



2020 AFN Annual Convention Good Government, Alaskans Decide

BEFORE THURSDAY'S PLENARY AGENDA

8:00 a.m.	<p>Coffee with the President</p> <p>Join AFN's President Julie Kitka for virtual coffee with special guests U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, Gen. Glen VanHerck, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Lt. Gen. David Krumm, Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command, and Eleventh Air Force. With a traditional welcome by Rosita Worl and Albert Kookesh.</p>
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 MORNING SESSION

9:00	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Invocation Rev. Shirley Lee</p> <p>Posting of Colors Alaska Native Veterans Association</p> <p>National Anthem Alaska Native Charter School Students</p> <p>Recognition of Major Sponsors Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p>
9:15	<p>Around Alaska with AFN's Membership</p> <p>Live, on air messages from across every region of the state.</p>

	<p>Welcome Remarks from Dena’ina Leaders Aaron Leggett, First Chief/President/Chairman, Native Village of Eklutna</p>
9:25	<p>President’s Report Julie Kitka, President, AFN</p>
9:40	<p>Keynote Address Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Speaker, Alaska House of Representatives</p>
10:00	<p>Presentation of the Citizen of the Year, Denali, and Special Awards Katherine Gottlieb, Former CEO, Southcentral Foundation Lisa Rieger, Chief Legal Officer, Cook Inlet Tribal Council Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska</p>
10:30	<p>State of Alaska Address Michael Dunleavy, Governor, State of Alaska</p>
10:40	<p>Alaska Bush Caucus Address Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky, District 38, Alaska House of Representatives</p>
10:50	<p>UNPACKING THE THEME: YEAR TWO OF AFN’S ADVOCACY PLAN FOR ALASKA From Get-Out-The-Count to Get-Out-The-Vote, 2020 is a big year for Alaskans. We can no longer sit by and accept the decisions made by the local, state and federal governments. We have to be involved in the development of the laws and policies that affect us. For Alaska Natives that means responding to the 2020 Census, voting and encouraging others to vote in the General Election on November 3, engaging with lawmakers and other organizations and individuals in the political process, and working together to unite the Native community. Speakers will unpack what it means for Alaskans to decide.</p> <p>Sheri Burette and Greg Razo, AFN Board Member</p>
11:00	<p>COPING WITH COVID: HEALTH IN THE TIME OF PANDEMIC The global coronavirus pandemic has severely tested Alaska’s public health and safety systems. One has to go back more than 100 years to the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-19 to find anything like we are experiencing today. Since January AFN has made responding to, preventing the spread of, and recovering from COVID-19 our top priority. Our member organizations and the entire Native community responded in kind, addressing both the pandemic and the economic impacts. Panelists will discuss the state of the state's health, where we are today, and what we can do.</p>

	Dr. Anne Zink, Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska; Dr. Robert Onders, Medical Director of Community and Health Systems Improvement, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Dr. Donna Galbreth, Senior Medical Director of Quality Assurance, Southcentral Foundation
11:45	Congressional Address U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
12:00 p.m.	SPECIAL LUNCH TIME PROGRAM Alaska Innocence Project Virtual Fundraiser The dedicated attorneys and staff of the Alaska Innocence Project work tirelessly to exonerate the wrongly convicted and imprisoned, and were instrumental in freeing the Fairbanks Four. Come and learn about the organization and participate in this virtual fundraiser. Regional Reports Learn more about the land, people, priorities, challenges, and opportunities of AFN member regions.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 AFTERNOON SESSION	
1:00 p.m.	Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN Preliminary Credentials Report Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN Co-Chair Nominations Report Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN
1:10	U.S. Census Bureau Donna Bach, Tribal Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau-Alaska Office
1:20	U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
1:30	Alaska Native Music Video "Indian Rock and Roll" by Marc Brown

<p>1:35</p>	<p>RETHINKING JUSTICE: NATIVE-DRIVEN PROGRESS (45 min.) Amidst the unprecedented public health and economic challenges of the global pandemic, Alaska’s public safety crisis continues. However, there have been some very important developments since the emergency federal law enforcement declaration last summer. Alaska Natives have taken the lead in implementing federal funding initiatives, demonstrating that a Native and local perspective is essential to bringing justice to all Alaskans. Panelists will discuss what Alaska Native tribal organizations are doing differently to turn the corner on public safety and what we’re doing to empower ourselves to make life safer for our people.</p> <p>Vivian Korthuis, CEO, Association of Village Council Presidents; Bryan Schroder, U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska, U.S. Department of Justice; Robert Britt, Agent in Charge Anchorage Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation</p>
<p>2:20</p>	<p>U.S. Department of Justice William Barr, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice</p>
<p>2:30</p>	<p>House Congressional Candidate Interviews Congressman Don Young; Independent candidate Alyse Galvin</p>
<p>2:50</p>	<p>Energy Sector Report Darlene Gates, President, Exxon Mobil Alaska</p>
<p>3:10</p>	<p>Small Business Association Jeremy Field, Regional Administrator and Steve Brown, Alaska District Director Small Business Association</p>
<p>3:20</p>	<p>Native American Rights Fund Report Natalie Landreth, Managing Attorney Alaska Office, Native American Rights Fund</p>
<p>3:30</p>	<p>Alaska Tribal Administrators Association Teresa Jacobsson, Founder/Chair, Alaska Tribal Administrators Association; featuring Diomedea Video</p>
<p>3:40</p>	<p>2020 Elders and Youth Conference Report Elizabeth La quen náay Medicine Crow, President, First Alaskans Institute</p>
<p>3:50</p>	<p>Regional and Village Corporations Report Kim Reitmeier, Executive Director, ANCSA Regional Association;</p>

	Hallie Bissett, Executive Director, Alaska Native Village Corporation Association
4:00	Recess Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN
6:00 p.m.	Quyana Alaska I Three hours of outstanding cultural performances from the last few years.

