

**2014 AFN Annual Convention
Rise As One**

[Wednesday, October 22, 2014](#)

7:00 pm Evening Event, TBD, Dena'ina Center

[Thursday, October 23, 2014 morning session](#)

- 8:30 Call to Order: AFN Co-Chairs Ana Hoffman and Tara Sweeney
Recognition of Major Sponsors
Introduction of Parliamentarian
Introduction of Sergeant at Arms
- 8:40 Invocation: Crawford Patkotak
Moment of Silence
Memorial Song: Ilanka Family Harmony
Song: "I Will Rise" by Donna Westdahl, Robin Kornfield and the NANA Group
- 9:00 Posting of Colors Honor Guard
Entrance March of Alaska Native Veterans & Service Members
- 9:15 Welcome from the Dena'ina Community
- 9:20 Welcome Remarks
The Honorable Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage
- 9:25 Mayor of Fairbanks
- 9:30 Governor's Address – The Honorable Sean Parnell, State of Alaska
- 9:50 AFN President's Report – Julie Kitka
- 10:10 Message from President Barack Obama
- 10:20 US Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, introduction by Sen. Mark Begich
- 10:50 Introduction of Keynote Speakers
- 10:55 Keynote Address: Miriam Aarons and Mao Tosi
- 11:20 National Congress of American Indians President Brian Cladoosby
Introduction: Jackie Johnson-Pata, Executive Director

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- 11:30 US Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor
- 11:50 US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Daniel Ashe
- 12:00 Recess for lunch

Thursday, October 23, 2014 afternoon session

- 1:00PM Call to Order
Announcements
- 1:05 Preliminary Credentials report – Chair of AFN Credentials Committee
- 1:10 2014-2015 AFN Co-Chair Nominations – Delegates will elect one co-chair to a two-year term
- 1:15 Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, State of Alaska
- 1:25 Elders & Youth Conference Report – First Alaskans Institute
- 1:35 Tanana 4-H
- 1:45 Honoring Our Children Day
- 1:50 Family Wellness Warriors Initiative
- 2:00 US DOJ Task Force on the Effects of Violence on Native Children Report – Valerie Davidson
- 2:10 Violent Crimes Compensation Board – Gerad Godfrey, Chairman
- 2:30 Announcements, Instructions
Work Sessions
- Food Security – Tikhatnu Ballroom, Third Floor
- Climate Change – Kahtnu 1 & 2, Second Floor
- Education – Tubughnenq’ 3, Second Floor
- Public Safety – Tubughnenq’ 4, Second Floor
- 5:00 Recess for the day

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7:00 [Quyana Alaska I Performances](#)

[Friday, October 24, 2014 morning session](#)

- 8:30AM Tikigaq 7th Grade Dancers
- 9:00 Call to Order
Announcements
- 9:05 Candidate speeches for AFN Co-Chair
- 9:20 US Senator Mark Begich
- 9:40 Presentation of Citizen of the Year and Denali Awards
- 10:00 Workshop Reports
- 10:30 Report from the Bush Caucus of the Alaska State Legislature –
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair
- 10:40 Subsistence Committee Report – Dr. Rosita Worl and Myron Naneng
Special Recognition of the Native American Rights Fund and the Katie John Family
- 11:30 Congressman Don Young
- 11:50 AFN-NCAI Tribal Conference Report
- 12:00 PM Recess for lunch

[Friday, October 24, 2014 afternoon session](#)

- 1:00 PM Announcements
- 1:05 Final Credentials Report
- 1:10 Get Out the Native Vote report & activity – AFN Media and Elections Committee
- 1:30 Candidates Forum – US Senate Race
- 2:30 Candidates Forum – Governor’s Race
- 3:30 Candidates Forum – Lt. Governor
- 4:30 Wrap-Up/Voting Rally

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5:00 Recess for the day

7:00 [Quyana Alaska II Performances](#)

[Saturday, October 25, 2013 morning session](#)

8:30 AM Yees Ku Oo Dance Group

9:00 Call to Order
Announcements

9:05 AFN Election of Co-Chair

9:30 US Senator Lisa Murkowski

9:50 2013 Convention Resolutions Follow-up Report

10:00 Consideration of the 2014 Convention Resolutions:
Greg Razo, Chair
Members of the Resolutions Committee

Debate and Voting on resolutions

12:30 Recess for lunch

[Saturday, October 25, 2013 afternoon session](#)

1:30 Call to Order
Announcements

1:35 AFN President's Awards
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3:05 Special Recognition, TBA

3:15 Troth Yeddha' Legacy – Aaron Schutt and Miranda Wright

3:20 Announcement of Village Board Representatives

3:30 Closing Remarks: Evon Peter

3:40 Benediction

3:50 Convention Adjournment

7:00 [Closing Banquet](#)