

## Thursday, October 18, 2018 | Morning Session

Tikahtnu Ballroom

**8:00 am**     **Cultural Performance**  
Nelson Island School Dancers (Toksook Bay)

**8:30 am**     **Call to Order**  
Ana Hoffman, Co-chair, Alaska Federation of Natives  
Will Mayo, Co-chair, Alaska Federation of Natives

### **Safety Moment**

**Invocation**  
Shirley Lee

### **Announcements**

### **Introduction of Parliamentarian**

**Introduction of Sergeant at Arms**  
Jody Juneby Potts, Tanana Chiefs Conference

### **Recognition of Major Sponsors**

### **Posting of Colors**

### **Honor Guard**

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

**National Anthem**  
Alyson McCarty

### **Welcome from the Dena'ina Community**

Aaron Leggett, First Chief/President & Chair of Native Village of Eklutna  
Curtis McQueen, CEO, Eklutna, Inc.

Mike Curry, Chairman & President, Eklutna, Inc.

Members of the Native Village of Eklutna Tribal Council & Eklutna, Inc.

**Welcome Remarks**

Honorable Ethan Berkowitz, Mayor of Anchorage

Honorable Jim Matherly, Mayor of Fairbanks

**9:00 am AFN President's Report**

Julie Kitka

**9:20 am Keynote Address**

Honorable Valerie Nurr'araaluk Davidson, Lt. Governor, State of Alaska

**9:45 am Honorable Bill Walker, Governor, State of Alaska**

**10:05 am Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington D.C. (via video)**

**10:10 am Honorable Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior**

**10:30 am Honorable Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of the Interior**

**10:50 am AFN/NCAI Tribal Leadership Conference Report**

Nicole Borrromeo, Executive Vice President & General Counsel,  
Alaska Federation of Natives

Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of  
American Indians

**11:05 am Alaska Native Justice Center**



**11:20 am Elders and Youth Conference Report**

First Alaskans Institute

Elder and Youth Representatives

**11:30 am Presentation of the AFN Citizen of the Year**

**The highest award given to a Native individual who has demonstrated strong commitment, dedication, and service to the Alaska Native community and to rural Alaska.**

Carl Marrs, President & CEO, Old Harbor Native Corporation

**Presentation of the AFN Denali Award**

**The highest award given to a non-Native person for exemplary work that has improved the lives of Alaska Native people and who has demonstrated strong commitment and dedication to the Native community and to rural Alaska.**

Jim Lynn Dillard, Artist & Educator

**12:00 pm Recess for Lunch**



## Thursday, October 18, 2018 | Afternoon Session

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**1:00 pm**     **Call to Order**

**Announcements**

**1:05 pm**     **Nominations for AFN Co-chair**

### **SECTION: How Are We Making a Difference in State Engagement?**

Alaska Natives are making positive contributions to the State of Alaska, whether serving in the Alaska State Legislature or on a State of Alaska Board or Commission. The speakers in this section will highlight some of the challenges and successes to this important service.

**1:10 pm**     **Alaska State Legislature Bush Caucus Report**

Representative Neal Foster, Chair, Bush Caucus, Alaska State Legislature

Representative Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House, Alaska State Legislature

**Acknowledgment of Bush Caucus Members**

**1:20 pm**     **Governor's Tribal Advisory Council: Why it Matters that the Governor Set Up a High-Level Advisory Council. What Difference Has It Made? How Can State-Tribal Relationship Continue to Improve? How Can We Be Better Partners?**

Melissa Borton, Chair, Governor's Tribal Advisory Council

**Acknowledgment of Members**

**1:35 pm**     **State Engagement Panel: How Are We Contributing Today?**

Loretta Bullard, Alaska Judicial Council

Stosh Hoffman, Board of Game

Cordelia Qigñaq Kellie, State Council on the Arts



**2:05 pm**      **Special Cultural Performance: Inuit Throat Singers**  
Silla

## **SECTION: Perspectives on Innovation**

This section urges us to consider how innovative thinking leads to positive change in every facet of our lives, from technology to subsistence practice, from education to public policy.

