

**2019 AFN Annual Convention Agenda
Good Government, Alaskan Driven**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 MORNING SESSION	
8:00 a.m.	<p>Cultural Performance Taġiuġmiut Dancers</p>
8:30	<p>Call to Order; Safety Moment Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Invocation Rev. Shirley Lee</p> <p>Recognition of Major Sponsors; Introduction of Parliamentarian and Sergeant at Arms Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p>
8:35	<p>Posting of Colors Alaska Native Veterans Association/Council</p> <p>National Anthem Danielle Carroll</p> <p>Honor Guard Alaska Native Veterans Association/Council</p> <p>Entrance March of Alaska Native Veterans and Service Members Veterans and Service Men and Women</p>
8:45	<p>Welcome Remarks from Interior Alaska Native Leaders Victor Joseph, Chief Chairman, Tanana Chiefs Conference; and Aaron Schutt, President and CEO, Doyon Limited</p>
8:50	<p>Welcome Remarks from Interior Mayors Jim Matherly, Mayor, City of Fairbanks; Bryce Ward, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough; and Michael Welch, Mayor, City of North Pole</p>
9:00	<p>Welcome Remarks from Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage</p>

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9:05	<p>State of Alaska Address Michael Dunleavy, Governor, State of Alaska</p>
9:20	<p>Special Report—Alaska Bush Caucus Representative Bryce Edgmon, Speaker, Alaska House of Representatives</p>
9:40	<p>Keynote Address Pete Kaiser, Musher, 2019 Iditarod Champion</p>
10:10	<p>Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award Senator Lyman Hoffman, Alaska State Senate</p>
10:20	<p>President’s Report Julie Kitka, President, AFN</p>
10:40	<p>Special Reading—Alaska Native Youth</p>
10:50	<p>Unpacking the Theme, Part 1: What Is Good Government? ‘Good government’ refers to how well the state’s meeting the needs of Alaskans. In 2019, the Dunleavy Administration tested the bounds of this principle. By example, the governor’s budget and vetoes eliminated (or encumbered) the state’s obligation to provide several constitutionally mandated services. #GoodGovernment requires Alaskans—particularly Alaska Natives—to assess the quality of state government in 2020.</p> <p>April Ferguson, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Bristol Bay Native Corporation and AFN Board Member; and Greg Razo, Vice President of Government Relations, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. and AFN Board Member</p>
11:10	<p>Special Report—National Congress of American Indians Kevin Allis, CEO, National Congress of American Indians</p>
11:20	<p>Special Reading—Alaska Native Youth</p>

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11:30	<p>Unpacking the Theme, Part 2: What is Alaskan Driven?</p> <p>Alaskans, as opposed to outside special interest groups, should be the ones driving state policy. Early Native leaders like those of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood, William Paul, and Elizabeth and Roy Peratrovich understood this, and led the fight to secure basic rights guaranteed to all Alaskans. This panel discusses why Alaskans—particularly Alaska Natives—must fight for strong, credible solutions that force the state to once again work with and for the people.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Senator Cathy Giessel, President, Alaska State Senate; Representative Bryce Edgmon, Speaker, Alaska House of Representatives; and former Alaska State Senators and AFN Board Members Georgianna Lincoln and Albert Kookesh</p>
12:00 p.m.	LUNCH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 AFTERNOON SESSION	
1:30 p.m.	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Preliminary Credentials Report AFN Credentials Committee</p>
1:35	<p>Special Report—U.S. Administration for Native Americans Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</p>
1:45	<p>Special Report—U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior</p>
1:55	<p>Co-Chair Nominations (2019-2021) Delegates</p>
2:00	<p>Special Reading—Alaska Native Youth</p>

