

AGENDA

MORNING SESSION • THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008

- 8:00 AM** **Dena'ina Welcoming Dancers Jabila'ina Dance Group**
(Kenaitze Indian Tribe)
- 8:30 AM** **Call to Order** AFN Co-Chairs
Welcome Remarks from the Dena'ina Community
Debbie Fullenwider and **Aaron Leggett** (Eklutna)
- 8:40 AM** **Posting of the Colors** Color Guard, Alaska National Guard
(Combined: Army and Air Force)
- 8:45 AM** **Invocation** Reverend **Dr. Walter Soboleff**
- 8:55 AM** **Introduction** Parliamentarians/Sergeant At Arms
- ★ GRAND OPENING CEREMONY ★**
- 9:00 AM** Remarks on Alaska Native Military Service
Major General Jake Lestenkof (Retired),
Former Adjutant General of the State of Alaska
- 9:05 AM** **Entrance March of Alaska Native Veterans**
- 9:35 AM** **National Anthem**
- 9:40 AM** **President's Report** **Julie Kitka**
President, Alaska Federation of Natives
- 10:00 AM** **Welcome Remarks** **Honorable Mark Begich**, Mayor of Anchorage
Introduced by Tim Towarak, Co-Chairman, AFN
- 10:15 AM** **Welcome Remarks** **Honorable Jim Whitaker**, Mayor of Fairbanks
- 10:20 AM** **Address** **Honorable Sarah Palin**, Governor of Alaska
Introduced by Ken Johns, President and CEO, Ahtna, Inc.
- 10:35 AM** **Special Award**
- 10:40 AM** **Address** **Honorable Lisa Murkowski**, U.S. Senate
Introduced by Chris McNeil, President and CEO, Sealaska, Inc.
- 11:00 AM** **Special Report of Inuit Circumpolar Council** **Patricia Cochran**,
Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Conference
- 11:15 AM** **Awards**
AFN Citizen of the Year
AFN Denali Award
- 11:25 AM** **Alaska Marketplace Award Ceremony**
- 11:50 AM** **Elders and Youth Conference Report**
Chelsea Royal (McGrath)
Steven Holley (Tyonek)
- 12:00 NOON** **Recess for Lunch**
- LUNCH HOUR** **Special Airing** Heartbeat Alaska's
"Moving Out of Southeast Alaska"
(Energy Crisis)



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1:00 PM **Afternoon Dance Group** The Tlingit and Haida Dance
Anchorage

1:30 PM **Call to Order** AFN Co-Chairs
Nominations for AFN Chairperson(s)

1:35 PM **Preliminary Credentials Report to the Floor**

1:40 PM ★ **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** ★

Marie Greene, President and CEO, NANA, Inc.
Introduced by Willie Hensley, Chairman, First Alaskans Institute

2:10 PM **Introduction** Parliamentarians/Sergeant At Arms

2:30 PM **Veterans' Forum** "Improving VA Health Care Delivery
to Veterans in Rural Alaska"

Moderator **Major General Jake Lestenkof (Ret.)**

Panelists

Lt. General Craig Campbell, Adjutant General of Alaska and
Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

Chris Mandregan, Alaska Director, U.S. Indian Health Service

Marcia Hoffman-Devoe, Acting Associate Director of Alaska VA
Healthcare System, U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Gene Peltola, President and CEO,
Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Nelson Angapak, Vice President, AFN

3:15 PM **Recess Break**

3:30 PM **Special Guest Speaker** **Sheri Buretta**, Chair
Chugach Alaska Corporation and President, ANCSA CEO's Association

3:40 PM **Report on Native Vote 2008** **Vicki Otte**, Executive Director, ANCSA CEO's

3:50 PM **Special Guest Speaker** **Maver Carey**, President and CEO,
The Kuskokwim Corporation and President, Alaska Native Village
Corporation Association

4:00 PM **Special Guest Speaker** **Carolyn J. McClellan**,
Associate Director for Community and Constituent Services,
National Museum of the American Indian

4:10 PM **Special Guest Speaker** **Bill Largent**, U.S. Small Business Administration