**2:15 pm**      **How is Innovation Useful in Leadership Strategies?**

Chris Liu, Yuarcuun Translation App

Michael Bourdukofsky, COO, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program,  
University of Alaska Anchorage

Tiffany Tutiakoff, President & CEO, Northwest Strategies

Lenora “Lolly” Carpluk, Native Educator

## **SECTION: Challenges Facing the Northernmost Border: Critical Partnerships and Investment Decisions for National Security, Energy, Transportation and Communities**

In April of 2018, AFN, together with the Alaska Congressional Delegation and the Alaskan Command, hosted a discussion with U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and White House Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney on the need to address the growing challenges in the Arctic. Panelists will discuss the need for new investment in critical infrastructure, expanded partnerships, and the challenges that could benefit from new and innovative thinking.

**3:15 pm**      **Critical Partnerships and Investment Decisions**

### **MODERATOR**

Gail Schubert, President & CEO, Bering Straits Native Corporation

### **PANELISTS**

Wayne Westlake, President & CEO, NANA Regional Corporation

Jason Metrokin, President & CEO, Bristol Bay Native Corporation

Crawford Patkotak, Chairman & Executive Vice President of Stakeholder  
Engagement, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

Aaron Schutt, President & CEO, Doyon, Limited



**4:15 pm      What Are the Challenges and Emerging Concerns in Alaska and in the North?**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

**General Terrence J. O’Shaughnessy**, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command

*USNORTHCOM partners to conduct homeland defense, civil support and security cooperation to defend and secure the United States and its interests. NORAD conducts aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning in the defense of North America.*

**4:35 pm      AFN Response: What Does a Partnership with the Department of Defense and the Alaska Native Community look like? How to strengthen and align interests?**

**Julie Kitka**, President, Alaska Federation of Natives

**5:00 pm      Recess for the Day**

**7:00 pm      Quyana Alaska 1**  
Dena’ina Center

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**8:30 am Cultural Performance**

Kingikmiut Dancers and Singers of Anchorage (Wales/Anchorage)

**9:00 am Call to Order**

**Safety Moment**

**Invocation**

Shirley Lee

**Announcements**

**Introduction of Parliamentarian**

**9:05 am Candidate Speeches from Nominees for AFN Co-chair**

**9:15 am Status Report on U.S. Department of the Interior Native Utilization Agreement**

Admiral (Ret.) Tom Barrett, President, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

*The settlement of Alaska Native land claims cleared title to allow the construction of the Transalaska Pipeline and development of the largest oil discovery in North America – Prudhoe Bay. The Alaska Native Utilization Agreement requires 20% Native Hire on the Pipeline and provides a significant source of income for Alaska Natives. How is it working today? What innovative new ideas are surfacing which need to be explored?*

**9:30 am Special Guest Speaker**

Jacqueline Bisille, Policy Advisor, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

## **SECTION: Alaska Natives' Special Relationship with the Land, Fish and Waters: Protecting and Advancing Traditional Subsistence Hunting and Fishing Laws**

Panelists will provide a legal overview of our subsistence rights, challenges to these rights, and how we are responding. They will discuss the *Sturgeon v. Frost* case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Opportunities for innovative and new thinking on protecting our way of life will also be discussed. Our collective opinion remains: no net loss of legal rights. But is there an opportunity to explore new solutions?

### **9:40 am Panel**

#### **MODERATOR**

**Nicole Borromeo**, Executive Vice President & General Counsel,  
Alaska Federation of Natives

#### **PANELISTS**

**Heather Kendall-Miller**, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

**Tom Tilden**, First Chief, Curyung Tribal Council

**John “Sky” Starkey**, Attorney, Landye Bennett Blumstein, LLP

**April Ferguson**, Chair, AFN Legislative & Litigation Committee

**Natasha Singh**, General Counsel, Tanana Chiefs Conference

### **10:40 am Co-Designing Future Realities Through Emerging Technologies and Traditional Values**

**Gloria O’Neill**, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council

Alaska Native people have been innovating for 10,000 years. Now, in a rapidly changing world with emerging technologies, we have a responsibility to our young people and our community to ensure we have the tools, resources, and voice to carry our people forward into the Age of Digitalization.

As the first people of Alaska, members of the Native community have the history, adaptability, and resilience to embrace technology and integrate with traditional values. Together, we can create and lead a movement for a collectively designed future through modern tools and indigenous knowledge to further our commitment of self-determination and sustainable, interdependent communities for generations to come.





