

# AGENDA

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## Thursday, October 19, 2017 | Morning Session

**8:00 am**      **Cultural Performance**  
Anchorage Northern Lights Dancers

**8:30 am**      **Call to Order**  
Ana Hoffman, AFN Co-Chair  
Will Mayo, AFN Co-Chair

**Safety Moment**

**Invocation**  
Shirley Lee

**Announcements**

**Introduction of Parliamentarian**  
Richard Peterson

**Introduction of Sergeant At Arms**  
VPSO 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Gust Tunguing, Jr.

**Recognition of Major Sponsors**

**8:40 am**      **Posting of Colors Honor Guard**

**Entrance March of Alaska Native Veterans and Service Members**

**National Anthem**  
Allison McCarty

**Pledge and Alaska Flag Song**  
Agut Group from Wendler Middle School

**8:55 am**      **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 am**     **Welcome Remarks**  
Honorable Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of Anchorage  
Honorable Jim Matherly, Mayor of Fairbanks

**9:15 am**     **Special Guest Speaker**  
Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Department of the Interior  
*(via live video feed)*

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

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

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

**11:00 am**     **State of Alaska Office of Children's Services Update**

**11:20 am**     **Preliminary Credentials Report**  
Credentials Committee Chair

**11:30 am**     **Recess for Lunch**

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## Thursday, October 19, 2017 | Afternoon Session

**1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**

**Announcements**

**1:05 pm**      **2017-2019 AFN Co-Chair Nominations**

*Delegates nominate one Co-Chair to a two-year term*

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

**1:30 pm**      **Special Guest Speaker**

**Don Benton**, Director, Selective Service

**INTRODUCTION BY**

**Alaska Native Veterans Association**

**1:45 pm**      **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 pm**     **Alaska Legal Services Corporation Recognition Ceremony**

**3:00 pm**     **The Opioid Epidemic in Our Communities**

*This panel will focus on solution-based Alaska community efforts and discuss how individuals and communities can support those efforts to address the opioid epidemic that is drastically impacting our communities. The panel will consider community partnerships that are addressing this challenging situation with innovative and traditional solutions. During the last half of the presentation audience participants will be invited to join the conversation in a question and answer session.*

**MODERATOR**

**Commissioner Valerie Davidson**, Alaska Dept. of Health and Social Services

**PANELISTS**

**Dr. Jay Butler**, State of Alaska

**Andy Jones**, State of Alaska

**Rebeca Ling**, Cook Inlet Tribal Council

**Carol Wren**, Bristol Bay Native Corporation

**Lakota Holman**, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

**Karl Soderstrom**, Fiend2Clean

**Perry Ahsogeak**, Fairbanks Native Association

**Kim Zello**, Eklutna, Inc.

**Dr. Sarah Spencer**, Ninilchik Clinic

**Open Mic for Delegates – Comments, Questions & Answers**

**5:00 pm**     **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 am**      **Call to Order**
- Safety Moment**
- Invocation**  
Nelson Angapak, Sr.
- Announcements**
- Introduction of Parliamentarian**  
Richard Peterson
- 9:05 am**      **Candidate Speeches for AFN Co-Chair**
- 9:15 am**      **AFN President's Report**  
Julie Kitka
- 9:35 am**      **Alaska State Legislature Bush Caucus Report**  
Representative Neal Foster, Bush Caucus Chair  
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House
- 9:50 am**      **AFN Tribal Leaders Conference Report**  
Ana Hoffman, AFN Co-Chair  
Will Mayo, AFN Co-Chair
- 10:05 am**     **Governor's Tribal Advisory Council**  
Richard Peterson, Chair  
Accompanied by Members of the Council

- 10:25 am**    **Alaska Native Village Corporation Association**  
Hallie Bissett, Executive Director
- 10:35 am**    **Special Guest Speaker**  
Kim Tee Hee, President, Native American Contractors Association
- 10:45 am**    **Elders & Youth Conference Report – First Alaskans Institute**
- 10:55 am**    **Annie Donovan, Director, Dept. of the Treasury, CDFI Fund**
- 11:05 am**    **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Honors Elders – Conservation Heroes**  
Trimble Gilbert, Gwich'in  
Judge Roy Madsen, Alutiiq  
James Charles, Yup'ik
- 11:10 am**    **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  
Parent of the Year  
Public Service  
Dr. Walter Soboleff "Warriors of Light"
- 12:00 pm**    **Recess for Lunch**

**Friday, October 20, 2017 | Afternoon Session**

**1:00 pm**      **Call to Order**

**Announcements**

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

**1:30 pm**      **Perspectives on Climate Change: A Conversation**  
Mark Trahant, Trahant Reports  
Jeff Goodell, Rolling Stone  
Ambassador (retired) Mark Brzezinski

