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## Welcome!

Dear Convention Delegates,

It was 40 years ago this month, in October of 1966, when delegates to the annual convention of the Alaska Federation of Natives gathered to discuss the important issues of the time, to make plans affecting the lives of Alaska's first peoples, and to take collective action on behalf of all of us. In the ensuing four decades, the capacities of the individual Native organizations that make up AFN's membership have grown incredibly. Take a quick glance at the current Alaska Business Monthly magazine and you will see the long list of Native corporations—both regional and village corporations—that make up the top 49 Alaskan-owned businesses. This should be a source of pride for all of us. Our nonprofit regional associations regularly receive awards for excellence and recognition for their ingenious programs and cutting-edge innovations.

Alaska Natives, through just plain hard work and strong leadership, have done things unimagined by our parents and grandparents. The responsibility to use our resources wisely and fashion partnerships that allow us to be stronger as a Native people is ours. The upcoming year will be one of many changes. It will be a time of very unique opportunities, and some very familiar challenges. In order for the AFN board and staff to do its very best on your behalf in 2007, we are going to need your help. AFN, as an organization, only works well when individuals and organizations step up and grab firm hold of the reins. When we work together, we accomplish much more than when we are separated.

To encourage Native leadership from around the state to get more involved, we have set up a Commitments table in the lobby and will be distributing pledge sheets that we all can sign. The idea is to make a public commitment to be proactive and engaged in 2007. Please consider making a pledge and helping. The good news is, in this time of hectic political campaigning at the statewide and national levels, we're not just asking for money. We're asking for your time, your involvement and your best ideas. We can and will be stronger and more effective when we pool our collective energy and talents for the betterment of our people, just as so many leaders did 40 years ago at the first gathering of the Alaska Federation of Natives. When you stand up today, your willingness to help move us forward as a people will be remembered by those carrying on our work 40 years hence.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. On behalf of the board and staff, our sincerest wishes for a safe trip home following the convention.

Warm regards,

Julie Kitka, President

## Making Commitments, Shaping Our Future

The pages that follow are intended to offer you a glimpse of a few of this year's notable commitments. We have committed ourselves to the earnest pursuit of knowledge and economic progress and we have taken each of our projects as a concrete step toward this end. I sincerely hope that each of you will join us in our commitments and in our renewed efforts to nurture old relationships and build new ones to create a stronger, ever more unified Alaska.



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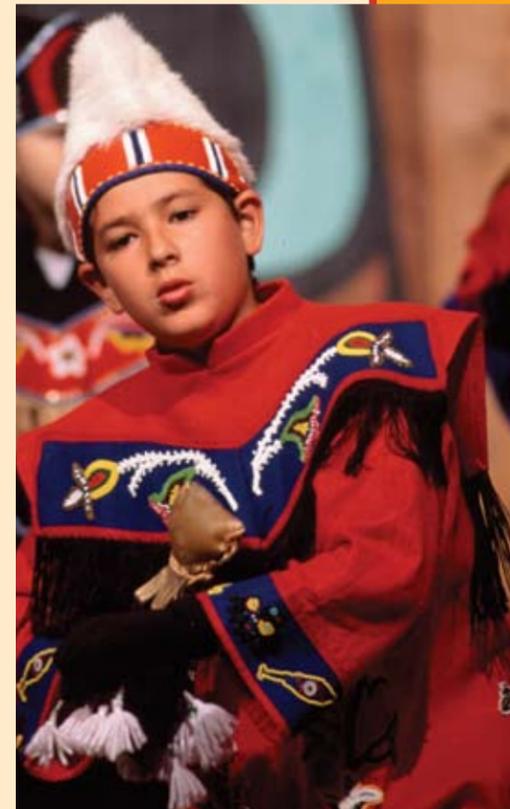
### Alaska Marketplace

The *Alaska Marketplace* launched at last year's AFN Convention with a goal of stimulating new economic opportunities in rural Alaska through a revolutionary "ideas competition." The inaugural year was an overwhelming success. Patterned after the highly successful *Development Marketplace*, initiated by the World Bank and implemented in over 20 countries, the *Alaska Marketplace* is the first statewide initiative in the U.S. that aims to combat rural poverty with a marketplace model. The first annual *Alaska Marketplace*, which solicited business ideas under the theme of "Culture and Development," was an exciting way to identify and fund the most innovative and promising ideas to spur economic development in rural Alaska.

The final round of competition was held on April 6 & 7 at the ConocoPhillips Alaska atrium in Anchorage. Of the original 170 applicants, 43 qualified to present their ideas to a distinguished 23-member panel of judges. The finalists' business ideas fell within the categories of Energy and Technology, Arts and Crafts, Environment and Land Use, Heritage, Tourism and General.

The first *Alaska Marketplace* award pool was funded entirely by private sector partners. In-kind technical assistance and mentoring was provided from a range of partners, most notably the Telecommunications Development Fund, Alaska Growth Capital and the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Because BP generously increased the 2006 award allocation from \$200,000 to \$500,000, all of the *Alaska Marketplace* finalists left the competition with seed money to launch their entrepreneurial ideas. The top finalists (a total of 22) took home awards ranging from \$8,000 to \$50,000, while the remaining honorable mentions each received \$1,000 awards. The *Alaska Marketplace* winners hailed from regions across Alaska, from the coast to the interior, including four from Southcentral, five from Western, five from the Arctic, five from the Interior, three from Southeast Alaska and one from the Aleutian Islands.

AFN is now preparing for the second *Alaska Marketplace*, and we have set a goal of raising \$2 million in awards. The next *Alaska Marketplace* launch event is scheduled to occur in April 2007 at the ConocoPhillips Alaska atrium. The competition finals and award distribution will be one year from now at the next AFN Convention. Be sure to check the website [www.alaskamarketplace.org](http://www.alaskamarketplace.org) for the exact dates and times.



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### Leadership Forum

This new series of Leadership Forums is AFN's bold attempt to invite and learn from the brightest minds worldwide and from our midst. The 2004 Leadership Forum focused on the *Knowledge Economy*, reinforcing the concept that human creativity and imagination are the most powerful resources to grow an economy over the long run.

The 2006 Forum, convened on July 6 & 7 2006, expanded on this theme, and was titled: **Fostering Innovation, Economic Growth & Shared Prosperity**. The theme was chosen because of our strong belief that we need to work to change the investment climate and create conditions that will allow our people and other Alaskans to enjoy the greater life opportunities that a strong, growing, vibrant economy can provide.

AFN and forum sponsors welcomed all leaders to this inclusive forum to discuss the most pressing issues, learn from one another, seek new ways to work together, question conventional approaches and create new solutions to chronic problems that keep Alaska from reaching its utmost potential. In order to create a vision of a robust economy and a healthy society, all constituencies must be at the table.

The forum took place over the course of two days. Each day took on a sub-theme; the first day centered on *Elements of an Inclusive Economy*. To lead us in this discussion, we were pleased to bring via live video conferencing **Hernando de Soto**, world-renowned Peruvian economist and author of the *Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else*. De Soto was chosen as one of the five leading Latin American innovators of the century by Time magazine in 1999, and is currently the director of Peru's Institute for Liberty and Democracy (ILD), located in Lima.

A strategic dialogue with a diverse set of Alaska leaders from different sectors of our economy followed his address.

Be sure to look for a copy of the *2006 Leadership Forum Highlights Report* to learn more about this year's forum.



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### The Alaska Native Center for Excellence

The *Alaska Native Center for Excellence* is a collaborative effort aimed at creating and implementing a comprehensive development framework that includes the latest thinking on shifts to a knowledge-based economy. The ultimate purpose of the *Center for Excellence* is to contribute to the development of indigenous peoples throughout the world, and to share business practices unique to indigenous peoples working within larger economies and systems.

The *Center* is dedicated to developing a stronger commitment to action—a commitment to proactive engagement rather than letting Native and indigenous people be trapped by events. AFN wants to discover and incorporate proven, high impact approaches that have brought about change and made a real difference elsewhere.



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### “Improving All Our Lives”—Bringing the Millennium Challenge Account to Southwest Alaska

In the past year, the *Center for Excellence* has undertaken a number of projects, including one that directly addresses several resolutions calling for local and regional strategies to bring economic growth and sustained job creation to Alaska’s rural communities. AFN, through the *Center for Excellence* and in partnership with the Bristol Bay Native Association and the Association of Village Council Presidents, and their 88 villages, is working on a project to improve the economic, educational, health and cultural conditions in Southwest Alaska over the next ten years.

This effort is modeled after the strengths of the federal Millennium Challenge Account (MCA)—the U.S. flagship international development assistance program that offers incentive-based reform for countries to provide their people with the basic tools for their own prosperity. As an economic engine, this model is ripe for use within the U.S. and appropriate for application to Southwest Alaska Natives. AFN believes this effort will provide our people with the basic tools they need to create their own prosperity. We feel that this effort, if successful, can serve as a national model for a domestic version of the MCA.



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### International Trade Mission to Manila, Philippines

Through the *Alaska Native Center for Excellence*, Alaska Natives offer an invaluable model of how indigenous peoples can benefit from mainstream growth and development without losing their traditional culture and beliefs. This past March, AFN President Julie Kitka led a business development mission of Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian leaders to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila. Bank officials agreed on the high degree of relevance the experience of Alaska Natives offers to its development efforts. AFN continues to consult global economic experts to guide our international outreach, including Hernando de Soto, a world-renowned Peruvian Economist, and Paul Applegarth, former CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. AFN’s emphasis is on fostering procurement advantages for Native-owned businesses at multilateral development banks and on creating a Pacific and Arctic Indigenous Trade Commission. Historically, Alaska Natives engaged in international trade in the arctic—the formation of a Pacific and Arctic Indigenous Trade Commission would reinvigorate this traditional role and open up economic opportunities within the U.S. and beyond.

AFN has established links with international agencies such as ADB and the World Bank. Both ADB and the World Bank participated in AFN’s Leadership Summit in Anchorage in June 2004, as well as in the follow-up seminar held in Washington, D.C. in September 2004. This year’s mission to ADB headquarters in Manila, Philippines was an important step in this evolving partnership.