4:15 PM **Update: Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline**

5:00 PM **Recess for the Day**



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MORNING SESSION • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

8:30 AM **Opening Dance Group** The Eyak Dancers (Cordova)

9:00 AM **Call to Order and Announcements**

9:05 AM **Convention Panel “What Are Native Organizations Doing to Address the Crisis of Fossil Fuel Costs?”**

Moderator **Ralph Andersen**, CEO, Bristol Bay Native Association
and Chair, AFN Energy Work Group

Panelists

Jerald Brown, Vice President, Bering Straits Native Corporation

Percy Frisbee, Tribal Energy Director,
Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Orville Huntington, Member, AFN Energy Work Group

Robert Charles, Community Development Coordinator,
Association of Village Council Presidents

Matt Gilbert, Graduate Student, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

10:00 AM **Panel Report on Special Energy Session of Alaska Legislature (2008)**

Moderators **Honorable Albert Kookesh**, Alaska State Senator

Honorable Mary Nelson, Alaska State Representative

Panelists **Members, 2007-2008 Bush Caucus**

10:30 AM **Recess Break**

10:40 AM **Special Guest Speaker** Tom Harris, CEO, Tyonek Native Corporation,
“Tyonek: A Case Study in Community Planning”

11:00 AM **Convention Panel “What Federal, State and Local Governments Can Do to Address the Crisis of Fossil Fuel Costs”**

Moderator TBA

Panelists

Steve Morello, U.S. Department of Energy

Robert Middleton, U.S. Department of the Interior

Steve Haagenon, State Energy Coordinator and Executive Director,
Alaska Energy Authority

Honorable Edward Itta, Mayor, North Slope Borough

John Madden, Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency
Management, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

12:00 NOON **Recess for Lunch**



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AFTERNOON SESSION • FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2008

- 12:45 PM** **Afternoon Dance Group** **The Tikigaq Dancers** (Point Hope)
- 1:15 PM** **Call to Order and Announcements**
Final Credentials Report to the Floor
- 1:20 PM** **Address** **Honorable Don Young**, U.S. House of Representatives
Introduced by Sheri Buretta, Chair, Chugach Alaska Corporation
- 1:40 PM** **Special Guest Speaker** **Valerie Davidson**, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, **“Impacts of the Energy Crisis on Public Facilities”**
- 1:50 PM** **Alaska Native Health Report**
Don Kashevaroff, President, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Evangelyne Dotomain, President, Alaska Native Health Board
- 2:10 PM** **Alaska Inter-Tribal Council Report** **Steve Osborne**, CEO
- 2:25 PM** **First Alaskans Institute Report** **Janie Leask**, President and CEO
- 2:35 PM** **Emerging Leaders Report** **First Alaskans Institute**
- 2:45 PM** **Recess Break**
- 3:00 PM** **Remarks** **Chris Rose**, Executive Director,
Renewable Energy Alaska Project, REAP
“What and Where Are Alaska’s Renewable Energy Resources?”
- 3:20 PM** **Break-Out to Workshops on Renewable and Alternative Energy Resources in Alaska** (Please see workshop pages following this agenda for more details.)
- **Wind Energy** Main Ballroom (Plenary Room, 3rd floor)
 - **In-Stream River Energy** Room 1 (2nd floor)
 - **Biomass Energy** Room 2 (2nd floor)
 - **Geothermal Energy** Room 3 (2nd floor)
 - **Energy Efficiency and Weatherization** Room 4 (2nd floor)
- 5:00 PM** **Recess for the Day**



