtual*)

3:30 Tracy Toulou, Director of the Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice

3:40 Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Work Update

Bryan Wilson, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, District of Alaska, U.S. Department of Justice

Ingrid Cumberlidge, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Coordinator for the District of Alaska, U.S. Department of Justice



4:00 **Alaska Chief Justice Daniel Winfree**
Introduced by Kimberly Jorgensen, Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Chief Legal Officer, NANA Regional Corporation

4:20 **Robert L. Santos**, Director, U.S. Census Bureau

4:30 **AFN President's Awards**
Moderated by Sheri Buretta, Convention Committee Chair
Presented by AFN Convention Committee Members Tabetha Toloff,
Matthew Rexford, Debra Call, Darla Graham, Nina Gronn, and Lorena
Skonberg.

5:30 p.m. **PLENARY SESSION RECESS**

Saturday, October 22 – Morning Session

8:30 a.m. **Anchorage Northern Lights Dancers**

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

Invocation, Father Daniel Charles

Recognition of Major Sponsors
Ana Hoffman and Joe Nelson, Co-Chairs, AFN

9:05 **Special Report: Section 29 Update**
Betsey Haines, Interim President, Alyeska Pipeline Services Company

9:15 **USDA Secretary Vilsack** (*Virtual*)
Introduced by Joe Nelson, Co-Chair, AFN

9:25 **Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Update**
Dr. Cynthia Chavez Lamar, Director, National Museum of the American
Indian

9:35 **Tukoroirangi Morgan, Chair, Te Arataura**
Special Guest Speaker
Introduced by Katherine Gottlieb



9:45 AFN Statewide Candidates Forum

Overview: Each election year, AFN holds a candidates' forum for Alaskan voters. Listen to the candidates for the U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and Governor races answer questions about current issues.

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Representative Mary Sattler Peltola
Nick Begich
Sarah Palin
Chris Bye

U.S. Senate

U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
Kelly Tshibaka
Patricia Chesbro

Alaska Governor

Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy
Bill Walker
Les Gara
Charlie Pierce

11:45 Get Out the Native Vote

Michelle *Macuar* Sparck, Director of Strategic Initiatives for GOTNV

12:00 p.m. PLENARY SESSION RECESS

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1:00 p.m. Call to Order

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1:05 Announcement of AFN Village Representatives and Election of 2022 AFN Co-Chair



- 1:20** **Consideration of 2022 AFN Convention Resolutions**
Moderated by Jodi Mitchell, AFN Resolutions Committee Chair.
Accompanied by AFN Resolution Committee members, Gail Schubert, Linda Tyone-Pete, Liz *Qaulluq* Cravalho, Malia Villegas, Nathan McCowan, Margaret Galovin, Martha Whitman, Julie Roberts-Hyslop, Elizabeth *La Quen Náay* Medicine Crow, Greta Goto, and Russell Nelson

- 3:20** **Benediction and closing comments**
Nelson Angapak, Vice President Emeritus, AFN

- 3:30** **Adjournment**



AFN WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WORKSHOP

SBA Alaska District Office Steve Brown, District Director; Norma M. Lucero, Acting Regional Communications Director, will deliver program updates and resources available to start, grow and expand your business. Kevin R Wynne; SBA Office of Disaster Assistance, will provide an overview of disaster loans available to individuals impacted by Typhoon Merbock. This is a working workshop for businesses and individuals who want to apply for FEMA and SBA disaster assistance.

Where: Room 3

When: Thursday, October 20, 10 a.m. – Noon

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA) WORK SESSION

More information pending. Download the AFN App for updates.

Where: Room 2

When: Thursday, October 20, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CO-STEWARDSHIP TALKING CIRCLE WITH FEDERAL LAND AGENCIES

Raina Thiele, Yup'ik/Dena'ina, Senior Advisor for Alaskan Affairs and Strategic Priorities, Department of Interior; and personal introductions by Alaska Regional leadership from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service; Bureau of Land Management; and U.S. Forest Service

Tribal, Alaska Native Corporation, and Alaska Native organization engagement and collaborative management with Alaska Native people is essential to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service. Indigenous peoples are key partners in land stewardship, and our desire and need for shared stewardship goes beyond requirements in laws and policy. The federal agencies listed above are hosting a series of Co-stewardship Talking Circle sessions this freeze-up season in various locations in Alaska. It is our goal to honor Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination while seeking closer ties, understanding, and



shared stewardship through opportunities to strengthen collaborative investment in thoughtful and creative approaches.

Where: Room 2

When: Thursday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

BEST PRACTICES FOR REACHING YOUR COMMUNITY WITH FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Meta Politics & Government Outreach staff will present on best practices for community leaders and local governments on Facebook and Instagram. The discussion will range from connecting with the community to safety & security.