**Through these focused and concrete efforts, the Alaska Federation of Natives hopes to contribute to economic and developmental progress in Alaska. We also strive to leverage Alaska Native contributions to benefit the whole of Alaska and beyond. Together, we can make a difference now and into the future. We invite you to make your own notable commitment. Join us and help make this year’s AFN Convention the beginning of a new era of action and progress for Alaska.**



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## Q U Y A N A A L A S K A II

7:00pm, Thursday, October 26  
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## Q U Y A N A A L A S K A III

7:00pm, Friday, October 27  
Egan Explorer's Hall



Elders (65+) \$10   Adults \$15   Youth (12 & Under) \$10

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2006

- 8:00 am**    **Cordova Ikumat Dancers**
- 8:30**        **Call to Order**  
**Albert Kookesh**, Co-Chair  
**Tim Towarak**, Co-Chair
- 8:35**        **Grand Opening Ceremony**  
**Posting of the Colors** Honor Guard, Alaska Army National Guard  
**Invocation & Blessing**  
**Dr. Walter Soboleff**, Retired Colonel, Alaska National Guard
- 8:55**        **Introduction of Parliamentarians Frank O. Williams**  
**Introduction of Sergeant At Arms John Peratrovich**, VPSO, Savoonga;  
**Wassilli Galila**, VPSO, Levelock; **John Pleasant**, VPSO, Tuntutuliak; and  
**William Olick**, VPSO, Chefornak
- 9:00**        **AFN Report Julie Kitka**, AFN President
- 9:20**        **Keynote Address Katherine Gottlieb**, President/CEO, Southcentral Foundation
- 9:40**        **The Honorable Mark Begich**, Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage
- 9:50**        **The Honorable Frank Murkowski**, Governor, State of Alaska
- 10:10**      **Urgent Issues & Innovative Solutions**

At any given point, a society is faced with an endless list of urgent issues that it must tackle in order to continue along a path of development that is healthy for the economy and its people. In this panel our distinguished guests will introduce the most urgent matters affecting Alaska as a whole. They will give reasons why these issues are particularly important for the Alaska Native community to focus attention on immediately. Moderated by Senator Albert Kookesh, each panelist will also suggest innovative solutions based on their years of experience and best thinking on eight specified issues. The delegates will then further address each issue in its corresponding work session over the course of the convention.

**Moderator Albert Kookesh**, AFN Co-Chair and Alaska State Senator

#### Panelists

**Mayor Edward Itta**, North Slope Borough  
**Representative Mary Kapsner**, Alaska State Legislature  
**Valerie Davidson**, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium  
**Lexi Staheli**, AFN/FAI Youth & Elders Conference  
**Willie Goodwin, Jr.**, AFN/FAI Youth & Elders Conference

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- 10:50** **Special Guest Speaker Carson Ross**, Chairman,  
Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 11:05** **Announcement of Notable Commitments: Recognition of Major Sponsors**  
**Wells Fargo**  
**Fred Meyer**  
**Doyon, Ltd.**
- 11:15** **The Honorable Ted Stevens**, United States Senate (via tape)
- 11:30** **Call for Nominations for Chairman/Co-Chairman**
- 11:35** **Preliminary Credentials Report**  
Chair of Committee
- 11:40** **Announcement** Recognition of Major Sponsors of the Alaska Marketplace
- 12:00 pm** **Recess for Lunch**
- 1:00-3:00** **Work Sessions–Concurrent** (see pages 14 & 15 for descriptions and locations)  
Healthy Communities  
Maintaining Our Traditional Way of Life  
The High Cost of Energy & Avenues Toward Affordable Energy  
Culture & Development in a Globalizing World
- 3:00-5:00** **Work Sessions–Concurrent** (see pages 16 & 17 for descriptions and locations)  
ANCSA Issues  
Climate Change  
Rural Justice & Law Enforcement
- 5:00** **Recess for the day**



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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2006

- 8:30 am** **Upallret Dancers–Bethel**
- 9:00** **Call to Order**  
**Albert Kookesh**, Co-Chair  
**Tim Towarak**, Co-Chair  
**Announcements**  
**Plenary Sessions Convenes**
- 9:05** **Special Guest Speaker Dr. Richard Mandsager**, Director,  
Division of Public Health, Alaska Department of Health & Social Services
- 9:20** **Presentation of President’s Awards**  
Culture Bearer, Della Keats “Healing Hands,” Lang Youth Leadership,  
Small Business, Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education, Hunter-Fisher,  
Public Service, Elder of the Year, Parents of the Year, and Health  
**Presentation of the Citizen of the Year Award**  
**Presentation of the Denali Award**
- 11:10** **Effective Action, Lasting Results**  
  
Five Native leaders discuss their respective organizations’ roles in addressing one or more of the eight issues introduced in the morning plenary. They will primarily concentrate on effective actions they have implemented in their Native organizations over the years that have yielded lasting results. Whether you work for non-profits, corporations, small businesses, foundations and/or other private or public efforts, the panelists will draw from experiences that are common across the spectrum. These leaders will also talk about how their leadership style affects the performance of their organizations as well as share how they measure performance, practice accountability, allocate resources strategically, and use other management techniques that ensure long-term impact and results.  
  
**Moderator Gloria O’Neill**, President/CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council  
**Panelists**  
**Representative Reggie Joule**, Alaska State Legislature  
**Orie Williams**, President/CEO, Doyon, Limited  
**Gene Peltola**, President/ CEO, Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation  
**Loretta Bullard**, President/CEO, Kawerak, Inc.
- 12:00 pm** **Recess for lunch Parka Parade/Native Dress Review**
- 1:00** **Lepquim Gumilgit Gagoadin Tsimshian Dancers**

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- 1:30** **Call to Order**  
**Tim Towarak**, Co-Chair
- 1:35** **Final Credentials Report**  
 Chair of Credentials Committee
- 1:40** **Special Guest Speaker The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne**, Secretary,  
 U.S. Department of Interior
- 2:00** **Natural Gas Pipeline Project**  
**Ken Konrad**, Senior Vice President, Alaska Gas, BP Exploration  
**Joe Marushack**, Vice President, ANS Gas Development, ConocoPhillips  
**Richard Owen**, Vice President, ExxonMobil Alaska Production, Inc.
- 3:00** **Gubernatorial Forum**  
**Candidates**  
**Tony Knowles**, Democratic Party  
**Sarah Palin**, Republican Party  
**Andrew Halcro**, Independent Party
- 4:30** **Mobilization of the Native Community**  
**Vicki Otte**, Get Out The Native Vote Project
- 5:00** **Recess for the day**



## ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006

- 8:30 AM** **Minto Dancers**
- 9:00** **Call to Order**  
**Announcements**  
**Tim Towarak**, Co-Chair
- 9:05** **Alaska Congressional Delegation**  
**U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski**  
**U.S. Congressman Don Young**
- 9:30** **Resolutions Committee Report**  
**Trefon Angasan**, Chairman  
**Committee Members Ron Moto, Roberta Quintavell, Gail Schubert, Bob Charles, Lisa Rieger, Linda Tyone, Larry Evanoff, Helen Bolen, Patrick Anderson, Gregory Razo, Mike Pederson, Tara Sweeney**  
**Debate and Action on Resolutions**
- 12:00 PM** **Recess for Lunch**
- 1:00** **Nondalton Shadow Dancers**
- 1:30** **Special Guest Speaker Lt. General Doug Fraser**, Commander, Alaska Command
- 1:50** **Introduction of 2006/2007 Village Board Members**
- 2:00** **Special Session: Native Communities of the Future**  
**Moderator Byron Mallott**, Senior Fellow, Alaska Native Policy Center  
**Panelists**  
**Willie Hensley**, Manager of Federal Government Relations, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company  
**Greta Goto**, Director, Alaska Native Policy Center  
**Fran Ulmer**, Director, Institute of Social & Economic Research  
**Marlene Johnson**, Chair, Hoonah Heritage Foundation
- 2:45** **Joining Forces: New Partnerships to Achieve Real Results**  
**Moderator Shauna Heglen**, Deputy Director, RurALCAP  
**Panelists**  
**Andrew Teuber**, President, Kodiak Area Native Association (pending)  
**Dewey Hoffman**, First Alaskans Institute  
**Sarah Sherry**, First Alaskans Institute  
**Ricardo Lopez**, Rasmuson Foundation
- 3:30** **Benediction**  
**Kuukpikmiut Dancers, Nuiqsuit**

## WORK SESSIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 • 1:00–3:00 PM • FOUR CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Work Session: Healthy Communities

Egan Convention Center, Explorers Hall (Arteaga)

What does a healthy community look like and how can we draw upon the strength of our shared values to face the challenges of modern-day social problems? The challenges facing our communities these days are many—from alcohol and substance abuse including the increased use of methamphetamines to the disengagement of our youth, and the isolation of families. Panelists representing various health-related organizations will be joining us with their perspectives on what makes a healthy community and how their organizational or individual contribution is meeting this challenge.

**Moderator Janie Leask**, President, First Alaskans Institute

#### Panelists

**Sarah Sherry**, AFN/FAI Elders & Youth Conference

**Stacy A. Bohlen**, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

**Sally Smith**, Chair, National Indian Health Board

**Jeff Jessee**, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Mental Health Trust

**Harold Napoleon**, Author, “The Way of the Human Being”

**Aurora Johnson**, President, Alaska Dental Hygiene Association

**Tim Gilbert**, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

**Will Mayo**, Past President, Tanana Chiefs Conference

### Work Session: Maintaining Our Traditional Way of Life

Egan Convention Center, Explorers Hall (La Perouse)

A discussion of the various state and federal actions threatening our ability to continue to practice our traditional way of life. What impacts are the steady growth of urban Alaska and the increased competition for fish and game having on our villages? What policies and practices are being challenged in the courts and how can we ensure the Native community’s interests are protected? In light of recent changes to the composition of the Regional Advisory Committees, how can we ensure that rural subsistence users continue to have a strong voice in the federal management system? The new Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board will brief us on proposed policy changes under consideration by the Board and the Secretary. We will also hear a report from the AFN Subsistence Forum held on October 25 and discuss proactive measures we can take to protect our way of life for the next generation and beyond.

**Moderator Myron Naneng**, President/CEO, Association of Village Council Presidents

#### Panelists

**Matt A. Kookesh**, Chair, Southeast Intertribal Fish & Wildlife Commission

**Michael R. Fleagle**, Chair, Federal Subsistence Board

**Carol Daniel**, AFN Counsel

Designated Spokesperson from the AFN Subsistence Forum: TBA

## WORK SESSIONS

### Work Session: The High Cost of Energy & Avenues Toward Affordable Energy

Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, Sydney Laurence Theatre

Unlike Native Americans in the Lower 48, we were not forced off our lands and relocated. We own these lands where our ancestors lived for generations. Due to the high cost of energy in rural Alaska, however, the choice of staying where we were born is increasingly unsustainable. The high cost of energy is impoverishing our families and our communities. Consequently, more Alaska Natives feel forced to relocate to urban centers. Panelists will discuss their innovative solutions and share alternative models of energy production and consumption. Come share your ideas and creative solutions.