**Open Mic for Delegates – Comments, Questions & Answers**

**2:30 pm**      **Federal/State Litigation Report**

**2:45 pm**      **Welcome and Introduction of Guests from the Canadian Territory of Nunavut**

**Welcome Cultural Performance – Atautchimukta**



**3:00 pm 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, 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**4:00 pm Special Guest**

**Tanguy Libbrecht**, CEO, American Red Cross Alaska

**4:10 pm Special Guest**

**Aurora Lehr**, Federal Emergency Management Agency

**4:20 pm Soldiers Heart Project – Southcentral Foundation**

**4:30 pm 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 Yatx'i
- 9:00 am**      **Call to Order**
- Safety Moment**
- Invocation**  
Nick Jackson
- Announcements**
- Introduction of Parliamentarian**  
Ed Thomas
- 9:05 am**      **Native Employment in Section 29 Update**  
Admiral (Ret.) Tom Barrett, President, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
- 9:10 am**      **U.S. Representative Don Young**
- 9:30 am**      **U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan**
- 9:50 am**      **AFN Co-Chair Election**
- 10:00 am**     **Follow up Report on 2016 Convention Resolutions**  
Ben Mallott, Vice President, AFN
- 10:15 am**     **2017 Convention Resolutions Debate and Voting**  
Greg Razo, Chair  
Accompanied by AFN Resolutions Committee
- 12:30 pm**     **Recess for Lunch**

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## Saturday, October 21, 2017 | Afternoon Session

- 1:30 pm**     **Call to Order**  
**Announcements**
- 1:35 pm**     **Announcement of Election Results for the 2017-2018 AFN Village Board Members**
- 1:45 pm**     **Special Guest Speaker**  
**Tim Olson**, Associate Director for Field Operations, U.S. Census Bureau  
2020 Census
- 2:00 pm**     **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**
- 2:20 pm**     **Special Guest Speaker**  
**Marty Durbin**, Executive Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer, American Petroleum Institute
- 2:30 pm**     **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

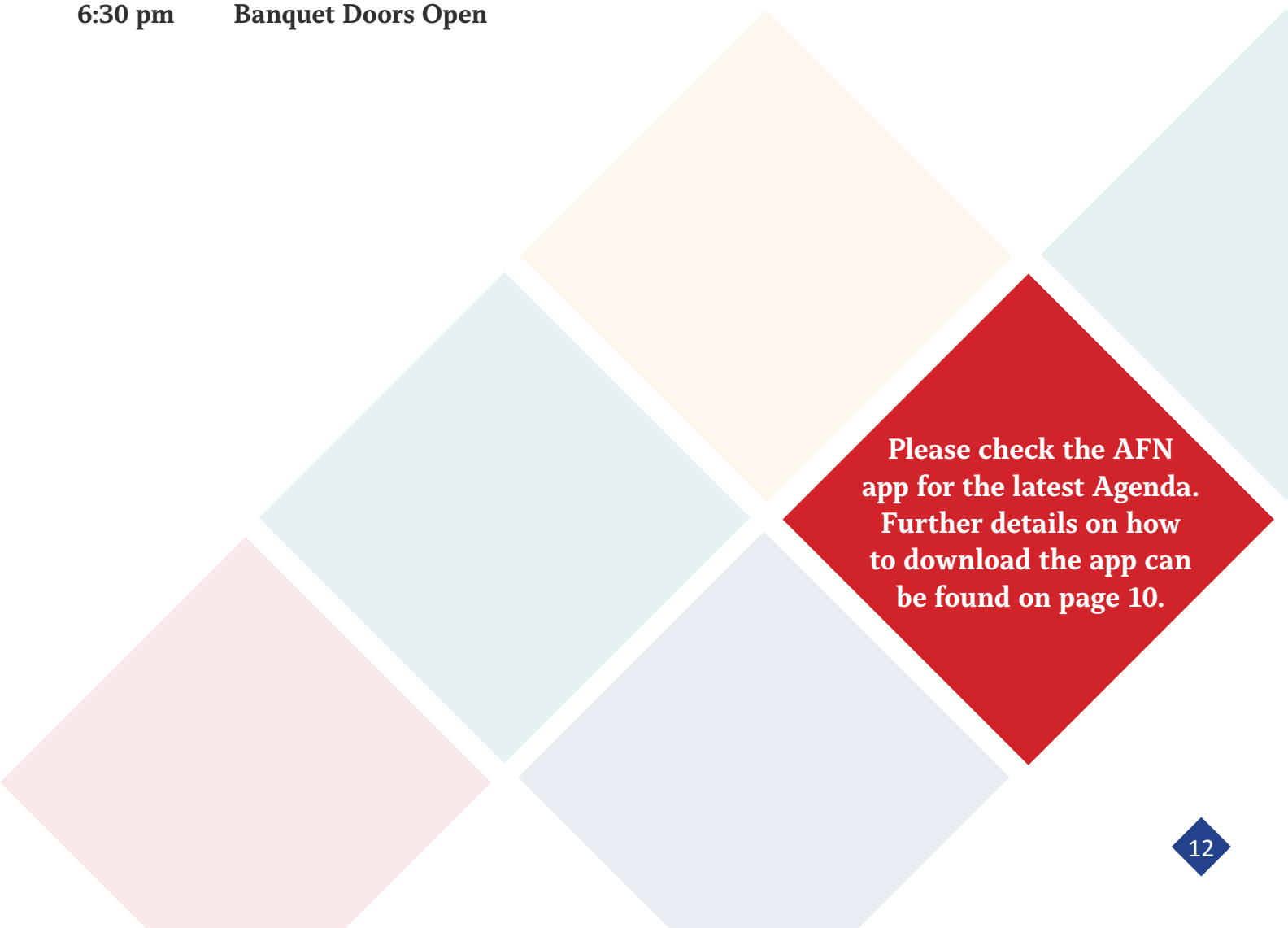
**3:00 pm**      **Special Convention Event**  
Indigedance Finalists Performances, Judging and Awards