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<p>2:10</p>	<p>Public Safety in Rural Alaska: From State Non-Enforcement to a Federal Emergency Declaration</p> <p>Despite the best efforts of a number of well-intentioned people, the state has been unable to stand up a sustainable public safety system in rural Alaska. This caused U.S. Attorney General William Barr to declare a historic federal law enforcement emergency earlier this summer. To ensure parity between Alaska’s urban and rural public safety systems, the congressional delegation and the state must work with the Native community. This panel will explore options.</p> <p><u>Special Remarks:</u> U.S. Attorney General William Barr; U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski; and U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan (live from Washington, D.C.) with introduction by Julie Kitka, President, AFN</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Melanie Bahnke, President and CEO, Kawerak, Inc. and AFN Board Member</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Amanda Price, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety; Alaska Senator Donny Olson and Alaska Representative Chuck Kopp, Co-Chairs, Alaska Legislative Public Safety Workgroup; and Bryan Schroder, U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska, U.S. Department of Justice</p> <p>Delegate Dialog</p>
<p>3:10</p>	<p>Public Safety for Our Sisters: Violence Against Native Women and Children</p> <p>Violence against Alaska Native women and children is finally getting the attention it deserves. The taboo of silence has been lifted by brave Native women who are standing up to tell their stories. We owe it to them to seek justice through #GoodGovernment at every level.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Katherine Gottlieb, President and CEO, Southcentral Foundation</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Bryan Schroder, U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska, U.S. Department of Justice; Jeffery Peterson, Special Agent in Charge of the Anchorage Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Justin Doll, Chief of Police, Municipality of Anchorage; Nancy Reeder, Chief of Police, City of Fairbanks; Anna Sattler David, Show Producer, <i>Anna’s Alaska</i>; and Kyle Hopkins, Reporter, Anchorage Daily News/ProPublica</p> <p>Delegate Dialog</p>

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4:10	Special Recognition—Portugal. The Man Grammy winning Alaskan band Portugal. The Man are more than socially conscious. They are socially responsible. Whether calling attention to missing and murdered Indigenous women or recognizing indigenous lands before their shows, the band inspires Native people to action. Special guest performance by Byron Nicholai.
4:30	Recess Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN
7:00	Quyana Alaska I Di'haii Gwich'in Dancers; Pavva Iñupiaq Dancers; Minto Dancers; Nagsragmiut Inland Eskimo Dancers; Dluł Hutaaneets Hut'aane Chehedelee; Stevens Village Dance Group; Ovluaq Dance Group

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8:00 a.m.	<p>Cultural Performance Iñu-Yupiaq Dance Group</p>
8:30	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Invocation Dr. Rev. Trimble Gilbert</p>
8:35	<p>2019 Elders and Youth Conference Report Elizabeth La quen náay Medicine Crow, President, First Alaskans Institute</p>
8:45	<p>Co-Chair Speeches Candidates</p>
8:50	<p>Special Report—Taking a Stand Sophie Minich, President and CEO, Cook Inlet Region, Inc.</p>
9:00	<p>Alaska’s Economy: Facts, Fiction, and Figures Alaskan economists have persistently warned that the state can’t cut or tax its way out of the current recession. Only a balanced approach that combines a sensible reduction of state government with new, sustainable revenues—along with a fresh look at the Permanent Fund’s structure—will suffice. This panel will highlight the state’s enormous wealth, and suggest a balanced approach to solving the state’s budget gap.</p> <p>Dr. Ralph Townsend, Director, Institute of Social and Economic and Research, University of Alaska; Mouhcine Guettabi, Associate Professor, Economics, ISER, U of A; and Cliff Groh, former Legislative Aide and Author</p>
9:30	<p>Congressional Address (live from Washington, D.C.) U.S. Congressman Don Young</p>

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9:50	<p>Special Report—Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement Joe Kuhio Lewis, President and CEO, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement</p>
10:00	<p>Special Reading—Alaska Native Youth</p>
10:10	<p>Investing in Our Future: Alaska’s Constitutional Responsibilities for Public Education Article VII of Alaska’s Constitution requires the state to establish and maintain a public school system, including a state university. Governor Dunleavy’s last budget calls the state’s commitment to educating Alaskan children, particularly those in rural areas, into question. The Native community fought hard to end the harsh boarding school system that existed before the <i>Molly Hootch</i> case. This panel will reflect on that case, and examine the state’s current approach to public education.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Sheri Buretta, Chairman, Chugach Alaska Corporation, Vice Chair University of Alaska Board of Regents; and AFN Board Member</p> <p>Panelists: Dr. Jim Johnsen, President, University of Alaska; Sandra Kowalski, Member, Alaska Board of Education; and Chris Cooke, former Staff Attorney, Alaska Legal Services Corporation</p> <p>Delegate Dialog</p>
10:40	<p>Special Reading—Alaska Native Youth</p>
10:50	<p>Protecting Our Future: Alaska’s Constitutional Responsibilities for Public Health Alaskan children in state custody have worse health outcomes than their peers. In 2017, the State of Alaska signed a landmark agreement with 17 Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations (tribal co-signers) to revolutionize Alaska’s child welfare system. The purpose of the ‘Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact’ is to help the state deliver services and support at a lower cost and at a higher quality. The Compact, which is also a public-private-partnership with Casey Family Programs, is a model of #GoodGovernment. This panel will provide an update on Compact implementation, including its current status.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN</p>

