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2025 Symposium



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Shaping Tomorrow: Unified Vision, Strategic Action

Enhancing Economic Collaboration Between Alaska Tribes and Village Corporations

Day One - Tuesday, April 22, 2025

- **Morning Session**

Grand Pacific Ball Room

8:30 AM **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 AM **Opening Prayer**

Land Acknowledgement - Native Village of Eklutna

9:10 AM **Entertainment** - Pamyua

9:20 AM **Welcome** - Teresa Jacobsson, Chair, ATAA | Curtis McQueen, Executive Director, ANVCA

9:45 AM **Alaska Federation of Natives: 2025 and Beyond**

Benjamin Mallott, President

10:00 AM **Alaska Gasline Development Corporation**

Frank Richards, President

10:30 AM **Committed to Alaska: ConocoPhillips Alaska's 50-plus-year History in the State**

Erec Isacsson, President

11:00 AM **Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation**

Jason Brune, Chair; Deven Mitchell, CEO

11:30 AM **Senator Lisa Murkowski**

12:00 PM **Lunch** - Provided

12:30 PM **State of Alaska Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom**

1:00 PM **Alaska Congressional Delegation: Chiefs of Staff - The New Administration**

Larry Burton, Senator Dan Sullivan; Michael Horanburg, Congressman Nick Begich; Garrett Boyle, Senator Lisa Murkowski



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Track One: Corporations

Track Two: Tribes

1:30 PM **Empowering Tribal Administrators & Staff: HR Strategies for Recruitment, Support, and Retention**

Teresa Jacobsson, Founder - ATAA

QuickBooks for Alaska Tribes: Know the Basic and Q&A (Double Session - 1)

Karen Hartke, VP of Finance, Alchemy Tribal Services; Tribal Representatives

Insurance, Employee Benefits, & Capital Optimization Resources for ANCs

Ross Goble, Account Executive, Chris Loudon, Account Executive - IMA Corporation (formerly Parker, Smith and Feek); Brandy Niclai, CIO - Alaska Permanent Capital Management; Bruce Edwards, Principal - Sorenson & Edwards; Nick Whitmore, Tax Managing Director - KPMG

2:30 PM **Supporting Tribal Council Engagement, Communication and Fiduciary Knowledge**

Teresa Jacobsson, Founder - ATAA; Christopher Slottee, Shareholder, Connie Sue Martin, Shareholder, Andrea Montag, of Counsel - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.

QuickBooks for Alaska Tribes: Know the Basic and Q&A (Double Session - 2)

Karen Hartke, VP of Finance, Alchemy Tribal Services; Tribal Representatives

Total Rewards "Unplugged" Wired for Today's Workforce - Alera Group

Christine Brown, Executive HR Services Partner; Jessica Wobick, VP, National HR Consulting Operations; Stephanie Rossland, Senior Consultant, Employee Benefits

3:30 PM Break

3:45 PM **Ensuring Safe Drinking Water: Standards, Challenges, and Action in Rural Alaska**

Phillip Toney, Natural Resources Manager - Native Village of Nuiqsut; Brian Berube, Senior Program Manager - ANTHC; Mary Curry, Owner - Alaska Water Labs

Tribal Accounting: Fund vs. Non-Profit Standards & Safeguarding Assets from Misuse and Conflicts of Interest

Karen Hartke, VP of Finance, Alchemy Tribal Services; Christopher Slottee, Shareholder, Andrea Montag, of Counsel - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.

From Emerging to Established: Turning Setbacks into Success

Curtis McQueen, Executive Director - ANVCA; Susan Taylor, CEO - St. Mary's Native Corporation; Jana Turvey, CEO - Leisnoi, Inc.

5:00 PM ANVCA Reception Hosted by Chenega Corporation and Goldbelt, Inc.



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- **Morning Session**

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8:30 AM **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 AM **Morning Announcements and Updates** - Teresa Jacobsson

9:05 AM **First Alaskans Institute Updates on Collaboration and Commitment**
Sedaadze' Renee Linton, Policy Center Director

9:15 AM **Tribal Administrator of the Year Award** - ATAA Board of Directors

9:25 AM **Future of Revenue Sharing: 7(j), 7(i): Insights from NANA, Calista, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, The Kuskokwim Corporation and Donlin Gold**
Lance Miller, VP of Natural Resources - NANA; Walter Tutiq Featherly, Gen. Counsel - Calista; Andrea Gusty, CEO - The Kuskokwim Corporation; Ethan Schutt, Executive VP and Gen. Counsel - BBNC; Samantha Angaiak-Miller, Ext. Affairs Assoc. Mgr. - Donlin Gold

10:25 AM **Updates from EPA Region 10**
Emma Pokon, Regional Administrator - *Invited*

10:45 AM **The Constitutional Basis for ANC and Tribal Participation in Government Contracting**
Christopher Slottee, Shareholder, Connie Sue Martin, Shareholder, Andrea Montag, of Counsel - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.