AGENDA

MORNING SESSION • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

- 8:30 AM** **Opening Dance Group Inu-Yupiaq Dancers**
(University of Alaska Fairbanks)
- 9:00 AM** **Call to Order and Announcements**
- 9:05 AM** **Special Guest Speaker Kevin Hostler, President and CEO,**
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Introduced by Sheri Buretta, Chair, Chugach Alaska Corporation
- 9:15 AM** **Special Guest Speaker Steve Murdock, Director,**
U.S. Bureau of the Census
Introduced by Gloria O'Neill, President, Cook Inlet Tribal Council,
and by Mary Jane Fate, Former Chairperson, AFN
- 9:25 AM** **Special Guest Speaker David Rubenstein, Founder, Carlyle Group,**
"Perspectives on the U.S. Economy"
Introduced by Julie Kitka, President, AFN
- 9:45 AM** **AFN Resolutions Report Trefon Angasan, Chair,**
AFN Resolutions Committee—and Members
- Convention Action on 2008 Resolutions**
- 10:30 AM** **Recess Break**
- 10:45 AM** **Convention Action on 2008 Resolutions**
- 12:00 NOON** **Recess for Lunch**



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AFTERNOON SESSION • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008

- 1:00 PM** **Afternoon Dance Group** **Yees Ku.Oo Dancers** (Juneau)
- 1:30 PM** **Call to Order**
Announcements
- 1:35 PM** **Election of AFN Chairperson(s)**
- 1:40 PM** **AFN President's Awards**
- Culture Bearer
 - Della Keats "Healing Hands"
 - Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education
 - Elder of the Year
 - Health
 - Hunter-Fisher
 - Parents of the Year
 - Public Service
 - Roger Land Youth Leadership
 - Small Business
- 3:20 PM** **Introduction of Village Members
on AFN Board**
- 3:25 PM** **Prelude to Benediction**
Representative from Unalakleet
Benediction (in Dena'ina)
Aaron Leggett
- 3:30 PM** **Adjournment**
- 6:00 PM** ★ **BANQUET** ★



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and via live webcast at www.nativefederation.org**

MON. OCT. 20	9 AM-5 PM	Elders & Youth Conference
TUES. OCT. 21	9 AM-5 PM	Elders & Youth Conference
THURS. OCT. 23	8:30 AM-5 PM	AFN Convention
THURS. OCT. 23	7 PM-11 PM	Quyana Alaska I
FRI. OCT. 24	9 AM-5 PM	AFN Convention
FRI. OCT. 24	7 PM-10:30 PM	Quyana Alaska II
SAT. OCT. 25	9 AM-3:30 PM	AFN Convention

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I. WIND ENERGY

MAIN BALLROOM (PLENARY ROOM, 3RD FLOOR)

With organizations and oil tycoons like T. Boone Pickens declaring that oil prices will not drop and that all energy costs are expected to rise, many are looking to alternatives like wind energy. Wind currently provides only about 1 percent of the country’s electricity, but by 2020 that figure might rise to 15 percent. Wind energy is playing an expanding role in Alaska with eight new wind projects in remote communities and several viable large wind projects along the railbelt. Join our panel discussion and learn about the opportunities wind-produced energy holds for Alaskans. The panel will discuss what to look for when considering a wind project for your village, as well as the partnerships and finances that make it possible.

1. *Chair* **Ian Baring-Gould**, Principal Project Leader, National Renewable Energy Laboratory
2. **Brent N. Petrie**, Project Manager, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative, Inc.
3. **Ron Philemonoff**, CEO, Tanadgusix Corp.
4. **Brad Reeve**, General Manager, Kotzebue Electric
5. **Ethan Schutt**, Senior Vice President Land and Legal Affairs, CIRI

II. IN-STREAM RIVER ENERGY

ROOM 1 (2ND FLOOR)

In-Stream River Energy holds tremendous potential for rural Alaska. The majority of Alaska’s rural communities are on or very near moving water. Recent developments in the technology known as hydrokinetic turbines have the potential to transform Alaska’s river systems into electricity generators with no dams and very little environmental impact. The session will provide an overview of this technology, which can harness river energy, and will also highlight current and future in-stream projects throughout Alaska. Come learn how three interior villages are installing systems to power their communities from the same rivers that provide their fish and other subsistence resources.