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	<p><u>Panelists:</u> Lou Johnson, Family Services Director, Bristol Bay Native Association and Tribal Co-Lead Negotiator; John Moller, Policy Advisor to Governor Michael Dunleavy, State of Alaska and State Lead Negotiator, Erin Dougherty Lynch, Senior Attorney, Native American Rights Fund and Tribal Legal Chairman; and Fred Fisher, Director of Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs</p> <p>Delegate Dialog</p>
11:20	Special Reading—Alaska Native Youth
11:30	<p>Advancing Our Future: Alaska’s Constitutional Responsibilities for Public Welfare</p> <p>The quality of life for the average Alaskan is the keenest measure of how well our state government is functioning. Government-supported business opportunities, such as economic zones and tax incentives, tend to favor corporations rather than individuals. The brunt of the governor’s ‘cuts-only’ approach to closing the state fiscal gap falls heavily on rural Alaskans. The legislative victory that created the Power Cost Equalization Fund is a great example of the kind economic justice Alaska Natives should strive for. This panel will explore how similar advances will benefit all Alaskans.</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Julie Kitka, President, AFN; Gloria O’Neill, President and CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council; Gail Schubert, President and CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation</p> <p>Delegate Dialog</p>
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019 AFTERNOON SESSION	
1:30 p.m.	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Final Credentials Report AFN Credentials Committee</p>
1:35	<p>Building A Strong Alaska: Infrastructure</p> <p>Alaska Natives have thrived in one of the harshest environments in the world by adapting to economic, environmental, and social change. Melting permafrost and receding sea ice provides unprecedented opportunities</p>

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	<p>(and challenges), requiring Native peoples to expand our capabilities and capacities. The time to move forward and make transformational changes is now. This panel will identify ways public-private partnerships can help close Alaska’s infrastructure gap.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Elizabeth Cravalho, Vice President of Lands, NANA Regional Corporation</p> <p>Panelists: Jason Hoke, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission; Gregory Stuckey, Administrator for the Office of Native American Programming, U.S. Housing and Urban Development; and Robin Puanani Danner, Chairman, Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations and Homestead and Housing Authority CEO</p>
<p>2:05</p>	<p>Special Report—#GoodGovernment, Greenland’s Model</p> <p>#GoodGovernment is not only an Alaskan concern. Greenland is facing unique pressure on its ability to chart its future and expand its efforts for sovereignty and self-governance. Esteemed Greenlandic politician Aqqaluk Lyngé will share his thoughts on #GoodGovernment.</p> <p>Aqqaluk Lyngé, Greenlandic Author, Co-Founder and First Leader of the Greenland socialist party, Inuit Ataqatigiit, former President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, and former Member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and Dalee Sambo Dorrough, Chair, ICC</p>
<p>2:20</p>	<p>Special Report—National Museum of American Indians Veteran Memorial Update</p> <p>Geoffrey Strommer, Co-Chair of the NMAI Advisory Council, and Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP</p>
<p>2:30</p>	<p>Special Report—Alaska Village Relocation: Mertarvik (Newtok)</p> <p>Paul Charles, Tribal President, Newtok Village Council</p>
<p>2:45</p>	<p>Strategic Importance: A Discussion between Military Leaders in Alaska</p> <p>The strategic importance of Alaska in our nation’s military and economic security depends on building a synergy between the U.S. military and the private sector, including Alaska Native peoples who have unique capabilities and capacities. This is both urgent and important. We are in a new era. This panel of senior military officials with responsibilities in Alaska will open with an update on military operations, environmental restoration efforts, and military construction projects within the state; and close with reflections on</p>