**Moderator Ralph Andersen**, CEO, Bristol Bay Native Association

#### Panelists

**Nels Anderson, Jr.**, Co-Chair, Rural Energy Action Committee

**George Canelos**, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission

**Bill Allen**, Director, Alaska Department of Economic Development

**Mike Harper**, Dep. Director of Rural Energy, AIDEA

### Work Session: Culture & Development in a Globalizing World

Egan Convention Center, Explorers Hall (Cook)

As Alaska Natives, we have been charting our own path of economic development since 1971 and the journey continues today. At the AFN Leadership Forum in July, world-renowned Peruvian economist and keynote speaker, Hernando de Soto, said to Governor Walter Hickel in the Q&A, “If you have a position in Alaska whereby you feel that you are not ready to take the full model that the other [48] states have, but you propose alternatives which actually work and allow your people to peacefully make a transition to their own form of capitalism, to their own form of market economies, to me, this is necessary—this is acceptable.” Join this panel for a frank discussion on how to maintain our cultural values and integrate them into institutional forms, while striving to achieve “economic development and success” as we define it. What steps can we take today to continue honoring our heritage while creating economic opportunity for tomorrow? Can our economies be completely self-sufficient without needing to count on the global marketplace? Are there examples of such self-reliant economies? These and other questions dealing with the tough choices that come with the transition into a market economy will be addressed.

**Moderator Dr. Rosita Worl**, President, Sealaska Heritage Institute

#### Panelists

**Bernice Joseph**, Executive Dean, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**Jon Panamaroff**, Business Development Officer, Native American Bank, NA

**Jacob Adams**, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

**Steve J. Langdon**, Professor of Anthropology, University of Alaska Anchorage

## WORK SESSIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 • 3:00–5:00 PM • THREE CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Work Session: ANCSA Issues

Egan Convention Center, Explorers Hall (Arteaga)

It has now been three and a half decades since passage of ANCSA. Every Congress since then has considered and passed amendments proposed by the Native community to fine-tune aspects of this complex land settlement. Issues continue to arise which need Congressional attention. This work session will include discussion of recent amendments to ANCSA as well as consideration of potential new amendments for the next Congress. Examples of ANCSA amendments which have far-reaching impacts include such issues as enrollment of Alaska Natives born after December 18, 1971, land exchanges, and the 8(a) government contracting provision which has its roots in a package of ANCSA amendments passed in 1986.

**Moderator Sheri Buretta**, Chair, Association of ANCSA Regional Corporation CEO's & Presidents

#### Panelists

**Roberta Quintavell**, President/CEO, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

**Margie Brown**, President/CEO, Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

**Chris McNeil**, President/CEO, Sealaska Corporation

### Work Session: Climate Change

Egan Convention Center, Explorers Hall (Cook)

Evidence of global warming is undeniable in rural Alaska and many of our Native communities have been directly impacted. As a result, the Alaska Climate Impact Assessment Commission was created by the Alaska Legislature earlier this year to report on the real and potential effects of warming trends on communities, natural resources and the economy of the state. Four of the eleven members of the Commission will be on this panel. The Commission's final report, which will also include proposed legislation, is due to the legislature Jan. 10, 2008. The panelists will discuss how they will be approaching the assessment—what are the considerations and threats that will be addressed by this commission? Will they be addressing your worries and helping your community mitigate impacts like coastal erosion or village displacement? This is a rare opportunity for delegates and community leaders to have your voices heard by the members who will ultimately recommend action and legislation on this issue. Come share your concerns, innovative solutions and expectations of this climate impact commission with its members.

**Moderator Richard Glenn**, Vice President—Lands, Arctic Slope Regional Corporation

#### Panelists

**Deborah Williams**, President, Alaska Conservation Solutions

**Rep. Reggie Joule**, Alaska State Legislature

**Rep. Ralph Samuels**, Alaska State Legislature

**Bob Pawlowski**, Executive Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation

**Dennis Nottingham**, Peratrovich, Nottingham & Drage

**Caleb Pungowiyi**, Maniilaq Association

## WORK SESSIONS

### Work Session: Rural Justice & Law Enforcement

Egan Convention Center, Explorers Hall (La Perouse)

Much attention has been given to rural justice in the last year. In 2004, Congress, at the urging of Senator Stevens, formed the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission. After a year of travel and the work of four citizen-driven work groups, the Commission is preparing to release its *Initial Report*. Come hear the recommendations that have resulted from their work.

State Senator Seekins will also introduce his newly formed task force assigned to review issues surrounding VPSOs in rural Alaska. This panel will give delegates a chance to share their views on the present VPSO system: What are the strengths and weaknesses?

How can improvements be made to serve the people? Can the VPSO program be incorporated into other capacities within the village framework? Delegates are encouraged to join in this critical conversation—your input will help shape the future of justice and law enforcement in rural Alaska.

**Moderator Timothy M. Burgess**, Judge, U.S. District Court for Alaska

#### Panelists

**Loretta Bullard**, President, Kawerak, Inc.

**Bruce Botelho**, Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau

**Wilson Justin**, Health Director/VP, Mt. Sanford Tribal Health Consortium

**Gail Schubert**, Executive VP & General Counsel, Bering Straits Native Corporation

**Sen. Ralph Seekins**, Alaska State Legislature

5:00 PM RECESS FOR THE DAY



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Saturday, October 28  
Egan Explorer's Hall

6:00 pm No-Host Reception

6:30 pm Seating

7:00 pm Dinner Served

Entertainment "Living Legends"  
Recognition of AFN Honorees



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**“Collaborative care is the best blending of services and funding to create and maintain programs,” Gottlieb states, “because only by working together can we have a Native community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.”**

and the Department of the Interior (DOI). She received recognition from former Secretaries Bruce Babbitt of DOI and Donna Shalala of DHSS for her “leadership to the Department of the Interior and DHSS Indian Self-Determination Negotiated Rulemaking Committee in developing a rule implementing the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638, April 1995-June 1996.”

In September 2004, Ms. Gottlieb received a MacArthur Fellowship for transforming Southcentral Foundation into a patient-centered system of health care tailored to the needs of Alaska Natives. She became the first Alaskan—and the first Alaska Native—to win this prestigious award. Her award was one of 23 given by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for individual achievements in exceptional creativity, promise for future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment, and the potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work. Each fellowship comes with a stipend of \$500,000.

Katherine Gottlieb’s faith in God, and her parents and family have profoundly influenced her life. Her father was born in Pang, Philippines, and her mother was born in Alaska. “Father taught love of family, and mother demonstrated leadership,” she says. She spent her early years in Seattle. An uncle, Major Urbano Quijance, was a significant influence, and, in her words, “taught us respect of elders, consequences and discipline. My children,” she says, “taught me many administration skills based on planning to feed and care for six children.”

**Katherine Gottlieb** is of Alutiiq and Filipino descent and has tribal affiliations with Cook Inlet Region Inc., Old Harbor and the Seldovia Native Association. She is an honorary member of Eklutna’s Traditional Tribal Council. Ms. Gottlieb has worked for Southcentral Foundation since 1987, holding several positions before becoming President and Chief Executive Officer in 1991. She directs over 1,000 professional staff spread among some 65 medical and behavioral health services programs, and monitors a \$100 million budget.

Southcentral Foundation programs offer a range of services including, but not limited to, primary medical care, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, fetal alcohol syndrome prevention and intervention, and substance abuse residential treatment for pregnant women and their dependent children. In 1999, under Ms. Gottlieb’s leadership, Southcentral Foundation assumed co-management of the Alaska Native Medical Center, making Alaska the first state in the nation to have all of its Native-patient health facilities managed by Native organizations. She advocates for a collaborative, networked approach to health care and has established programs through joint agreements with statewide and national organizations as well as through congressional, federal and private funding.

Independent of Southcentral Foundation, she serves on several boards, including the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Alaska Native Health Board, and the board of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Directors. Gottlieb served as one of four national tribal co-chairs on the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, tasked with developing internal agency procedures for both the Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS)

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# 2006 RESOLUTIONS' REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

Each year at the AFN Convention, delegates debate and pass resolutions calling for action in the areas of subsistence, health, rural economies, education, cultural preservation, and Native and tribal rights, among others. Many of these resolutions are statements of principle and policy, and are forwarded to appropriate branches of the state and federal governments and to organizations needing Native-community input in order for public policy and programs to be reflective of the concern of the state's first inhabitants. The intent and spirit of many of the resolutions can best be met by AFN joining with other partners in advancing issues of common concern. Yet others require diligent and continuous work on the part of AFN staff and the staffs of member organizations. It should also be noted that the long-term presence of AFN board members and senior staff on various boards, councils and ad-hoc work groups, both at the state and federal levels, nurtures the steady, collective progress that is made year-to-year on the important issues raised in resolutions passed at our annual conventions.

What follows is a report that touches on the major accomplishments we achieved this year in advancing a wide variety of issues and causes as articulated—through the resolution process—by delegates to the 2005 AFN Convention. This is not intended to be a fully inclusive reporting of activities, but rather to highlight how AFN has responded to the most pressing issues facing the Native community.

## SUBSISTENCE

**Subsistence remains one of the highest priorities for AFN. Since last year's convention, the State of Alaska has stepped up its efforts to undermine the federal management program, both in the courts and administratively. The State is pressing hard to have the Federal Subsistence Board, and now the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, adopt policy changes that could negatively impact hundreds of subsistence-dependent villages in rural Alaska. AFN continues to closely monitor a number of outstanding issues impacting subsistence and to advocate for the protection of our subsistence way of life.**

AFN's *Alaska Native/Tribal Rights Protection Plan*, readopted by the AFN Board in February 2005, directs the organization to achieve, among other goals, perpetual and full protection of Alaska Native subsistence rights. In response to Resolutions 05-13 and 05-45, AFN was involved during this past year in two important subsistence court cases.

In support of the Secretary of the Interior in *Alaska Constitutional Legal Defense Conservation Fund v. Kempthorne*, AFN successfully defended the constitutionality of federal regulations implementing the rural subsistence priority. On August 26, 2006, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court's dismissal of the case, finding that the Federal Subsistence Board acted within its authority under ANILCA when it enacted regulations granting a preference for

subsistence hunting to rural Alaskans and that the rural preference did not violate the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. The plaintiffs intend to petition the United States Supreme Court to hear the case. If their petition is granted, AFN, as an intervening party, will defend the decision before the Court.

In early 2005, AFN intervened on the side of the federal government in *Alaska v. Norton*, a lawsuit filed by the State of Alaska challenging the scope of the federal regulations adopted in 1999 to implement the *Katie John* decision. The case has been consolidated with *Katie John v. U.S.*, a lawsuit filed by Katie John and others, alleging the 1999 regulations are unlawfully narrow. Briefing on the merits of whether the Secretaries applied the proper administrative procedure for determining the existence of federally reserved water rights is scheduled to be completed in mid-December of this year.

