



# 2016 ANNUAL AFN CONVENTION

## 50 YEARS: REFLECT, REFRESH, RENEW

10/19/2016

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 MORNING SESSION

- 7:45 AM      Opening Healing Ceremony  
Alaska Suicide Prevention Council
- 8:15              Cultural Performance – Minto Dancers
- 8:45              Call to Order: AFN Co-Chairs Ana Hoffman and Jerry Isaac  
Invocation: Poldine Carlo, Elder  
Recognition of Major Sponsors  
Introduction of Parliamentarian: Edward Thomas
- 8:50              Posting of Colors Honor Guard  
Entrance March of Alaska Native Veterans & Service Members
- 9:00              Welcome from the First Traditional Chief Don Honea  
Victor Joseph, President/Chairman, Tanana Chiefs Conference  
Aaron Schutt, President/CEO, Doyon Limited
- 9:10              Welcome Remarks  
Honorable John Eberhart, Fairbanks Mayor  
Honorable Karl Kassel, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor  
Honorable Bryce Ward, North Pole Mayor
- 9:35              AFN President's Report – Julie Kitka  
Presentation of the Citizen of the Year  
Presentation of the Denali Award
- 9:45              Governor's Address: The Honorable Bill Walker, State of Alaska
- 10:05             Special Guest Speaker: Ambassador Mark Brzezinski, Executive Director  
Arctic Executive Steering Committee, White House
- 10:25             Special Guest Speaker: Tracy Goodluck, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, White House
- 10:40             Keynote Address: Emil Notti, Distinguished Native Leader  
Megan Alvanna-Stimpfle, Emerging Native Leader
- 11:30             Special Guest Speaker: Honorable Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
- 11:45             Recognition and Honoring of Early Supporters of AFN and the Alaska Native peoples in our  
pursuit of land claims. Special Guests: Honorable Chairman JoDe Gourdy, Yakama Nation and the  
Native Village of Tyonek

11:55 Special Announcement: Susie Silook, Native Artist

12:00 PM Recess for Lunch

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016 AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 Call to Order  
Announcements

1:05 Preliminary Credentials Report – AFN Credentials Committee Chairman

1:10 2016-2018 AFN Co-Chair Nominations – Delegates will elect one co-chair to a two-year term

1:15 Special Recognition of the Passage of HB 200. This special recognition honors the state lawmakers and Walker administration officials who worked tirelessly to pass House Bill 200, Adoption of a Child in State Custody. The new law strengthens the rights of Native families wishing to adopt a child under the Indian Child Welfare Act and improves their access to the state's adoption system.

1:20 Elders & Youth Conference Report – First Alaskans Institute Representative

1:50 Special Guest Speaker: Jim Johnsen, President, University of Alaska  
Special Presentation by the UAF Alumni Association

2:15 Rethinking Indigenous Education: Our Responsibility to Future Generations. An inspiring discussion on the transformation of educational institutions and programs to help ensure a strong future for Alaska Native peoples and communities. Envisioning education as a tool of cultural revitalization, Indigenous self-determination, and community prosperity.

Moderator: Evon Peter, Vice-Chancellor, UAF

Panelists:

President Pearl Brower, Ilisagvik College

Executive Director April Counciller, Alutiiq Museum

Director Pausauraq Jana Harcharek, Inupiaq Education, NSBSD

Panel Questions and Answers

3:15 Special Guest Speaker: Honorable Audrey Hudson, Mayor of Metlakatla

3:25 AFN Subsistence Committee Report: Dr. Rosita Worl, Chair

3:35 Special Guest Speaker: U.S. Department of the Interior, Deputy Secretary Mike Connor  
Assistant Secretary Larry Roberts, Bureau of Indian Affairs

4:00 Special Guest Speaker: Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, National Congressman of American Indians

4:15 Special Update: Land into Trust

This panel will provide interested and affected parties with a clearer understanding of land into trust for Alaska Native individuals and tribes. Federal, state and tribal panel members will discuss the

issues and opportunities, after which the audience will be invited to ask questions.

Moderator Chris McNeil, Moderator

Panelists

Assistant Secretary Larry Roberts, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

Kristi Williams, Policy and Government Relations Advisor, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker

Richard Peterson, President, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Jahna Lindemuth, Attorney General, State of Alaska

Aaron Schutt, President/CEO, Doyon Limited

Heather Kendall-Miller, Native American Rights Fund

Questions and Answers

5:30 Recess for the Day

7:00 PM **Quyana I Performances (Carlson Center)**

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016 MORNING SESSION

8:30 AM Cultural Performance – Imam Caiani Agnguartet, Port Lions

9:00 Call to Order  
Announcements  
Invocation: Eleanor Dementi

9:05 Special Guest Speaker: Honorable Ethan Berkowitz, Anchorage Mayor

9:10 Alaska Criminal Justice Reform and Implementation  
The Alaska State Legislature passed SB 91 a major criminal justice reform bill earlier this year. This panel of experts will provide an understanding of the changes implemented by SB 91 starting in 2017. Questions for the panel can be submitted through the AFN App.