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

**3:40 pm**      **Benediction**

**3:45 pm**      **Adjournment of the 51<sup>st</sup> AFN Convention**

**6:30 pm**      **Banquet Doors Open**



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# QUYANA ALASKA

## EVENING CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

Quyana Alaska was first introduced during the 1982 Convention in hopes of restoring our traditional dances and ensuring that they would be passed onto future generations. Since then, over 200 other dance groups have performed and this tradition has continued for 35 years.

Quyana Alaska is a highlight of every convention and everyone looks forward to the sounds of beating drums, chanting voices, pounding feet and gleefully watching as the younger generations show what they have learned on stage.

The passion and commitment to our cultures is inspiring and reaching so many both within the State of Alaska and beyond. Thank you for being a vital part of our gathering, we greatly appreciate your dancing.



**Thursday, October 19**

7:00 – 11:00 pm | Dena'ina Center

### Co-Emcees

**Piiyuuk Olivia Shields**, Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics  
**Nick "Eskimo Ninja" Hanson**

### Performers

Minto Dancers  
Atautchimukta  
Nuiqsut Dance Group  
Anchorage Tlingit and  
Haida Dancers

Anchorage Northern Lights  
Dancers  
King Island Singers and  
Dancers of Anchorage  
Barrow Dancers



**Friday, October 20**

7:00 – 11:00 pm | Dena'ina Center

### Co-Emcees

**Caroline Wiseman**, Miss Haskell, Kansas  
**Mattox Metcalf**

### Performers

Lepquinm Gumilgit  
Gagoadim Ts'imsyen Dancers  
Taprarmiut Yurartet  
Di'haii Gwich'in Dancers

Aangun Yatx'i  
Anchorage Unangax Dancers  
Acilquq Dance Group  
Tikigaq Traditional Dancers

Tickets sales will be day-of at the Dena'ina Center Ticket Box Office, first-come first-served. Tickets are \$10 per ticket. Half of the tickets for Quyana II will be available on Thursday. The remainder for Quyana II are sold day-of on Friday.

# BANQUET

## DENA'INA CENTER

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Seating Opens at 6:30 pm

## CO-EMCEES

### **Andrea Akall'eq Sanders**

Andrea Akall'eq Sanders, Yup'ik, was born and raised in Bethel, Alaska. Her maternal grandparents are Katie Cleveland and the late Ham Cleveland Sr. both originally from the Southwest village of Eek, later raising their family in Quinhagak along the Qanirtuuq River. Her parents are Stella Cleveland and Brian Sanders.

Andrea currently serves as Director of the Alaska Native Policy Center at First Alaskans Institute. Andrea also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian Art and Native Peoples Action. She graduated from Georgetown University focusing on government and political science. Andrea is a mother, a social justice advocate and works everyday to advance our traditional ways of life and Indigenous ways or knowing.

### **Mary Sattler Peltola**

Mary Sattler Peltola is the Interim Executive Director of the Kuskokwim River Fish Commission. She is from Bethel and is the mother of four and step-mother of three. Mary served in the Alaska State Legislature for ten years, worked for the Donlin Gold project for six years and lobbied in the State Legislature for three years. She and her husband, Gene Peltola, Jr., enjoy traveling and outdoor activities.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### **When Maori Haka Meets Alaska Native Dance**

The Southcentral Foundation's Indigedance Challenge is a Haka performance competition between New Zealand Maori and Alaska Native dance groups that integrates culture, history, traditions and regalia. The Haka is a Maori war cry, dance or challenge traditionally on a battlefield; today the Haka is used during ceremonies and celebrations to honor guests and demonstrate the importance of the occasion. The winner of the Indigedance Challenge performs at the AFN Banquet.

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### **\$100 GENERAL ADMISSION**

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