In furtherance of **Resolution 05-08**, AFN requested that the Federal Subsistence Board hold public hearings in communities where subsistence rights might be impacted by the Federal Subsistence Board's 10-year review of rural determinations. In June, 2006, the Board proposed a list of communities whose status would be changed from rural to nonrural, including the Kodiak area and the areas surrounding Ketchikan (except Saxman, which would remain rural). Hearings

were held in Saxman, Ketchikan, Kodiak and Sitka in September and October, 2006. AFN encouraged its membership to participate in the public hearings and to provide written comments. AFN will be submitting comments opposing the reclassification of these communities as nonrural before October 27, 2006, the deadline for submitting written comments. The Board is scheduled to make its decision on a final rule at its December meeting in Anchorage.



**"The Village Life"**

Drawing  
AFN Village Life Contest

**Corinna S. Johnsen**

Age 12, Grade 7  
Unalakleet Schools  
Unalakleet, AK

In response to **Resolution 05-14**, AFN met with the Secretary of the Interior, the Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Alaska Affairs, and the new Alaska Regional Director of Fish and Wildlife to express concerns over the State's efforts to change the way the federal subsistence program is being managed. Alaska has pressed for important policy changes in federal management of subsistence uses for the past year. Most recently, the State has taken its complaints directly to the Secretary of the Interior by petitioning for a rule change on the customary and traditional



use determination process and the process for closing public lands to non-subsistence uses. These changes could have significant impacts on subsistence-dependent communities in rural Alaska. Meanwhile, the growth of urban Alaska has increased competition for fish and game, threatening the survival of many rural communities, especially those on the road system. These mounting threats to our subsistence way of life prompted AFN to call

for a statewide Subsistence Forum prior to the 2006 Convention, to formulate a comprehensive pro-active plan to combat the pending legal, legislative and administrative threats to our subsistence way of life. There will be a report from the Subsistence Forum during the "Maintaining our Traditional Way of Life" work session on the first day of this year's Convention.

The decline in moose populations, attributable to increased numbers of predator populations, has been of great concern to AFN and its member organizations for a number of years. Recognizing the importance of moose as a subsistence resource for people throughout Alaska, the Board of Game has approved at least five predator management areas. However, animal rights groups argue that these programs are excessive and are being conducted solely for the benefit of sport and recreational hunting. In response to **Resolution 05-13**, AFN urged the governor and the Board of Game to withstand pressure from these groups to halt Alaska's predator management activities and to work cooperatively with all affected organizations, the Alaska Legislature and Congress to rebuild, maintain and enhance Alaska's moose population.

## EDUCATION/CULTURE

AFN regards advancing rural and Native education issues and supporting cultural empowerment as ongoing activities. We continue to lend our support to programs and initiatives that improve the educational opportunities for Alaska Natives.

**Alaska Native Education Commission: Resolution 05-03** called for the development of culturally responsive curricula in Alaska's public schools and the creation of a federally funded Alaska Native Education Commission to assess and recommend how the "No Child Left Behind Act" can best be applied in rural Alaska. In response, Senator Lisa Murkowski invited AFN to share its ideas on how federal funding can improve and expand on the State's efforts to include Native culture, language and history in the curriculum, and also how an Alaska Native Education Commission would be constituted, including its objectives and timelines. In response, AFN formed an ad hoc group of Native educators, regional nonprofits, regional Native foundations, AFN Board members and principals from the First Alaskans Institute to draft a legislative proposal for the creation of an Alaska Native Education Commission patterned after the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission. The ad hoc group's legislative proposal was submitted to the congressional delegation and Bush Administration officials and was included in AFN's 2006 priorities packet. We continue to believe a thorough analysis of the overall academic performance of Alaska Native students is needed and will continue to advocate for the creation of the Commission.

**Native Language Legislation:** AFN has also been active in persuading legislation giving the Secretary of Education authority to provide grants or to enter into contracts with Native American language educational organizations, colleges, and tribal governments or consortia of such organizations for Native American language immersion and revitalization programs. We worked with Alaska's congressional delegation to ensure that any amendments to the Native American Languages Act include such provisions. H.R. 4766, the Native American Languages Preservation Act of 2006, passed in the House of Representatives in late September of this year under suspension of the rules. The legislation includes language which allows contracts and grants to Alaska Native organizations and tribes for language immersion and revitalization programs in line with the above. At the time of the writing of this report, the measure had moved to the Senate for possible consideration.

**AFN Education Litigation Fund:** AFN has also established an AFN Education Litigation Fund to help support the plaintiffs in *Moore v. State of Alaska*, the lawsuit brought by educators, school districts and rural parents challenging the constitutionality of K-12 school funding on the grounds of adequacy. The suit alleges that the State does not invest enough money in its schools to provide an adequate education for all of its students. Our children have a constitutionally protected right to an education, which, by the State's own definition, they are not receiving. Large numbers of children continue to fail the State's Benchmark tests and high school exit exam.

In some of our school districts, the very subjects being tested aren't even taught. The plaintiffs in this lawsuit are asking the court to order the State of Alaska to conduct a cost-study analysis for providing a constitutionally adequate education and then to fund that education accordingly. If successful, the case will have a landmark impact on the education system in Alaska, much as the *Hootch* and *Kasayulie* decisions had in the past. AFN is strongly committed to helping the plaintiffs complete their work and win the trial, as well as the appeal that will follow.

**School Construction Funding:** The Alaska Legislature did not address the need for additional funding for incomplete school construction projects as called for in **Resolution 05-50**. Alaska voters passed Proposition C approving the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay for the cost of design, construction and major maintenance of educational and museum facilities. Because of the lapse of time between design and completion of construction, many rural districts are coming up short in terms of being able to complete their projects. There is no supplemental funding account within the Department of Education to deal with this problem, and the legislature has not addressed the issue at a policy level.

**Cultural Preservation and Enhancement:** AFN joined forces with NCAI and other Native organizations around the country in opposing the efforts of Rep. Hastings to amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). The Hastings amendment would adopt the interpretation given the law by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in the case involving the "Kennewick Man." The longstanding interpretation of NAGPRA prior to the Ninth Circuit's decision was that NAGPRA included not only human remains relating to present-day Indian tribes, but also those relating to indigenous people who inhabited the area that is now the United States before the arrival of the Europeans. We believe that interpretation is correct and for that reason have supported amending the

### "Family"

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AFN Village Life Contest

**Charlotte Evans**

Kindergarten  
Nanwalek Elementary/High School  
Nanwalek, AK



definition of "Native American" for purposes of the Act as "of, or relating to, a tribe, people, or culture that is or was indigenous to any geographic area that is now located within the boundaries of the United States." The definition proposed by Rep. Hastings would require a "significant and substantial genetic or cultural relationship" to a present-day Indian tribe before NAGPRA's procedures, rules and standards could be applied. Such a definition would drastically limit the coverage of NAGPRA by excluding an entire category of more than 100,000 human remains that are indigenous to, and discovered in, the U.S. but whose cultural affiliation was not immediately known when inventoried. Yet, according to scientists, museums, and tribal representatives, the cultural affiliation of many of these unknown deceased likely could be identified upon consultation between museums and Indian tribes. That opportunity would be foreclosed under Rep. Hastings' proposed definition of "Native American" since these remains would be excluded from the consultation and other provisions of NAGPRA.

## HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS

**Alaska Native health has improved in many ways over the last several decades, but challenges remain. While the Alaska Tribal Health System has worked diligently to improve access to health care for thousands of Alaska Natives through innovative services, it has been difficult to pay for increasing costs of maintaining village-built clinics. Lack of Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) in most of our rural communities means citizens' health and safety, and in some instances their very lives, are put in jeopardy as a result of either no or wholly inadequate local law enforcement. These and other urgent needs account for the significant number of resolutions passed at the 2005 Convention pertaining to Native health, safety and welfare.**

**Health:** In response to **Resolutions 05-23, 21, 24, 25 and 27**, AFN, together with the Alaska Native Health Board and the National Congress of American Indians, advocated for increased funding in the Indian Health Service budget for tribal health care services, including for medevac and patient travel, and for maintaining the Community Health Aide/Practitioner (CHA/P) program. We are also advocating for additional funding for the village built clinic (VBC) lease program and for increased water and sanitation construction.

AFN has also pushed for reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (**Resolution 05-26**). Congress has conducted 11 hearings on reauthorization proposals since the Act expired in 2000. Because the Act has not been reauthorized, it has been difficult to maximize services. S.1057 was favorably reported with amendments by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 27, 2005, but has been tied up in negotiations with the Bush Administration since then. There is a slight chance the bill could pass during the lame duck session of Congress following the November elections. If not, this will become a priority for all of Indian Country for the 110th Congress.

In urging Congress to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, AFN has also stressed the need for the Act to include the Alaska Dental Health Aide program. This program augments the CHA/P program authorized by Section 121 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (**Resolution 05-22**). AFN has opposed efforts by the American Dental Association to restrict Dental Health Aid Therapists, believing that our own practitioners can provide much needed dental services in rural Alaska.

**Public Safety:** Rural law enforcement and public safety were high priorities for AFN in 2006, and substantial resources were devoted to these issues (**Resolutions 05-20 and 05-30**). We continue to advocate for federal legislation and appropriations addressing the lack of law enforcement in many Alaska Native villages, and have provided staff support to the non-profit VPSO contractors as they work to explore options for improving the administration of the VPSO program. Congress continues to include \$15 million in funding in the Indian Health Service budget to address alcohol control, enforcement, prevention, treatment, sobriety and wellness. The 2007 FY appropriation has yet to pass Congress, but the Senate Report continues the appropriation, and allocates \$2 million to the State of Alaska for the VPSO program, \$8 million to regional health organizations for substance abuse and treatment programs, and \$5 million to the ANTHC to continue the "Counselor in Every Village" program.

Through the efforts of Senator Seekins and members of the AFN Human Resources Committee, the Alaska State Senate has created a VPSO Task Force to consider the role of the VPSO program and ways it can be improved to better serve rural Alaska. The task force will identify problems with the program and how those problems can be addressed, review of statutes and regulations relative to the VPSO program and consider whether statutory changes are needed, and prepare a report for delivery to the Senate by January 15, 2007. AFN has been working with task force staff to provide background information needed to undertake a meaningful review of the VPSO program. We will continue to monitor this process.