Moderated by Greg Razo

Panelist: Susanne DiPietro - Alaska Criminal Justice Commission

Alaska Senator John Coghill

Jordan Schilling - Office of Senator Coghill

Jen Winkelman - Region II Chief Probation Officer

10:00 Candidate Speeches for AFN Co-Chair

10:10 BIA and HHS Tribal Advisory Council Report: Gloria O'Neill

10:20 U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

10:40 Council for The Advancement of Alaska Natives  
Alaska Native non-profit organizations and tribal consortiums are innovation leaders in programs that see real success in improving the lives of their beneficiaries. Discover the faces of success through a sampling of these exciting programs.

Moderator: Liz Medicine Crow and Sarah Scanlan

Roads to Success, Steve Ivanoff, Transportation Planner, Kawerak, Inc  
TCC's Hunting and Fishing Task Force: Empowering our People and Building Capacity to Take Over Hunting and Fishing Management, Charlie Wright  
Tribal Compacting for OCS Services, Francine Eddy Jones, Tribal Families and Youth Services Department Manager, Central Council for Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska  
Homegrown Healers of the Maniilaq Region, Dr. Hans Hansen, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Dr. Meagan Lincoln, Doctor of Optometry, Dr. Zazell Staheli, Doctor of Dental Surgery

11:40 Special Guest Speaker: U.S. Department of Energy, Deputy Secretary Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall. Accompanied by: Chris Deschene and Doug Maccourt

12:00 Recess for Lunch

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2016 AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 PM Call to Order  
Announcements

1:05 Final Credentials Report

1:10 Special Guest – Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian

1:25 Remembering Major General John "Qipqina" Schaeffer

1:30 U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

1:50 Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior

2:10 Honorable Representative Bryce Edgman, Chair, Alaska Legislative Bush Caucus

2:25 Sovereignty and Safety for Alaska Native Women and Families  
Presented by Alaska Native Women's Resource Center. Executive Director Tami Truett Jerue and Board Members Nettie Warbelow, Shirley Moses and Jo Ann Horn, Lenora Hootch, Candy Keown, Priscilla Kameroff and Tia Holley

2:35 Special Guest: Okalik Egeesiak, Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council

2:55 Rural Public Safety: Sgt. Jody Potts, Tanana Chiefs Conference/Governor Tribal Advisory Committee Member

3:05 The People and the Land: AFN's land claims foundation. A chronological history based on photos and stories from the Tundra Times newspaper. Narration by A.J. McClanahan, former Editor/Reporter, Tundra Times and Willie Hensley former AFN President

3:20 Get Out the Native Vote - Culture in Voting

- 3:50 Judicial Retention: TBA
- 4:00 2016 AFN Candidates Forum:  
U.S. Senate – U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski, Margaret Stock, Joe Miller, and Ray Metcalf  
U.S. House – U.S. Congressman Don Young and Steve Lindbeck
- 5:30 Recess for the day
- 7:00 PM Quyana II Performances (Carlson Center)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 AM Cultural Performance – Qikiqtagruk Northern Lights Dancers, Kotzebue
- 9:00 Call to Order  
Announcements  
Invocation: Nick Jackson
- 9:05 Special Guest Speaker: Admiral (Ret.) Tom Barrett, President, Alyeska Pipeline Co.
- 9:15 Special Guest Speaker: Cynthia Berns, Vice President of Administration, Old Harbor Native Corporation
- 9:25 U.S. Congressman Don Young
- 9:40 Consideration of the 2016 Convention Resolutions – Greg Razo, Chairman  
Members of the Resolutions Committee  
Debate and Voting on Resolutions
- 12:00 Recess for Lunch

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016 AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 Call to Order  
Announcements
- 1:35 Presbyterian Church Apology to Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians
- 1:40 Alaska Army National Guard Presentation -Brigadier General Laurie Hummel
- 1:55 Alaska Native Veterans Update: George Bennett, Chairman of the Alaska Native Veterans Council
- 2:05 AFN Co-Chair Election
- 2:20 Announcement of Election Results for the  
2016-2017 AFN Village Board Members
- 2:25 Congressional Update: Emily Newman, Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs  
Representative

- 2:35 AFN President's Awards Ceremony – Sheri Buretta, AFN Convention Committee Chair
- 3:35 Honoring Sidney Huntington: Greg Siekaniec, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 3:40 Closing Remarks: 50 Years of Integrity, Pride in Heritage, Progress. AFN's Priorities and Unfinished Business, Julie Kitka, AFN President
- 3:50 Benediction: Nelson Angapak Sr.  
Convention Adjournment
- 6:30 PM Banquet Doors Open (Carlson Center)