2017 AFN Annual Convention
Strength In Unity
Leadership—Partnerships—Social Justice

Thursday, October 19, 2017 morning session

8:00 AM    Cultural Performance – Nuniaq Alutiiq Dancers

8:30
Call to Order: AFN Co-Chairs Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo
Safety Moment
Invocation: Shirley Lee
Announcements
Introduction of Parliamentarian – Richard Peterson
Introduction of Sergeant At Arms – VPSO 1st Sgt. Gust Tunguing, Jr.

Recognition of Major Sponsors

8:40
Posting of Colors Honor Guard
Entrance March of Alaska Native Veterans and Service Members
Alaska Flag Song and Pledge – Agut Group from Wendler Middle School

8:55
Welcome from the Dena’ina Community
Lee Stephan, President and Chair, Native Village of Eklutna
Members of the Native Village of Eklutna Tribal Council
Members of the Eklutna, Inc. Board of Directors.

9:05
Welcome Remarks
Honorable Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of Anchorage
Honorable Jim Matherly, Mayor of Fairbanks

9:15
AFN President’s Report – Julie Kitka

9:35
Keynote Address
Colonel Wayne Don, Alaska Army National Guard
Sgt. Jody Potts, TCC Director of Public Safety

10:20
Honorable Bill Walker, Governor, State of Alaska

10:40
Honorable Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor, State of Alaska

11:00
State of Alaska Office of Children’s Services Update

11:20
Preliminary Credentials Report, Credentials Committee Chair
11:30 Recess for Lunch

SPECIAL NOTE: Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will address the convention via live video teleconference during Thursday morning’s session. Time TBD.
Thursday, October 19, 2017 afternoon session

1:00 PM Call to Order
Announcements

1:05 2017-2019 AFN Co-Chair Nominations
Delegates nominate one co-chair to a two-year term

1:10 Presentation of the Citizen of the Year and Denali Award

1:30 Special Guest Speaker: Don Benton, Director, Selective Service
Introduction by Alaska Native Veterans Association

1:45 Advancing Social Justice in Alaska
Social justice means equal economic, civil and political rights and opportunities. This special section explores what Alaska Natives are doing and can do in Alaska-specific areas of social justice: health care and education, criminal justice reform, management of resources, and access to government decision-making.

Moderator: Greg Razo, CIRI
Panelists: Vivian Korthuis, Association of Village Council Presidents
Cyndi Nation, University of Alaska Fairbanks Qungasvik (Toolbox)
Tammy Ashley, Alaska Native Justice Center
Matt Claman, Alaska State Legislature

2:45 Alaska Legal Services Corporation Recognition Ceremony

3:00 The Opioid Epidemic in Our Communities
This special section will explore how individuals and communities can address the opioid epidemic and support community-based, innovative and traditional solutions. Delegates will be invited to join the conversation with a question and answer portion for the last half of the section.

Moderator: Commissioner Valerie Davidson, Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services
Panelists: Dr. Rebeca Ling, Cook Inlet Tribal Council
Carol Wren, Bristol Bay Native Corporation
Lakota Holman or Connie Jessen, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Karl Soderstrom, Fiend2Clean

Open Mic for Delegates – Comments, Questions & Answers

5:00 Recess for the Day

7:00 PM Quyana Alaska I Performances (Dena’ina Center)
Friday, October 20, 2017 morning session

8:30 AM  Cultural Performance – Taprarmiut Yurartet

9:00  Call to Order
Safety Moment
Invocation: Nelson Angapak, Sr.

Announcements
Introduction of Parliamentarian – Richard Peterson

9:05  Candidate Speeches for AFN Co-Chair

9:15  Alaska State Legislature Bush Caucus Report
Representative Neal Foster, Bush Caucus Chair
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House

9:30  AFN Tribal Leaders Conference Report – Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo,
AFN Co-Chairs

9:40  Governor’s Tribal Advisory Council
Richard Peterson, Chair
Accompanied by Members of the Council

10:00  U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

10:20  Alaska Native Village Corporation Association – Hallie Bissett, Executive Director

10:30  Special Guest Speaker: Kim Tee Hee, President, Native American Contractors
Association