**Alcohol Interdiction:** AFN staff continued to provide technical support to the Native members of the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission and submitted extensive comments to the Commission's draft Initial Report. While AFN supports most of the Commission's recommendations and will advocate for their implementation, we strongly disagreed with the Commission's decision to reject the recommendation of several of its workgroups to give Native villages the authority needed to enact and enforce local tribal ordinances aimed at stemming the flow of alcohol into their communities. In its final Initial Report, the Commission recognized the "critical importance of local regulation and control of alcohol" and committed to "specifically and intensively review and act on this issue in the next phase of the Commission's work." AFN staff will be serving on a workgroup addressing this issue, and will continue to provide technical support to the Native members of the Commission and members of the various workgroups.

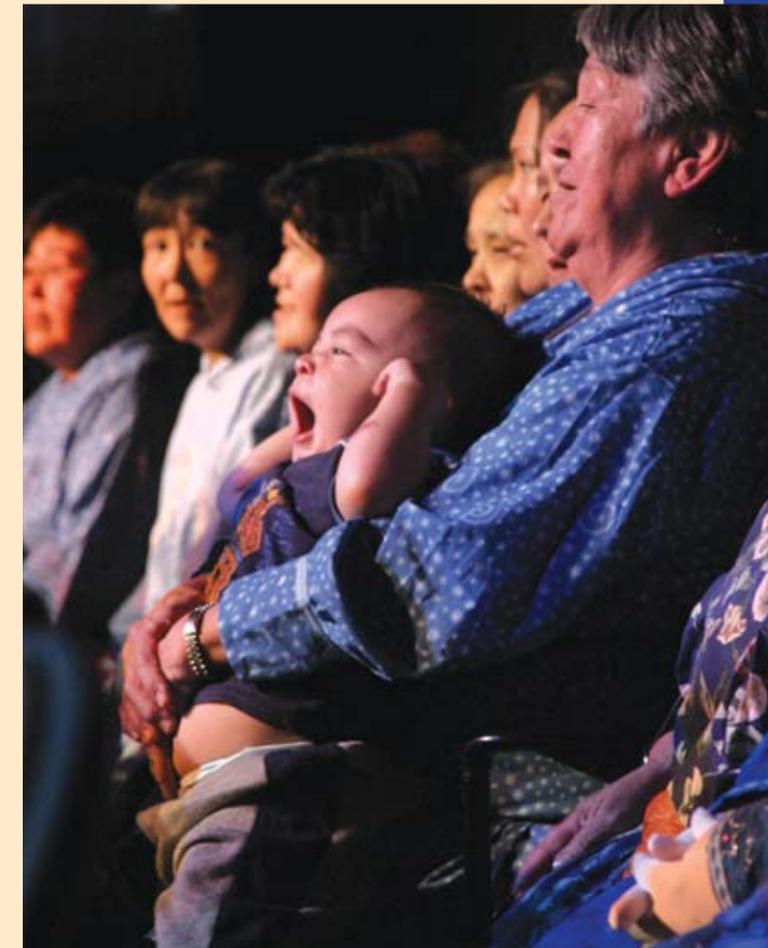
## LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

AFN President Julie Kitka was the featured speaker at the Department of the Interior Listening Conference on "Cooperative Conservation" held in Fairbanks in August of this year. Newly appointed Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne was the host and was joined by officials from EPA and the Department of Commerce.

Listening conferences were held across the country to give citizens an opportunity to exchange ideas on incentives, partnership programs and regulations that can promote cooperative conservation and environmental partnerships.

President Kitka took the opportunity to emphasize the importance of subsistence to the long-term survival of Alaska Natives. She stressed the need for Alaska Natives to have a meaningful role in the management and conservation of our fish and wildlife resources, pointing out advances Alaska Natives have made in co-management of migratory birds, halibut and marine mammals, including polar bear and bowhead whales. She urged the Secretary to support AFN's efforts to expand contracting and compacting under the federal Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, both to increase the efficiency of service delivery and to provide critical economic opportunities for Alaska Natives. She also urged support of AFN's proposed Alaska Federal Lands Management Demonstration Project, H.R. 1810, expanding Alaska Native contracting of federal land management functions and activities, and promoting Native hire by federal agencies in Alaska.

Noting the significant threats to livelihoods and potential erosion of consumer confidence in Alaska's wild salmon, AFN has voiced its opposition to S. 1195, the National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2005. The bill would give the Interior Secretary authority to establish and implement a regulatory system for offshore aquaculture (**Resolution 05-15**). Alaska banned fish farming over 15 years ago over concerns that aquaculture could damage our wild salmon stocks and directly and adversely impact coastal communities reliant upon the viability of Alaska's fish resources.



In furtherance of **Resolution 05-17**, AFN has advocated for amendments to the reauthorization of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, scheduled to expire at the end of FY 2007. Proposed amendments would clarify that conservation programs available to landowners in the contiguous 48 states are available to Alaska's private landowners. In particular, the amendments seek to ensure that ANCSA lands are considered eligible for USDA conservation programs.

In response to **Resolution 05-16**, AFN submitted comments to the East Alaska Draft Resource Management Plan and EIS, which proposed a comprehensive framework for managing lands within approximately 7.1 million acres of BLM lands in eastern Alaska. Included are approximately 5.5 million acres of lands selected by, but not yet conveyed to, the State of Alaska or Alaska Native corporations. Under Alternative B of the draft EIS, PLO 5150 withdrawing lands along the pipeline/utility corridor would have been revoked, allowing State selections to proceed. Conveying those lands to the State would have removed about 450,000 acres from the jurisdiction of the Federal Subsistence Management Program. This had the clear potential to significantly restrict subsistence uses. AFN opposed Alternative B and urged that the pipeline corridor remain in federal ownership due to the subsistence needs of Natives of the Athna region. The BLM ultimately rejected Alternative B in favor of a plan allowing conveyance of approximately 83,000 acres to the State of Alaska. This area represents 16% of BLM-managed lands within PLO 5150, and leaves a viable and accessible unit in federal ownership covered by the federal subsistence priority.

### TRIBAL ADVANCEMENT/ANCSA

**Alaska Native self-governance and self-determination are essential elements in overcoming economic and social problems in the Alaska Native community. Every study undertaken over the last decade has arrived at this conclusion. These studies have emphasized that sustained, successful economic development and improved social conditions can only be achieved by communities whose decisions, resources and internal affairs are controlled at the local level. Tribal governments in Alaska represent the foundation of our collective quest for true self-determination. AFN has continued to actively promote Alaska Native self-governance and self-determination.**

In response to **Resolution 05-45**, AFN urged greater cooperation between state government and Alaska's federally recognized tribes, citing the conclusion of the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission that "reduction in state-tribal conflict over jurisdictional issues, and increased cooperation, coordination, and collaboration between [Alaska] and tribal courts and agencies, would greatly improve life in rural Alaska and better serve all Alaskans."

**Tribal Governance:** AFN's Human Resources Committee and NCAI will co-sponsor a statewide intertribal meeting in Anchorage during the 2006 AFN Convention on "Strengthening Tribal Governance." The Anchorage meeting is only one of a series of meetings being held across the

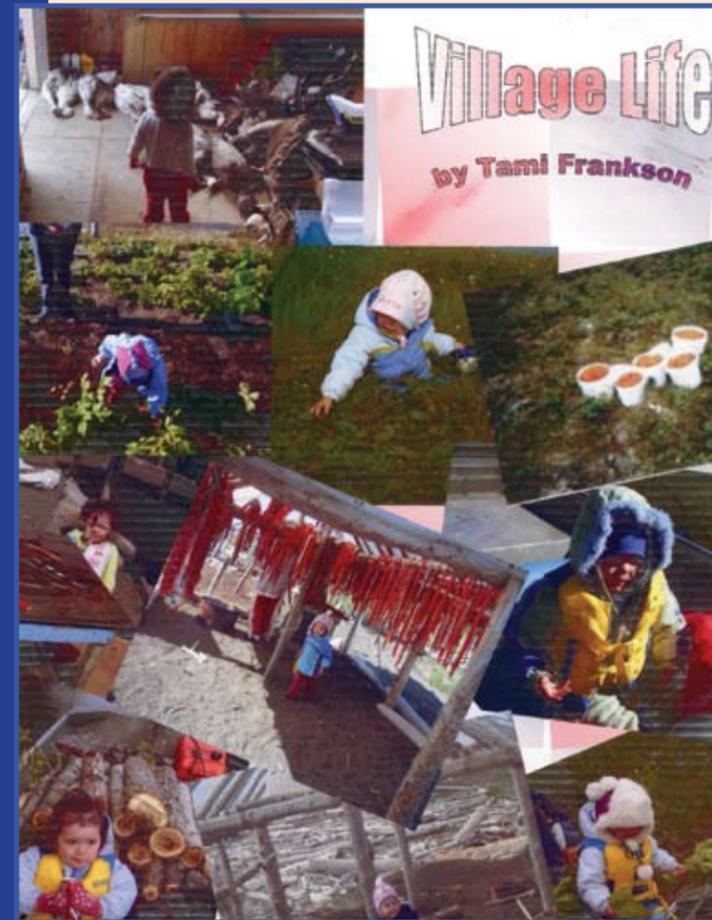
country by NCAI's Policy Center and the University of Arizona Native Nation Institute. These sessions offer opportunities to discuss the strengths and challenges of good governance as well as resources needed for improving the quality of tribal governance. Tribal representatives have been invited to share their experiences with governance and governance reform, and to identify and share information about existing tools and resources for improving the quality of government. Information gathered from these meetings around the country will culminate in a report summarizing common themes and identifying differences among tribes in each region. The report, expected to be released sometime later this year, will provide recommendations for key investments to support and increase the capacities of tribal governments.

### ***BIA Tribal Priority Allocations:***

AFN continues to advocate for increased BIA funding, citing the 2003 report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights calling the shortfalls in federal funding for unmet needs of Native Americans and Alaska Natives a "quiet crisis." One of the issues discussed in meetings with Secretary Kempthorne and his staff during the Fairbanks Listening Conference was the need for the Department of the Interior to include increases to the BIA Tribal Priority Allocations (TPA) in the President's FY 2008 budget. TPA is the main funding source used by tribes and tribal consortiums to provide services to tribal members and has been hugely under-funded for years. This issue has been identified by the AFN Human Resources Committee as one of its top priorities for the coming year.

In furtherance of **Resolution 05-35**, AFN called upon the governor and state agencies to take all necessary actions to discourage

trespassing and to prosecute those who violate trespass laws. With the rapid population growth in Alaska, people from urban centers are ranging over Alaska in search of desirable locations to hunt and fish, making it necessary for Native people to take steps to protect their land, wildlife and natural resources from trespassing in order to maintain their traditional way of life. AFN also strongly



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### **Tami Frankson**

Age 15, Grade 10  
Unalakleet Schools  
Unalakleet, AK

opposed efforts to take ANCSA lands through condemnation or eminent domain merely to open up those areas to recreational or non-subsistence users—a threat that surfaced last year in the context of the Chitna dipnet fishery (**Resolution 05-36**).