11:30 AM **GCI: Partnering for Broadband Equity in Rural Alaska**
Jenifer Nelson, Sr. Director of Rural Affairs; Billy Wailand, Sr. VP of Corporate Development
Alaska Native Corporation and Tribal Representatives

12:15 PM **Lunch** - Provided

12:30 PM **Video Message: Senator Dan Sullivan**



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Day Two - Wednesday, April 23, 2025

• Afternoon Session

Track One: **Corporations**

Track Two: **Tribes**

1:00 PM **Tribal Data: IT Best Practices and Requirements for Email, Access and Cybersecurity**

Ben Cutriss, COO - Alaska Native Chamber; Christopher Slottee, Shareholder, Connie Sue Martin, Shareholder, Andrea Montag, of Counsel - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.; Jason Williams, Director of IT and Cybersecurity - Chugachmiut

Ballot Measure 1: Minimum Wage, Sick Leave and Stipends

Kenneth Fahle, Investigator 3; State of AK Wage and Hour Division; Molly Gunther, Associate - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.

Funding for Environmental Restoration & Resiliency in Alaska Native Communities

Natalie A. Cale, CEO | General Counsel - Ounalashka Corporation; Connie Downing, CAO - Tyonek Native Corporation; Chris Gdak, Brownfields & Community Revitalization Practice Leader - Montrose Environmental Services, Inc.; Randy Mandel, Biodiversity & Nature Restoration - CTEH

2:00 PM **AI In Rural Alaska: Opportunities and Challenges**

Carlos Machuca, AI Resource Program Director - Alaska Small Business Development Center

FNBA: Building Strong Financial Partnerships: Banking, Funding, and Credit for Tribes

Elaine Kroll, Executive Vice-President; Ryan Strong, Sr. Executive Officer; Morgan Neff, Sr. Vice-President; Sheila Lomboy, VP and Lending Unit Team Leader; Sean Brown, VP and Treasury Management Manager

ANCSA Contaminated Lands Working Group

Curtis McQueen, Executive Director - ANVCA; Lisa Griswold, Program Director, Contaminated Lands Support Program, ANTHC; Tami Fordham, Director, Kenneth Andraschko, Contaminated ANCSA Lands Program Mgr. - Alaska Operations Office | EPA; Shonda Oderkirk, ANCSA Lead - DEC

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM **Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Tribes and Cook Inlet Tribal Council: Alaska Business Enterprise Stories of Success**

Leslie Isaacs Ts'aang Gaa'y, Enterprise Business Sr. Director - CCTHTA; Gloria O'Neill, CEO - CITCI

Audits and Reporting: Best Practices for Tribes and Updates from the New Administration

Amanda Saunders, Partner - Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Monkman, LLP; David Clark, Managing Director, Nic Nunn-Faron, Director, State & Local Government Advisory Services - BDO

Networking and Exhibits



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Day Three - Thursday, April 24, 2025

- **Morning Session**

Grand Pacific Ball Room

8:30 AM **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 AM **Morning Announcements and Updates** - Curtis McQueen

9:05 AM **Tribal Justice and Reaffirmation of Tribal Authority in VAWA '22**
Alex Cleghorn, Chief Operating Officer - Alaska Native Justice Center

9:20 AM **Status and Future of the SBA 8(a) Program and Gov't Contracting: Insights from Chenega, NACA, ANCSA Regional Association and Schwabe Law**
Gregg Renkes, Senior Vice President Government Relations - Chenega Corporation;
Quinton Carroll, Executive Director - NACA; TJ Presley, VP of Gov't Affairs - ANCSA Regional Association; Christopher Slottee, Partner - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.

10:15 AM **SBA 8(a) Government Contracting and Administrative Updates**
Erica Rivera, Deputy District Director, SBA Alaska District; Apollo Fuhriman, Regional Administrator, Pacific NW Regional Office (video)

10:40 AM **Tribal Broadband Panel**
Ben Cutriss, COO - Alaska Native Chamber; Christine O'Conner, Executive Director - Alaska Telecom Association; Mark Carlson, Sr. Director of Business Affairs - ACS; Thomas Lochner, Director - Alaska Broadband Office, DCCED; Cheri McConnell, Tribal Affairs Director - Kawerak; Emmitt Fitch, President - Optimera; Alexander Schumann, General Manager - Microcom

11:45 AM **Alaska Native Village Corporation Association Updates**
Nathan McCowan, Chair

12:00 PM Lunch - Provided

12:30 PM **Video Message: Congressman Nick Begich**



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Day Three - Thursday, April 25, 2024

• Afternoon Session

Track One: **Corporations** Track Two: **Tribes**

1:00 PM **Federal Program Updates on HUD, BIA and EPA**

Griffin Hagle-Forster, Executive Director - Association of Alaska Housing Authorities;
Jolene John, Regional Director - Alaska BIA; Tami Fordham, Director - Alaska
Operations Office, EPA

Understanding and Implementing Descendant Enrollment

Dena Sommer-Pedebone, CEO - Gana-A'Yoo; Christopher Slottee, Shareholder, Andrea
Montag, of Counsel, Molly Gunther, Associate - Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C.

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2:00 PM **ATAA Business Meeting and Board Elections**
Rasmuson Sabbatical Program

ANVCA Business Meeting and Board Elections

4:00 PM **Closing Session and Grand Prize Drawings**

Grand Pacific Ball Room