1. *Chair* **D. Douglas Johnson**, Alaska Projects Director, Ocean Renewable Power
2. **Robert S. Grimm**, President, Alaska Power Company
3. **Edna Hancock**, Executive Director, Nenana Native Council
4. **Brian Hirsch, Ph.D.**, President, Deerstone Consulting and Energy Program Manager, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council
5. **Pat Sweetsir**, Representative, Middle Yukon, Ruby Native Council
6. **Brian Yanity**, Project Engineer, NANA Pacific

III. BIOMASS ENERGY

ROOM 2 (2ND FLOOR)

With fossil fuel prices on the rise, biomass energy, which is created by burning plant or animal matter, is becoming a cost-efficient substitute in heating homes and powering our vehicles. Alaska has roughly 129 million acres of forest, of which up to 5,000,000 acres is lost per year to forest fires and insect infestations. Two outcomes can result from better forest management and proper harvesting of trees and deadfall: 1) a decrease of fire hazards and insect breeding grounds, and 2) the excess debris can become a renewable and sustainable source of energy on a large scale. In Unalaska, fish oil fuel is used at the Unisea fish processing plant, displacing over one million gallons of diesel annually. There are numerous household and economic advantages associated with biomass energy, including green energy initiatives and carbon credits, cost savings over fossil fuel, job creation and overall economic development. Panelists will discuss the various biomass projects that are already underway in Alaska and the key factors that contribute to a successful project.

Renewable & Alternative Energy Resources in Alaska

1. *Chair* **Bruce Tiedeman**, Coordinator of Rural Community Outreach, Alaska Energy Authority
2. **Ron Brown**, Project Manager, Alaska Energy Authority
3. **Albert “Bear” Ketzler, Jr.**, City Manager, Tanana City Management
4. **Steven J. Morello**, Director, Department of Energy’s Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs
5. **Dennis E. Witmer, Ph.D.**, Director, Arctic Energy Technology Development Lab of the University of Alaska, Fairbanks

IV. GEOTHERMAL ENERGY

ROOM 3 (2ND FLOOR)

You don’t have to be a miner to know that the earth gets hotter the deeper you dig. According to an MIT report, the heat contained in rock under the North American continent is equivalent to 2,000 years-worth of the country’s current energy consumption. However, like other earth resources, such as mineral deposits, special conditions must be met in order for the extraction of this heat to be affordable. With fossil fuel becoming more expensive, might there be a way to increase our use of this invisible source of energy to warm our homes and our water, and even create electricity? The Chena Hot Springs project in the Interior has proven that yes, actually, it is possible. Join us for a conversation about how and where in Alaska geothermal projects are being developed, and get answers to the following questions: Where are geothermal resources available? How sustainable are these resources? How affordable are these projects compared to other sources of energy that the earth, sun, water and wind provide?

1. *Chair* **Gwen Holdmann**, Director, Alaska Center for Energy and Power, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
2. **Lorie Dilley**, Principal and Geotechnical Engineer, Hattenburg, Dilley & Linnell, LLC
3. **Nicholas Goodman**, CEO, TDX Power
4. **Suzanne Lamson**, Project Manager, Naknek Electric Association
5. **David Lockard**, Geothermal Energy Manager, Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
6. **Chris Nye**, Volcanology Section Chief, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys

V. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND WEATHERIZATION

ROOM 4 (2ND FLOOR)

According to a 2008 report from First Alaskan’s Institute, rural Alaska residents consume roughly 15 percent less energy than Anchorage residents, yet they pay upwards of three times more for it, even with PCE. This panel will generate ideas and propose immediate action to address the significant challenge of creating affordable, energy-efficient and culturally-appropriate shelter for rural Alaskans. This critical discussion will focus on innovative approaches for new home construction and improving the performance of existing structures through weatherization and retrofits. Panelists will also offer tips on purchasing energy-efficient consumer items such as appliances, motor fuel and vehicles.

1. *Chair* **Jack Hébert**, President and CEO, Cold Climate Housing Research Center
2. **Cary Bolling**, Energy Specialist, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
3. **Bob Gough**, Secretary, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy
4. **Todd Hoener**, Energy Efficiency Specialist, Golden Valley Electric Association
5. **Teri Paniptchuk**, Member, VISTA Energy Program, RurAL CAP