In response to **Resolution 05-34**, AFN urged Congress to amend the 1998 Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Allotment Act and the 1906 Alaska Native Allotment Act to allow more allotments for Native veterans and to reopen allotments closed in Southeast Alaska under the

*Shields* decision in 1983.

The amendments to the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans Allotment Act were included in HR 1811, but the bill does not reopen the allotments closed under the *Shields* decision.

In response to **Resolution 05-05**, AFN requested assistance from the congressional delegation in addressing the recent policy reversal and subsequent efforts of the IRS to levy individual shareholders' ANCSA dividends/distributions, including consideration of

legislation that would exempt ANCSA corporation dividends/distributions from levy by the IRS. AFN continues to work with the ANCSA CEO Group in exploring ways to address this issue.

In September, AFN submitted testimony before the House Resources Committee in support of H.R. 5617, which would amend ANCSA to provide land selection rights to the 13th Regional Corporation. The bill would provide shareholders of the 13th Regional Corporation with a more equitable settlement than was originally provided. The 13th Regional Corporation did not receive any land or additional money in lieu of land or the right to participate in distributions from the pool of natural resource revenue under 7(i) that the other regional corporations share. To correct this inequity, the draft legislation would allow the 13th Regional Corporation to select approximately 1.1 million acres from the limited area in which public lands were previously withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior for selection but not conveyed to other Native regional corporations. The bill would not provide additional money nor would it authorize participation in revenue sharing under 7(i). The bill gives absolute priority to land selections of other Native corporations and requires coordination and approval of lands for the 13th Region with the regional corporation in which selected lands are located. Finally, in furtherance of the



13th Region's desire to make a positive contribution as a landowner to the entire Native community, the bill mandates "one way" 7(i) revenue contributions into the fund to be shared among the other twelve regional corporations.

### RURAL ECONOMIES/EMPLOYMENT

**AFN has devoted substantial time and resources to follow up on a critical theme voiced in the 2005 Convention, and almost every previous convention—the call for strong rural economies, compatible with Native cultures and lifestyles and built on those strengths.**

**Government Contracting:** In furtherance of **Resolutions 05-02** and **05-42**, AFN joined forces with the Native American Contractors Association (NACA), a Native trade association, to develop strategies for protecting the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) program. Under special provisions available to Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians, Alaska Native corporations have increasingly used the 8(a) program to develop strong companies to compete in the national economy. The end results include benefits to shareholders, to the Alaska Native community in general, and to the overall Alaskan economy.

In April of this year, the General Accounting Office issued a report showing that in 2004, Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) represented 13% of the 8(a) program's federal contracting dollars. The study found that 30 of the ANCs provided shareholders with \$121.6 million in cash dividends in that year. Further analysis showed that among other benefits, contracting by Native corporations has provided jobs and scholarships, funded social and cultural initiatives, and developed community infrastructure. The report made a number of recommendations to increase SBA oversight of ANC activity while verifying that ANCs are compliant and competent government contractors. It also found that the 8(a) program is being used as designed to grow viable, self-sufficient companies that can compete in the overall domestic economy and provide benefits to their shareholders.

On the other hand, special interest groups are actively lobbying to terminate the special status given ANCs under the 8(a) program. They are calling for legislative and regulatory changes that could significantly impact ANC 8(a) contracting opportunities. Among the steps AFN has taken to counter these actions, President Kitka testified before a joint hearing of the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Small Business last June. The purpose of the joint hearing was to explore the impact of ANCs on small business contracting with the federal government. In addition, AFN included several workshops during its July Leadership Forum focused on 8(a) government contracting. One workshop was devoted to informing participants of the various proposals for legislative and regulatory changes to the program and the resulting impacts. A second workshop focused on how to use the program creatively in combination with an intertribal business to create jobs in rural Alaska, an approach that has proven successful in some remote communities in Alaska and Hawaii.

**AFN White House Initiatives:** Following the 2005 Convention, AFN met with Bush Administration officials to discuss ways in which the President can work with Congress and AFN on several initiatives to stimulate economic growth and create jobs in Alaska's rural villages. AFN followed up those meetings with a package of initiatives in January. Specific proposals included funding to implement the Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act passed by Congress in 2000. Similarly, we recommended funding to implement the Native American Business Development Office, also enacted in 2000. Under the legislation, the Office was charged with revitalizing economically and physically distressed tribal economies, raising the incomes and standards of living of Indian people, and encouraging inter-tribal, regional and international trade and business development. With modest funding, AFN believes these measures could be catalysts for economic growth in our communities.

In addition, AFN proposed that the Administration issue an Executive Order encouraging Native entrepreneurship through federal contracting by encouraging the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the World Bank, and other multilateral development institutions to include Alaska Natives in their broad contractual preferences for business opportunities. Finally, AFN proposed an "Alaska Native Economic Development Consolidated Funding Demonstration Project" to encourage the active and voluntary participation of a limited number of Alaska Native villages, corporations or consortia to undertake federally funded projects to foster economic, business, community and social development in Alaska by consolidating and integrating existing federal services and programs that benefit Alaska Natives.

*Note: For information about exciting and forward-looking economic initiatives launched and built upon by AFN during this past year, please see pages 2-7 of this guide. These initiatives include, among others, the much talked about Alaska Marketplace and the 2006 Leadership Forum.*

### ENERGY

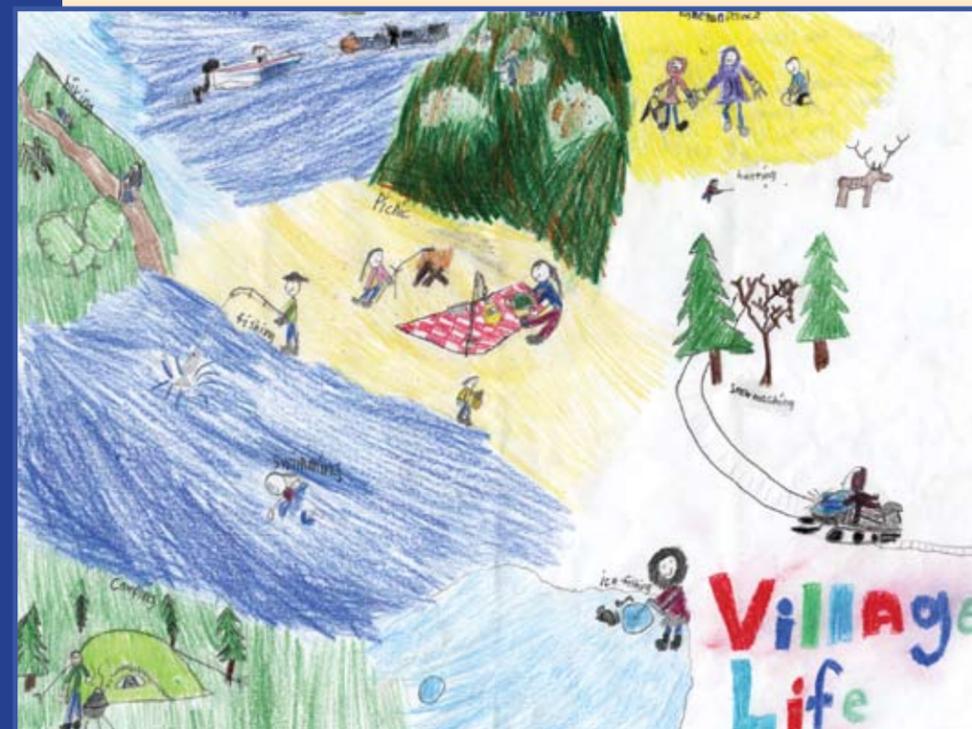
Skyrocketing energy costs over the last few years have put an almost insurmountable burden on rural communities. In response to **Resolutions 05-38 and 05-41**, AFN called upon the State of Alaska to use some of the windfall revenues from record high oil prices to address the economic crisis in rural Alaska caused by rising fuel costs and the loss of revenue sharing. We urged the governor and the legislature to fully fund the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program, which provides energy assistance to approximately 80,000 residents in 181 rural communities. We also urged the governor to fund and implement the recommendations of the Rural Energy Action Council as outlined in its *2005 Report*. Legislative appropriations to address the crisis passed in this year's budget, including \$183 million for the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) endowment and \$49 million for municipalities to offset high-energy costs.

Recognizing the importance of affordable energy to sustainable economic development in rural Alaska, AFN included a workshop as a part of its July Leadership Forum focused on current issues in energy development in Alaska, from the high cost of energy in rural Alaska to the prospect of a natural gas pipeline.

In response to **Resolution 05-06**, AFN urged Congress to fully fund the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which assists those at or near the federal poverty level with payments to their home energy bills during the winter months. In response to pressure brought by AFN and others, in January of this year Congress passed an emergency appropriation of an additional \$1 billion in LIHEAP funding.

Finally, addressing **Resolution 05-04**, AFN monitored the ongoing negotiations for an Alaska Gas Pipeline and encouraged the governor, the legislature and gas producers to ensure that Alaska Natives benefit from any future economic opportunities created by construction and operation of a gas pipeline. Benefits would include, among others, employment and contracting opportunities and a right of first refusal for Alaska Native corporations to acquire a percentage

ownership in the gas pipeline. AFN also stressed the need to minimize the impacts on Alaska Native communities located along the proposed pipeline route and to assure that the development and operation of the pipeline minimizes impacts on subsistence activities. As negotiations for a pipeline proceed, AFN will continue to work to advance Native interests.