Where: Room 3

When: Thursday, October 20, 1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ALASKANS FOR BETTER ELECTIONS - RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Your ballot has more power than ever! Learn how to use ranked choice voting in this next election. Alaska-style elections give voters more choice, more voice, and more power. Attend this session to learn more about how to use ranked choice voting coming to all state elections in November.

Where: Room 5

When: Thursday, October 20, 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

LISTENING SESSION ON THE RESPECT ACT

House Natural Resources Committee staff will provide updates on Chair Raúl M. Grijalva's RESPECT Act. The presentation will cover the legislation's intent, history, outlined procedures, and next steps. Staff in attendance: Ariana Romeo, Professional Staff, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the U.S, and Qay-liwh Ammon, Policy Aide, Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the U.S.

Where: Room 6

When: Thursday, October 20, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.



NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION (NTIA) WORK SESSION

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When: Thursday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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When: Thursday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

UNITY THROUGH OUR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES AND CULTURES: A GATHERING OF ALASKA'S INDIGENOUS EDUCATORS

This gathering for Alaska's Indigenous Educators is an opportunity to share ways in which we could support one another as teachers and shape our vision for our students' success in school and in life.

Co-Facilitator: Lolly Ac'aralek Carpluk and X'unei Lance Twitchell

Where: Room 2

When: Friday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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When: Friday, October 21, 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSING THE RISE OF HATE: REPORTING & SYSTEMIC CHANGE

Please join the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) Pacific Northwest Office for a compelling program on the rise of hate and discrimination, and conversation on how communities can more effectively report, collect data, and drive systemic change. Speakers will include Stephen Paolini, ADL Pacific Northwest Assistant Regional Director, and Miriam Aarons, ADL Pacific Northwest Advisory Board Member and Vice President of Corporate Communications, for the Bering Straits Native Corporation. Participants will learn about federal and Alaskan hate crimes law, tools, and best practices for reporting hate and bias, and the role of law enforcement in responding to hate. ADL is a century-old anti-hate organization with a dual mission to "Stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure fair and just treatment to all." For over 75 years, ADL's Pacific Northwest Office has served Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Washington, and Oregon through educational programs, community partnerships, and legislative advocacy.

Where: Room 2

When: Friday, October 21, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ALASKA NATIVE CO-MANAGEMENT OF MARINE MAMMALS UNDER THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT (MMPA)

Indigenous Peoples Council for Marine Mammals (IPCoMM) Chairman will give a brief summary of the MMPA sections that directly relate to traditional harvest and co-management of marine mammals, an overview of the statewide umbrella organization, along with a summary of existing co-management structures and efforts. There will be time with agency partners from USFWS, NOAA/NMFS, and U.S. Marine Mammal Commission to answer questions and hear concerns.

Where: Room 4

When: Friday, October 21, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BUILD YOUR BUSINESS ONLINE PRESENCE AND ENGAGE YOUR COMMUNITY

Learn how you can establish your presence through social media and engage your community with free Facebook tools.



Where: Room 5

When: Friday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

STATE OF ALASKA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a meaningful new career that offers awesome perks? If so, come next door to meet with State of Alaska employees during the AFN 2022 Conference! You will be able to talk with State of Alaska employees about the benefits of working for the state and receive hands on assistance with applying for jobs through the State's recruitment website, Workplace Alaska.

Employment with the State of Alaska is more than just a job. Professions in state government help support many aspects of life in Alaska including healthcare, protection of citizens, and preserving natural resources, just to name a few. What we do makes a difference to the people of Alaska!

State of Alaska employment offers comprehensive health benefits and a robust retirement plan. Some jobs also offer perks including options for full and part-time telework and flexible schedules. Working for the State of Alaska is also an opportunity to serve our communities statewide.

Where: **Atwood Building, next to the Dena'ina Center, in Suite 1236**

When: Friday, October 21, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

BROADBAND BOOTCAMP

Tlingit & Haida is sponsoring policy and broadband subject matter experts to provide an overview of what broadband is, the benefits of broadband, and different solutions that have been successfully deployed. Learn about different funding programs and how you can take advantage to build a solid broadband service in Alaska. There will be time at the end to ask our speakers questions.

Where: Room 2

When: Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT – EDUCATION COMPACTING WORKSHOP

More information is pending. Download the AFN App for updates.

Where: Room 3

When: Saturday, October 22, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHITE HOUSE LISTENING SESSION ON OCEAN CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) is the federal government's primary interagency coordinating body for ocean research, technology, and marine resource management. The OPC, which is co-chaired by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Council on Environmental Quality, is developing an Ocean Climate Action Plan, which will promote ocean activities that can provide overall climate solutions and will focus on topics like conservation, green shipping, renewable energy such as offshore wind, and marine carbon dioxide removal. The OPC is interested in hearing from Tribes and Indigenous Peoples on this initiative, especially in the context of example solutions, opportunities to improve interagency coordination on this topic, and opportunities to improve Tribal coordination with the federal government on these efforts.

Where: Room 3

When: Saturday, October 22, 10:00 am to 11:30 am