

Annual Convention Agenda

Thursday, October 26, 2006

8:00 AM **Cordova Ikumat Dancers**

8:30 **Call to Order**
Albert Kookesh, Co-Chair
Tim Towarak, Co-Chair

8:35 **Grand Opening Ceremony**
Posting of the Colors: Honor Guard, Alaska Army National Guard
Invocation & Blessing: Dr. Walter Soboleff, Retired Colonel, Alaska National Guard

8:55 **Introduction of Parliamentarians:** Frank O. Williams

Introduction of Sergeant At Arms: John Peratrovich, VPSO, Savoonga;
Wassilli Galila, VPSO, Levelock; John Pleasant, VPSO, Tuntutuliak; and
William Olick, VPSO, Chefornak

9:00 **AFN Report:** Julie Kitka, AFN President

9:20 **Keynote Address:** Katherine Gottlieb, President/CEO, Southcentral Foundation

9:40 **The Honorable Mark Begich**
Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage

9:50 **The Honorable Frank Murkowski**
Governor, State of Alaska

10:10 **Urgent Issues & Innovative Solutions**
At any given point a society is faced with an endless list of urgent issues that it must tackle in order to continue along a path of development that is healthy for the economy and its people. In this panel our distinguished guests will introduce the most urgent matters affecting Alaska as a whole. They will give reasons why these issues are particularly important for the Alaska Native community to focus attention on immediately. Moderated by Senator Albert Kookesh, each panelist will also suggest innovative solutions based on their years of experience and best thinking on one or more of the seven topics being covered in Thursday afternoon's work sessions. The delegates will then further address each issue in work sessions over the course of the convention.

Moderator:

Albert Kookesh, AFN Co-Chair and Alaska State Senator

Panelists:

Mayor Edward Itta, North Slope Borough

Representative Mary Kapsner, Alaska State Legislature

Valerie Davidson, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Lexi Staheli, AFN/FAI Youth & Elders Conference

Willie Goodwin, Jr., AFN/FAI Youth & Elders Conference

10:50 **Special Guest Speaker:** Carson Ross, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

11:05	Announcement of Notable Commitments: Recognition of Major Sponsors Wells Fargo Fred Meyer Doyon, Ltd.
11:15	The Honorable Ted Stevens, United States Senate (via tape)
11:30	Call for Nominations for Chairman/Co-Chairman
11:35	Preliminary Credentials Report Chair of Committee
11:40	Announcement: Recognition of Major Sponsors of the Alaska Marketplace
12:00 PM	Recess for Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Work Sessions – Concurrent (see attachment for descriptions and locations) Healthy Communities Maintaining Our Traditional Way of Life The High Cost of Energy & Avenues Toward Affordable Energy Culture & Development in a Globalizing World
3:00 – 5:00	Work Sessions – Concurrent (see attachment for descriptions and locations) ANCSA Issues Climate Change Rural Justice & Law Enforcement
5:00	Recess for the day

Friday, October 27, 2006

8:30 AM Upallret Dancers – Bethel

9:00 Call to Order
Albert Kookesh, Co-Chair
Tim Towarak, Co-Chair
Announcements
Plenary Sessions Convenes

9:20 Presentation of President's Awards:
Culture Bearer, Della Keats "Healing Hands," Health, Parents of the Year, Roger Lang Youth Leadership, Small Business, Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education, Hunter-Fisher, Public Service, Elder of the Year

Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award
Presentation of the Denali Award

11:10 Effective Action, Lasting Results
Five Native leaders discuss their respective organizations' roles in addressing one or more of the eight issues introduced in the morning plenary. They will primarily concentrate on effective actions they have implemented in their Native organizations over the years that have yielded lasting results. Whether you work for non-profits, corporations, small businesses, foundations and/or other private or public efforts, the panelists will draw from experiences that are common across the spectrum. These leaders will also talk about how their leadership style affects the performance of their organizations as well as share how they measure performance, practice accountability, allocate resources strategically, and use other management techniques that ensure long-term impact and results.

Moderator:

Gloria O'Neill, President/CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Panelists:

Representative Reggie Joule, Alaska State Legislature

Orie Williams, President/CEO, Doyon, Limited

Gene Peltola, President/ CEO, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Loretta Bullard, President/CEO, Kawerak, Inc.

12:00 PM Recess for lunch – Parka Parade/Native Dress Review

1:00 Lepquim Gumilgit Gagoadin Tsimshian Dancers

1:30 Call to Order
Tim Towarak, Co-Chair

1:35 Final Credentials Report
Chair of Credentials Committee

1:40 Special Guest Speaker: The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior

2:00 Natural Gas Pipeline Project
Ken Konrad, Senior Vice President, Alaska Gas, BP Exploration
Joe Marushack, Vice President, ANS Gas Development, ConocoPhillips
Richard Owen, Vice President, ExxonMobil Alaska Production, Inc.

3:00

Gubernatorial Forum

Candidates: Tony Knowles, Democratic Party
Sarah Palin, Republican Party
Andrew Halcro, Independent Party

4:30

Mobilization of the Native Community

Vicki Otte, Get Out The Native Vote Project

5:00

Recess for the day

Saturday, October 28, 2006

8:30 AM Minto Dancers

**9:00 Call to Order
Announcements**
Tim Towarak, Co-Chair

9:05 Alaska Congressional Delegation:
U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Congressman Don Young

9:30 Resolutions Committee Report
Trefon Angasan, Chairman
Committee Members: Ron Moto, Roberta Quintavell, Gail Schubert, Bob Charles,
Lisa Rieger, Linda Tyone, Larry Evanoff, Helen Bolen, Patrick Anderson, Gregory
Razo, Mike Pederson, and Tara Sweeney

Debate and Action on Resolutions

12:00 PM Recess for Lunch

1:00 Nondalton Shadow Dancers

1:30 Special Guest Speaker: Lt. General Doug Fraser, Commander, Alaska
Command

1:50 Introduction of 2006/2007 Village Board Members

2:00 Special Session: Native Communities of the Future

Moderator:

Byron Mallott, Senior Fellow, Alaska Native Policy Center

Panelists:

Willie Hensley, Manager of Federal Government Relations, Alyeska Pipeline
Service Company

Greta Goto, Director, Alaska Native Policy Center

Fran Ulmer, Director, Institute of Social & Economic Research

Marlene Johnson, Chair, Hoonah Heritage Foundation

2:45 Joining Forces: New Partnerships to Achieve Real Results

Moderator:

Shauna Heglen, Deputy Director, RurALCAP

Panelists:

Dewey Hoffman, First Alaskans Institute

Sarah Sherry, First Alaskans Institute

Ricardo Lopez, Rasmuson Foundation

3:30 Benediction
Kuukpikmiut Dancers, Nuiqsuit