#### "Village Life"

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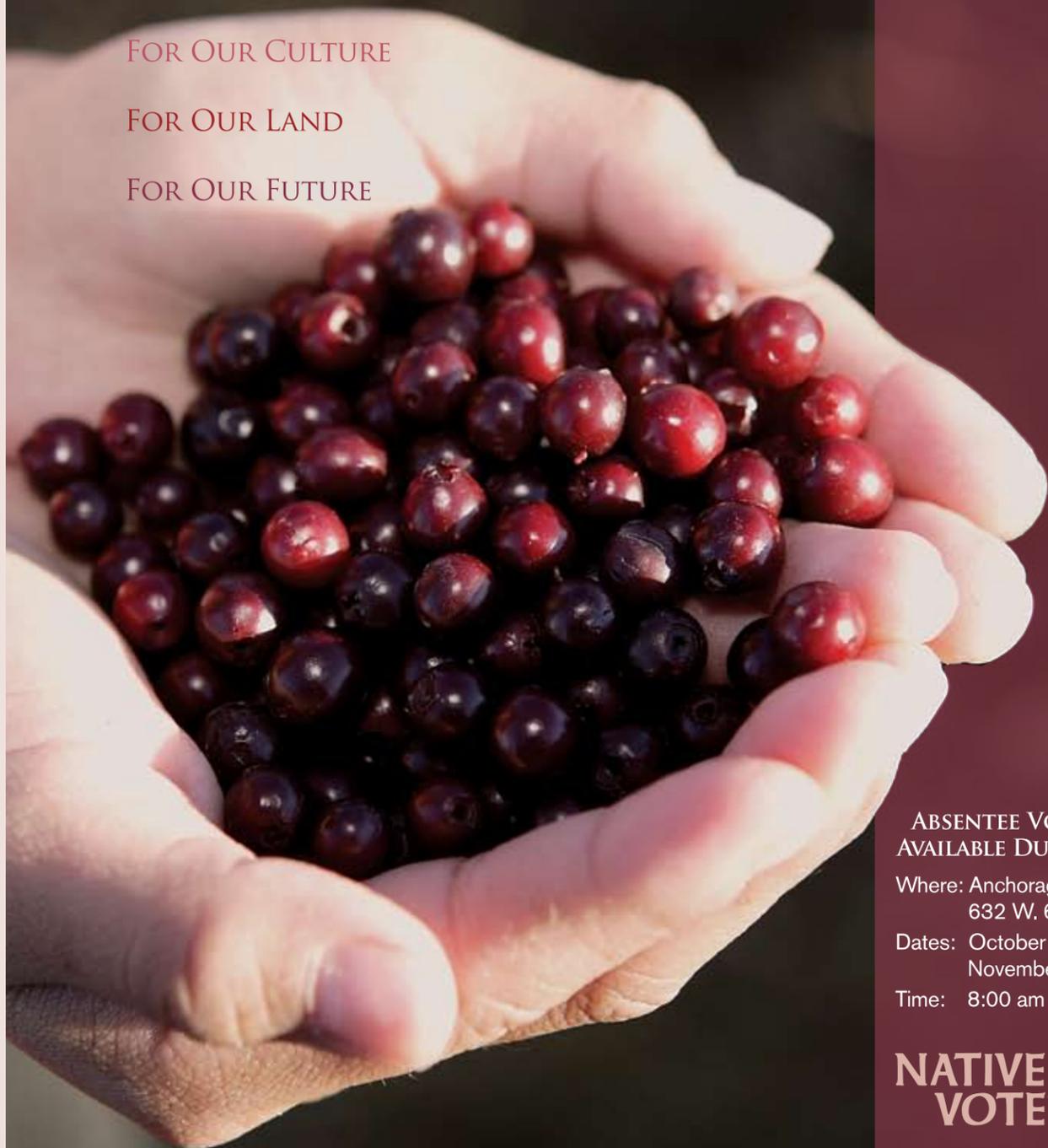
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## PRESIDENT'S AWARDS

### NOMINEES

Andy Golia,  
Dillingham

Wayne Lukin,  
Port Lions

Melvin Lee, Shungnak

John Miles, Homer

Mark Snigaroff, Atka

Mark Ahsoak, Jr.,  
Barrow

Harold "Buddy"  
Brown, Huslia

Ronald Senungetuk

### Public Service

#### Flore Lekanof, Sr., Renton, WA



Flore Lekanof, Sr. was born on St. George Island in the Pribilofs. In 1942, he was 15 years old when he was evacuated from St. George to Funter Bay in Southeast Alaska. He attended Wrangell Institute from 1942 through 1944, the year he and other evacuees were returned to the Pribilofs. After a lengthy treatment for tuberculosis at Cushman Hospital, he eventually graduated with honors from Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Washington in 1949.

Mr. Lekanof received a scholarship from Whitworth College in Spokane and graduated with majors in Philosophy and Sociology. He also attended the San Francisco Theological Seminary for six months. He took a teaching job with the Territory of Alaska in 1958 in Chignik, the beginning of a career that would take him back to St. George and on to St. Paul, Anchorage, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Barrow, Fairbanks and Sitka.

As the Native land claims issue grew in prominence in the 1960's, Mr. Lekanof became a prime mover in the effort. Having participated in organizing the first statewide convention of the Alaska Native people held in Anchorage in October 1966, he was unanimously elected by the statewide Native leadership as the first chairman of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

For four years Mr. Lekanof served as the deputy director of community service and director of Alaska Native Affairs for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He retired as director of community services for the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association in 1999 after 11 years in that post, and continues his involvement in Alaska Native politics as a director of St. George Tanaq Corporation.



## Hunter/Fisher

Alex Sheldon, Kobuk



A lifelong practitioner of the traditional Native subsistence life, Alex Sheldon, his many admirers attest, has hunted for himself and others since he was old enough to shoot a gun. He says he has trapped beaver, marten, wolf and wolverine for as long as he can remember. Throughout his life, he has provided food for both the young and old of his

village, nearby communities and as far away as Fairbanks, Barrow and Anchorage. He especially enjoys cooking food for elders in the way he learned from his mother: "The old style way."

Mr. Sheldon served in the Alaska National Guard for 18 years, achieving the rank of E6. He served on the board of directors of the Maniilaq Association for six years, and also held the position of mayor of the city of Kobuk. He is currently vice president and executive member of the Regional Elders Committee based in Kotzebue, and is the elder representative to the Maniilaq board.

Born to Eva (Sheldon) Horner in 1941 in Shugnak, Mr. Sheldon enjoyed a long career in a variety of fields. He worked as a Public Health Service operator for 13 years, and as a Village Public Safety Officer for ten. He also worked for two decades in the natural resource drilling and mining fields, first at the Kennecott Copper Mine and later on an oil rig for NANA.

## NOMINEES

- Berda Willson, Nome
- Robert James "Bolo" Thompson, Kaktovik
- Herman Squartsoff, Ouzinkie
- John Boone, Valdez
- Matthew Kookesh, Angoon
- Michael Dale Miller, Sitka
- Jerry Ivanoff, Unalakleet

## NOMINEES

- Berda Willson, Nome
- Della Clark, Dillingham
- Helen Peters, Tanana
- Reverend Berkman and Sarah Silas, Minto
- Maybelle Keating McGee, Decatur, GA
- Edna Deacon, Grayling
- Truman Cleveland, Sr., Ambler
- Zack Chichenoff, Ouzinkie
- Angeline Campfield, Ouzinkie
- Walter Soboleff, Juneau
- Carrie Uhl, Kotzebue
- Roger E. Dayton, Sr., Koyukuk
- Berna Brower, Barrow
- Isabella Grace Brady, Sitka

## Elder of the Year

Jack Gosuk, Togiak



Jack Gosuk is one of the few "original" elders of Togiak and has been actively involved in the community's growth. He has served many years on the city council, the Togiak Traditional Council and the Togiak Tribal Court. He has volunteered many hours with the local school and with various youth functions, including the Wellness Committee.

His caring attitude for the children and youth of Togiak has been demonstrated in his tireless efforts to improve the quality of life in his community.

As an active member of the Togiak Tribal Court, Mr. Gosuk has addressed the problems of alcohol and drug abuse in the community, and has taken it upon himself to meet airplanes at the airstrip in order to confiscate any alcohol being brought into the village. According to others in Togiak, he never hesitates to assist others when needed. And he is seen as a one-man patrol to make sure children are home at an early hour. He will get on the VHF to make village-wide announcements reminding children and their parents that it is time for the children to be home. He says he does this "so that school children will not be tardy the next day, or be tired in class."

Although Mr. Gosuk does not speak English, he has spoken "loud and clear" to everyone, and they value his wisdom as a respected traditional leader and elder. One person, commenting on his nightly reminders to the school children, says that: "When they hear his voice they respect and obey...and they go home!"

## Eileen Panigeo MacLean Education Award

### Mae Ahgeak, Barrow



Mae Ahgeak received the Outstanding Educator of the Year award from the Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation at its 2006 annual meeting of shareholders. Born and raised in Barrow, Ms. Ahgeak is the daughter of Paul Ahgeak, Sr. and Salomi Kignak. She and her husband, James, have been married for 33 years and have four children and two granddaughters.

A 1971 graduate of Chemawa Indian School, Ms. Ahgeak began working for the North Slope Borough School District

not long after her high school graduation. She has been a bilingual teacher for the district for some 30 years, and is currently in her second year as a K-3 and K-4 language immersion instructor.

In addition to her work and family responsibilities, she attended Ilisagvik College in Barrow where she earned her Associates of Arts degree. Ms. Ahgeak was taught by her grandfather to read and write the Inupiaq language; skills that have served her well in her chosen profession. It would seem that someone with such a full plate would have little extra time on her hands, but for the past 27 years she has managed to carve out time to be a Sunday school teacher for the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church.

It goes without saying that she loves teaching and working with children, and the community of Barrow feels proud and fortunate to have a teacher of Ms. Ahgeak's quality teaching the Inupiaq language to their children.

### NOMINEES

Sandy Kowalski,  
Kotzebue

Margaret Nelson,  
Port Lions

Daphne Wright,  
Hoonah

Marilyn "Molly"  
Snyder, Noorvik

Curtis Paul Ivanoff,  
Soldotna

### NOMINEES

Leo P. Lornitz &  
Darlene C. Pilot,  
Koyukuk

John & Helen Nelson,  
Port Lions

Barbara & Wilson  
Jerue, Anchorage

Marcelo & Nancy  
Quinto, Juneau

## Parents of the Year

### Aaron and Rita Dotomain, Wasilla



Aaron Dotomain was born in Scammon Bay to Tom and Annie Dotomain in 1951. One of ten children, he grew up mostly in Shaktoolik, the village that he continues to call home. Rita (Hanaka) Dotomain was born in Anchorage and was raised in various communities around Alaska. She, too, considers Shaktoolik to be her true home.

The Dotomains met in Shaktoolik and married in 1976. They soon began their family with the birth of their eldest daughter, Angel, also in 1976. Their only son, Stephen, was born in 1980 and was followed in 1985 by a second daughter, Faye. While they lived in Shaktoolik, they began instilling in their children the values of their culture. And when Angel was almost of school age, they decided to move to Anchorage so that their children could have a well-rounded education. While Anchorage was where the family lived, the children spent their summers with grandparents in Shaktoolik being taught traditional values and skills. At the same time, the children were always taught to set goals and achieve them, to get an education and to give back to the community.

It was also a parental expectation that the children should get a college education and to pursue career paths that would bring them personal joy and fulfillment. Angel received her Bachelors of Science degree from Georgetown University in 1999, and Stephen received his Bachelors of Science degree in Aquatic Resources from Sheldon Jackson University in 2003. Faye, the youngest, is currently attending Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA.