**11:00 am**    **Honorable Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**11:10 am**    **Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative**

**11:30 am**    **Alaska State Defense Force: Serving Alaska and Helping Alaskans**

**11:50 am**    **Update on the National Native American Veterans Memorial**  
Colonel Wayne Don, Board Member, National Native Veterans Memorial  
Elaine Webster, Assistant Director for Advancement, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian

**12:00 pm**    **Recess for Lunch**

**Special Lunch Hour Presentation**

*Using social media to promote Native culture and values.*

**Anna's Alaska Native Food Demonstration**



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**1:00 pm**     **Call to Order**

**Announcements**

### SECTION: What Can We Do with our Collective Voices?

**1:05 pm**     **Special Guest Speaker**

Dr. Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, U.S. Census 2020

**1:20 pm**     **Why is the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend in Our Political Debate?**

Honorable Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House, Alaska State Legislature

**1:40 pm**     **Get Out The Native Vote**

Sophie Minich, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Region Inc.

Tom Panamaroff, Regional & Legislative Affairs Executive, Koniag,  
Accompanied by AFN Elections Committee

Senator Georgianna Lincoln, Board Member, Doyon, Limited

**2:00 pm**     **Special Guest Speaker - How Critical Decisions Today Affect Our World Tomorrow**

Mark Trahant (Shoshone-Bannock), Editor, Indian Country Today



**2:20 pm 2018 General Election Candidates' Forum**

**MODERATOR**

**Ana Hoffman**, Co-chair, Alaska Federation of Natives

**PANELISTS**

**Hallie Bissett**, Executive Director, Alaska Native Village Corporation Association

**Emil Notti**, Distinguished Native Leader

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

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**Alyse Galvin**

**Don Young**

**GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**Mark Begich**

**Mike Dunleavy**

**Bill Walker**

**5:00 pm Recess for the Day**

**7:00 pm Quyana Alaska 2**

Dena'ina Center



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**8:30 am**      **Cultural Performance**  
Ciuliamta Traditional Dancers and Drummers (Anchorage)

**9:00 am**      **Call to Order Safety Moment**

**Invocation**

Shirley Lee

**Announcements**

**Introduction of Parliamentarian**

### SECTION: Report From Our Federal Representatives

**9:05 am**      **U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**

**9:25 am**      **Honorable Robert Wilkie, Secretary, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

**9:40 am**      **U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan**

**10:00 am**      **Follow up Report on 2017 Convention Resolutions**

Jeff Silverman, Director of Communications, Alaska Federation of Natives

**10:05 am**      **2018 Convention Resolutions Debate and Voting**

Gail Schubert, Chair

Accompanied by AFN Resolutions Committee

**12:30 pm**      **Recess for lunch**

## Saturday, October 20, 2018 | Afternoon Session

Tikahtnu Ballroom

**1:00 pm**     **Call to Order**

**Announcements**

**1:05 pm**     **Announcement of Election Results for the 2018-2019 AFN Village Board Members**

### **SECTION: What are the Challenges and Emerging Concerns in Alaska and the North**

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; ways to expand and strengthen relationships; and improve understandings of both requirements and opportunities. Each speaker will share their perspectives on innovation and how and where new innovative action is necessary.

**1:10 pm**     **Panel**

#### **PANELISTS**

**Lt. General Thomas Bussiere**, Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command Region; Commander, Alaskan Command, US Northern Command; Commander Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska

**Rear Admiral Matthew Bell**, U.S. Coast Guard, District 17

**Colonel Clint Baker**, U.S. Army Alaska

**Lieutenant Colonel Penny M. Bloedel**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District

**Rear Admiral Scott Gray**, Commander, U.S. Navy, Region Northwest

**Major General Laurie Hummel, Ph.D.**, The Adjutant General-Alaska National Guard

**3:00 pm**      **AFN President's Awards Ceremony**  
AFN Convention Committee Members  
Sheri Buretta, Chair

**2018 AWARDS**

Health

Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education

Hannah Paul Solomon "Woman of Courage"

Katie John Hunter-Fisher

Roger Lang Youth Leadership

Small Business

Gin'tith (Richard Frank) Military Service

Glenn Godfrey Law Enforcement

**4:00 pm**      **Final Cultural Performance**  
Naapaqtugmiut Dancers (Noatak)

**4:30 pm**      **Adjournment of the 52<sup>nd</sup> AFN Convention**

**6:30 pm**      **Banquet Doors Open**  
Dena'ina Center