BEFORE FRIDAY’S PLENARY AGENDA

8:00 a.m.	<p>Coffee with the President Join AFN’s President Julie Kitka for virtual coffee with special guest Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior. With special welcome by Wayne Westlake, President/CEO, NANA Regional Corporation.</p>
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<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020 MORNING SESSION</p>	
9:00	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Invocation Rev. Curtis Ivanoff</p>
9:05	<p>Trump Administration Report Douglas Hoelscher, Director of Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, White House</p>
9:15	<p>U.S. Department of Energy Dan Brouillette, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy</p>
9:25	<p>Congressional Address U.S. Congressman Don Young</p>
9:40	<p>Congressional Address U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan</p>
9:55	<p>Administration for Native Americans Jeannie Hovland, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans</p>
10:05	<p>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilke, Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</p>
10:20	<p>STRATEGIC NATIONAL SECURITY IMPERATIVES: MAINTAINING BALANCE OF POWER IN THE ARCTIC Alaska, as part of the Arctic region, is critical to U.S. national security and homeland defense. The Department of Defense’s desired Arctic end-state is for a secure and stable region where U.S. national interests are safeguarded, the homeland is protected, and nations address shared challenges</p>

	<p>cooperatively. Senior military officials with responsibilities in Alaska will discuss what they are seeing in the Arctic, particularly in Alaska, that increases concerns to military and policy makers, highlight missions and activities that their organizations conduct in Alaska and the Arctic that aim to address these concerns, and identify activities the military anticipates Alaskans may see in the near future.</p> <p>Lt. Gen. David Krumm, Commander, Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command, and Eleventh Air Force; Maj. Gen. Peter Andrysiak, Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska; Maj. Gen. Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard and the Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; Rear Adm. Stephan Barnett, Commander, Navy Region Northwest; Rear Adm. Matthew Bell, Jr, Commander, 17th Coast Guard District, U.S. Coast Guard; Col. Damon Delarosa, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District; moderated by Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Randy “Church” Kee, U.S. Air Force, Executive Director, Arctic Domain Awareness Center, University of Alaska</p>
<p>11:05</p>	<p>Resolutions Committee Report Greg Razo, Chairman, Resolutions Committee</p>
<p>11:30</p>	<p>Section 29 Update Bringham McCowan, President, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company</p>
<p>11:35</p>	<p>Get-Out-The-Count Winter is in the air and so is the deadline for the 2020 Census. Failing to respond deprives the state of \$3,500 per person per year, or \$35,000 over the next decade. For a family of four that’s almost \$150,000 over the next 10 years. Panelists will discuss the Alaska Native community’s Get-Out-The-Count efforts and give away prizes.</p> <p>Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN; Elizabeth La quen náay Medicine Crow, President, First Alaskans Institute; Richard Peterson, President, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska</p>
<p>11:45</p>	<p>Alaska Native Music Video “Our Story” by Qacung</p>
<p>11:50</p>	<p>In Memoriam Remembering and honoring those who passed on over the course of the last year.</p>

12:00 p.m.	<p>SPECIAL LUNCH TIME PROGRAM</p> <p>Press Conference Regional Reports Learn more about the land, people, priorities, challenges, and opportunities of AFN member regions.</p>
<p>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020 AFTERNOON SESSION</p>	
1:00 p.m.	<p>Call to Order Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p> <p>Final Credentials Report Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN</p> <p>Announcement of Co-Chair and Village Representatives Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN</p> <p>Elected Co-Chair Remarks</p>
1:10	<p>Presidents Awards Dr. Christina Darby, Health Carol Seppilu, Hannah Paul Solomon “Woman of Courage” Donna Folger, Katie John Hunter Fisher Samuel Schimmel, Roger Lang Youth Leadership Nikki Corbet of <i>Sew Yup’ik</i>, Small Business Walter Hotch-Hill, Gin'tith (Richard Frank) Military Service Anne Sears, Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement Paatuk Reid Magdanz and Qignaag Cordelia Kellie, Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education</p>
2:00	<p>State of the Judiciary Susan Carney, Justice, Alaska Supreme Court</p>
2:10	<p>Congressional Senate Candidate Interviews U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan; Independent candidate Dr. Al Gross</p>
2:30	<p>Judicial Retention in Alaska Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council</p>

2:40	<p>UP TO SPEED: HOW NEW TECHNOLOGIES ARE OVERCOMING RURAL ALASKA'S BROADBAND CHALLENGES</p> <p>The digital revolution that has swept most nations of the Earth has been slow to reach rural Alaska. Participation in the global economy is impossible without high speed broadband, yet because of rural Alaska's low population and distance from telecommunications infrastructure, high speed broadband has for the most part remained out of reach for private and public investment. Exciting new technologies are bridging the digital divide.</p> <p>Adrian Steckel, Chief Executive Officer, OneWeb; Jonathan Hofeller, Vice President for Starlink and Commercial Sales, SpaceX; Chuck Schumann, Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Dataport, Inc.; Greg Chapados, President/CEO, GCI; moderated by AFN President Julie Kitka</p>
3:25	<p>Alaska State Legislative Report</p> <p>Senator Cathy Giessel, President, Alaska State Senate</p>
3:35	<p>Special Address</p> <p>U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, Hawai'i</p>
3:40	<p>Litigation Report</p> <p>Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, AFN</p>
3:50	<p>Get-Out-The-Native Vote</p> <p>Gloria O'Neill, President/CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council</p>
4:00	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo, Co-Chairs, AFN</p>
6:00 p.m.	<p>Quyana Alaska II</p> <p>Three hours of outstanding cultural performances from the last few years.</p>