10:40  Elders & Youth Conference Report – First Alaskans Institute

10:50  Annie Donovan, Director, Dept. of the Treasury, CDFI Fund

11:00  U.S. Fish and Wildlife Honors Elders – Conservation Heroes
Trimble Gilbert, Gwich’in
Judge Roy Madsen, Alutiiq
James Charles, Yup’ik

11:15  AFN President’s Awards Ceremony
AFN Convention Committee Members, Sheri Buretta, Chair
2017 Awards:
   Culture Bearer
Della Keats “Healing Hands”
Elder of the Year
Lu Young Youth Leadership
Parents of the Year
Public Service
Dr. Walter Soboleff “Warriors of Light”

12:00 Recess for Lunch
Friday, October 20, 2017 afternoon session

1:00 PM  Call to Order
          Announcements

1:05      Special Community Speaker: Paul Charles, Newtok Tribal Council
          Translator, Nelson Angapak, Sr.

1:30      Perspectives on Climate Change: A Conversation
          Mark Trahant, Trahant Reports
          Jeff Goodall, Rolling Stone
          Ambassador (retired) Mark Brzezinski
          Open Mic for Delegates – Comments, Questions & Answers

2:30      Welcome and Introduction of Guests from the Canadian Territory of Nunavut
          Welcome Cultural Performance – Atautchimukta

2:50      Alaska’s Military Leadership Panel
          Alaska’s most senior military service commanders will summarize current organizational status
          and outline activities proposed or likely to occur in the coming two years. In their presentation,
          the panelists will weave in any roles they may have in emergency preparedness or response, the
          theme of this year’s convention.
          Panelists:
          Lieutenant General Kenneth Wilsbach, Commander: Alaskan Command, 11th Air Force
          and Alaskan NORAD Region
          Major General Laurel Hummel, The Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard
          Rear Admiral Michael McAllister, Commander U.S. Coast Guard District 17
          Colonel Scott Green, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Alaska
          Colonel Michael Brooks, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District

3:50      Special Guest: Tanguy Libbrecht, Red Cross, CEO

4:00      Special Guest: Aurora Lehr, FEMA

4:15      Soldiers Heart Project – Southcentral Foundation

4:30      Recess for the Day

7:00 PM   Quyana Alaska II Performances (Dena’ina Center)
**Saturday, October 21, 2017 morning session**

8:30 AM  Cultural Performance – Aangun Yat’i

9:00  Call to Order
   Safety Moment
   Invocation: Nick Jackson

   Announcements
   Introduction of Parliamentarian – Ed Thomas

9:05  Native Employment in Section 29 Update
   Admiral (Ret.) Tom Barrett, President, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

9:10  U.S. Representative Don Young

9:30  AFN Co-Chair Election

9:45  Follow up Report on 2016 Convention Resolutions
   Ben Mallott, Vice President, AFN

10:00  2017 Convention Resolutions Debate and Voting
   Greg Razo, Chair
   Accompanied by AFN Resolutions Committee

12:30 PM  Recess for Lunch
Saturday, October 21, 2017 afternoon session

1:30 PM  Call to Order
          Announcements

1:35      Announcement of Election Results for the
          2017-2018 AFN Village Board Members

1:45      Lisa Blumerman, Associate Director, U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Census

2:00      U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

2:20      Special Guest Speaker: Marty Durbin, Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy
          Officer, American Petroleum Institute

2:30      Leadership Perspectives
          Sound leadership is a key factor in improving the lives of our people. In this section, inspiring
          community leaders from across the state will share success stories about taking local action
          toward the many challenges and opportunities we face.
          Moderator: Liz Medicine Crow, First Alaskans Institute
          Panelists:
          Gail Alstrom-Beans, St Mary’s
          AlexAnna Salmon, Igiugig Village Council
          John Christensen, Jr., Native Village of Port Heiden

3:00      Special Convention Event: Indigedance Finalists Performances, Judging and
          Awards

3:30      Closing Remarks
          Jackie Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

3:40      Benediction

3:45      Adjournment of the 51st AFN Convention

6:30 PM  Banquet Doors Open