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	<p>how a military and private partnership can grow to support the security of our country.</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Lieutenant General Thomas Bussiere, Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command, and Eleventh Air Force; Rear Admiral Matthew Bell, Jr, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard; Brigadier General Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard and the Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; Brigadier General Craig Aitchison, Deputy Commanding General, Operations, United States Army Alaska; and Colonel Phillip Borders, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District</p>
<p>3:30</p>	<p>Special Report—Thoughts on Leadership Dr. Rosita Kaaháni Worl, President, Sealaska Heritage Institute</p>
<p>3:40</p>	<p>Special Report—2020 U.S. Census Dr. Steven Dillingham, Director, U.S. Census Bureau</p>
<p>3:50</p>	<p>Re-Shaping Alaska’s Political Landscape: Redistricting after the Census and Elections</p> <p>Following completion of the 2020 U.S. Census, Alaska will re-draft and re-draw new legislative districts. The last time this happened, rural representation in the Alaska Legislature was severely reduced. Alaska Natives must be avid participants in the redistricting effort, and that starts with being counted in the census. This panel will discuss the importance of the Census.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Tom Panamaroff, Regional and Legislative Affairs Executive, Koniag, Inc. and AFN Board Member</p> <p><u>Panelists:</u> Senator Tom Begich, Alaska State Legislature; Carol Gore, President and CEO, Cook Inlet Housing Authority; April Ferguson, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel, Bristol Bay Native Corporation and AFN Board Member; and Elizabeth La quen náay Medicine Crow, President and CEO, First Alaskans Institute</p>

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4:10	<p>Criminal Justice System in Crisis</p> <p>A recent court order from Bethel took issue with a Public Defender handling over 200 cases, and having to withdraw due to ‘mental exhaustion,’ forcing the judge to postpone a murder trial. It is a bitter condemnation of state government. Justice delayed is justice denied. #GoodGovernment requires Alaskans to pay attention to facts like this. This panel will consider the crisis facing the state’s justice system.</p> <p>Former Alaska Attorney General Jahna Lindemuth, Of Counsel, Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, P.C.; Benjamin Muse, Deputy Public Defender-Criminal Division, Public Defender Agency, Alaska Department of Administration; and Retired Alaska Superior Court Judge Eric Smith</p>
4:30	<p>Recess</p> <p>Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p>
7:00	<p>Quyana Alaska II</p> <p>Manley Hot Springs Traditional Dancers; Iñu-Yupiaq Dance Group; Tanana Traditional Dancers; Taġiuġmiut Dancers; JOM Potlatch Dancers; Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers; Tikigaq Traditional Dancers</p>

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8:30	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Invocation Anna Frank</p>
8:35	<p>Special Report—Section 29 Native Employment Update Tom Barrett, President and CEO, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company</p>
8:45	<p>2019 Tribal Conference Report Julie Roberts-Hyslop, AFN Board Member</p>
8:55	<p>Special Recognition—Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act Almost 3,000 Alaska Natives were prevented from applying for federally-promised land allotments during the Vietnam War because they were serving their country. This new law allows those Native veterans, or their heirs, to receive their allotments, righting a longstanding wrong.</p>
9:05	<p>Special Report—Unresolved Land Issues Jaeleen Kookesh, Vice President for Policy and Legal Affairs, Sealaska Corporation; and Stephanie Thompson, President, Alexander Creek, Inc. and AFN Board Member</p>
9:15	<p>Special Recognition—50th Anniversary of Rural Student Services Evon Peter, Vice Chancellor Rural, Community and Native Education, University of Alaska Fairbanks</p>
9:25	<p>Presentation of the Denali Award Tim Troll, Executive Director, Bristol Bay Heritage Land Trust</p>
9:40	<p>Congressional Address U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski</p>

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10:00	<p>Consideration of the 2019 Convention Resolutions Resolutions Committee</p> <p>Debate and Voting on Resolutions Delegates</p>
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1:30 p.m.	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p>
1:35	<p>Co-Chair Election Credentials Committee</p>
1:45	<p>Congressional Address U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan</p>
2:05	<p>President’s Awards Ceremony Convention Committee</p>
3:05	<p>Special Report—Preview of the Third Special Session Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins</p>
3:15	<p>Closing Remarks Julie Kitka, President, AFN</p>
3:25	<p>Benediction Vice President Emeritus Nelson Angapak</p>
3:30	<p>Adjournment Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p>
7:00	<p>Banquet (Carlson Center) Co-Emcees, Tonya Garnett and Donetta Tritt, ‘But We’re So Happy’ Entertainment by Marc Brown and the Blues Crew</p>