The best proof of successful parenting is what the children themselves feel they were given. The Dotomain children say of their parents: "Mom and dad have always been role models of a great marriage, strong work ethic and values. They have instilled in us how to value family, the importance of understanding and being proud of where we come from, and the importance of giving back to our community."

## Della Keats "Healing Hands"

Nancy Marie Nelson, Kodiak



Born in 1959 in the village of Afognak, Nancy Nelson's family relocated to Port Lions after the 1964 earthquake and tsunami forced the relocation of the entire village.

Throughout her life, Ms. Nelson has devoted herself to many aspects of health among the Alaska Native people. Currently, she works for the Kodiak Area Native Association as a vocational rehabilitation counselor. When she first moved to KANA's vocational rehabilitation

program in 2001, she decided to also further her education, enrolling in the Rural Human Services Program. Once this two-year, state-recognized certification program is complete, she will go on to finish her Associate of Arts degree requirements upon completion of the fall 2006 semester.

While Ms. Nelson completes her education, she remains dedicated to serving the needs of her clients as well as being an active member of the Native community. In addition to her full-time job, her educational pursuits and her role as a tribal council member, she finds time to assist with the annual Women's Wellness Retreat and the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's Women's Resource team.

Ms. Nelson is a dedicated, passionate person who works for her clients to make sure they have the tools available to better their life situations. She stands as an excellent role model for Native women of all ages.



## NOMINEES

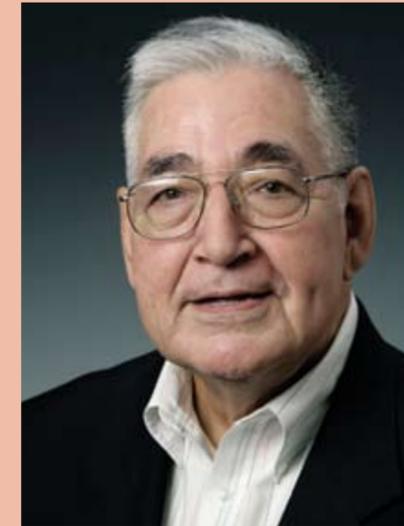
Linda Amodo, Akhiok

Regina D. Sikvayugak, Barrow

Eben Hopson, Jr., Barrow

## Health Award

Robert Singyke, Anchorage



Robert Singyke, Inupiaq, was born near Nome and raised in Nome, Teller and Little Diomedes. He attended the Wrangell Institute and the boarding school at Eklutna, and in 1955 graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Springfield College, and later earned a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley. His tribal affiliation is with Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI), and he currently sits on the CIRI board of directors.

During his career (he is now retired), Mr. Singyke played a key role in setting new standards for Alaska Native health care. He served on the Alaska Native Medical Center's joint operating board, and in 1994 began service as a director of Southcentral Foundation. He continues in that role today, and is also a member of the Alaska Native Health Board.

Mr. Singyke's career spanned several decades with the Indian Health Service (IHS) in both Washington, D.C. and Alaska. Among the capacities in which he served in the IHS, he was executive officer, area director of the Alaska Native Health Service, and deputy director of IHS. From 1992-1994, he was detailed to the Alaska Natives Commission where he served as a senior advisor on health-related issues.

Today, Mr. Singyke enjoys spending time with his wife, Jan, with his son David and family, and with his Scottish Terrier, Thor.



## Culture Bearer

Eliza Jones, Koyukuk



Eliza Jones was born in 1938 to Little Peter and Josie Joe in Cut Off, and was one of seven siblings. Her Athabascan name, given to her by her grandmother Cecilia, is Neelteloyeeneelno, which means “having all these different talents.” She was raised in Cut Off until the age of 12, at which time

the village was moved to the present site of Huslia. She is married to Benedict Jones of Koyukuk, and together they had a total of nine children.

Ms. Jones has devoted her adult life to teaching young adults and children the traditions and history of the Koyukon Athabascan culture. She has written and translated traditional stories, developed curriculum, and conducted research on the history of the middle Yukon and Koyukuk Rivers. She is co-author of the Koyukon Athabascan Dictionary, published earlier this year.

As an educator, Ms. Jones continues to teach the Koyukon language in the local school and by audio conference and correspondence through the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Center for Distance Learning. In addition to teaching her Native tongue, she also teaches others to cut and care for fish and wild game, and to sew clothing in the traditional manner. She is also a Eucharistic minister for Koyukuk, holding services for the village every Sunday. Her advice to young people is: “Be active and don’t sleep too late. And always eat traditional foods because it’s good for your health.”

## NOMINEES

Loren Anderson,  
Anchorage

Jerry Isaac, Tanacross

Tommy Joseph, Sitka

Emmitt Peters, Sr.,  
Ruby

Anna Ehlers, Juneau

Agnik Mabel  
Schaeffer, Kotzebue

## Small Business Award

William “Willie” E. Hall, Kodiak



William “Willie” Hall’s ancestral ties to the old village of Afognak are through his mother whose maiden name is Elizabeth Gregoroff. He was raised in Kodiak and graduated from Kodiak High School in 1961.

Mr. Hall’s career as a self-employed charter pilot and herring and salmon spotter in the Kodiak area began in 1979. In 1989, he established his own air charter business, Kodiak Air Service, with his wife Kathy by his side as dispatcher. In 2005, the couple retired from the air charter business,

but their local legend continues. When asked, local residents give story after story of how Mr. Hall went out of his way and always stepped up when help was needed. Those stories often reflect his willingness to fly late hours or in inclement weather in times of illness and distress. Getting people home to their small villages in time for special events and occasions, such as community events and holidays, was another of his specialties.

In addition to being a private entrepreneur, Mr. Hall has a history of service to the Alutiiq people of Kodiak and Afognak Islands. He has served on the board of directors of Afognak Native Corporation for over 11 years, most of those as chairman of the board. He is a member of the Kodiak Benevolent Patriotic Order of Elks, a member of the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce and also of the Kodiak Island Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Halls have one son, 18-year-old Wade. They are proud of the fact that Wade is a member of the United States Marine Corps and soon will be deployed to serve his country in Iraq.

## NOMINEES

Ron Perry, Anchorage

## Roger Lang Youth Leadership

Melanie "Joy" Shockley, Fairbanks (co-winner)



Melanie "Joy" Shockley, Koyukon Athabaskan, was born in Fairbanks to Dorothy Shockley of Manley Hot Springs and Barry Shockley of Kansas City, Missouri. Melanie's road to her current level of achievement wasn't without difficulties. In her freshman year of high school, after having been expelled from the Galena City Boarding School, she made the decision to turn her life around. She began her healing journey to balance her Native spirituality and her mental, physical and

emotional health by selecting a boarding school in Sedona, Arizona. Without her mother's knowledge, she set out to win a \$21,000 per year scholarship which allowed her to attend this prestigious school. Within two months of beginning her sophomore year in Arizona, she was the top student in her class. She graduated with honors in 2002.

From there Ms. Shockley moved across the country to Hanover, New Hampshire to attend Dartmouth College. In 2003, she received the Doyon, Limited Chief Andrew Isaac Future Leader Award, and in 2004 and 2005 was one of 80 students nationwide to receive the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. Not confining herself to just academics, she joined the women's crew team at Dartmouth and, in her freshman year, was the lead rower in the boat that earned a bronze medal at the EAWRC Sprints. It was the first time Dartmouth women had won a medal in 14 years.

Her studies took her to South Africa for a natural resource management practicum, and along the way she was selected as a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, a program designed to encourage young academics to enter PhD programs and become professors in their fields. She graduated this past spring from Dartmouth with High Honors, and plans to enter graduate school and eventually earn her PhD.

## NOMINEES

Raymond Hyslop,  
Tanana

Hilary Upicksoun,  
Kotzebue

Leo B. Neakok, Point  
Lay

Alyssa A. Brentesen,  
Akiok

Teahonna James,  
Tacoma, WA

## Roger Lang Youth Leadership

Justin Jones, Juneau (co-winner)



Justin Jones is the son of Laird and Francine Jones. On his mother's side he is Tlingit and Tsimshian; and on his father's side he is Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. Both his maternal and paternal grandparents are very committed to the value of involving young Alaska Natives in the future of Alaska Native corporations and have gifted him shares of ANCSA stock. He is a shareholder of Sealaska, Kavilco, Inc. and Shee Atika, Inc. He has been a member of the Alaska Native

Brotherhood from the time he was two months of age.

Highlights of Mr. Jones' major accomplishments in high school include: graduated as one of five valedictorians from Juneau-Douglas High School with a cumulative 4.0 grade point average; member of the National Honor Society; lettered in varsity cross-country running; lettered in track and field; received the Outstanding Student Award presented by the U.S. Public Health Service; and was named "Good Sport Athlete" in recognition of outstanding sportsmanship and leadership.

During his freshman and sophomore years, Mr. Jones volunteered in the elementary classrooms of two of his aunts who specialize in working with Tlingit students. As a role model for the younger children, he especially enjoyed helping them learn the importance of reading and writing. In addition, he coached his cousin's youth indoor soccer team for three seasons.

A freshman at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, Mr. Jones' philosophy of life is: "To obtain a quality education, live a healthy, active lifestyle free of alcohol and drugs, and always strive to do my best in whatever I set out to do."

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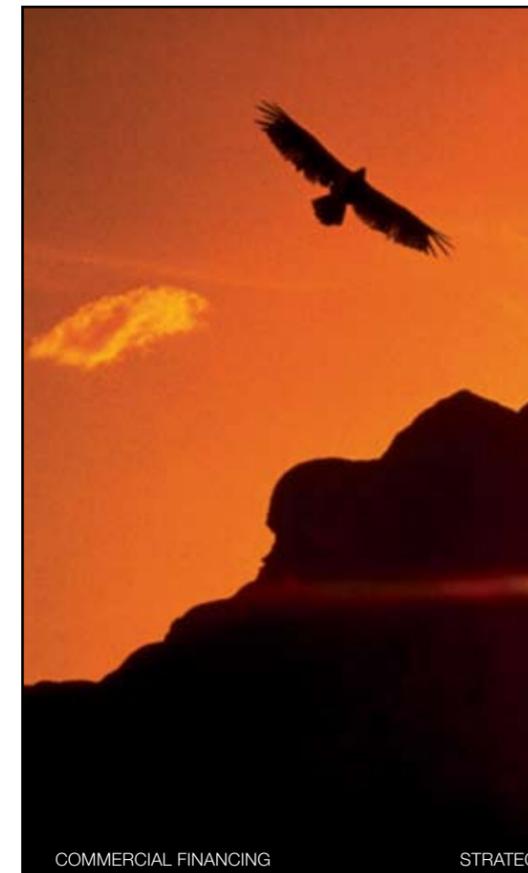
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