

## AML Preliminary Program

Wednesday, November 15

7:00a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **AML Investment Pool Annual Meeting & Gourmet Breakfast**

All delegates are welcome to attend.

8:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Conference Registration**

8:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open**

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **AML Opening Ceremonies**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Keynote**

### **Alaska's Local Government Journey**

Alaska became a state approximately 58 years ago. What were the framers intentions when it came to local government? Where did we start? How did we get where we are? Is this where we were headed? These are issues we must all ask ourselves as we weigh in on policy adopted by the State. Whether the changes are good or bad, governments evolve more through “creep” than through large changes. We must always be ready to evaluate our “position” in the State, as a whole. Come listen to a VERY entertaining history of local government by one of Alaska's leading historians. **Keynote: Terrence Cole**

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Opening Day Luncheon – Guest Speakers**

**Governor Walker - Invited**

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. **Concurrent Session I**

1) **FirstNet , Next Steps for Alaska**

FirstNet and AT&T are building the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. Join us for an in-depth look at the FirstNet communications platform that will bring 21<sup>st</sup> century tools to public safety agencies and first responders, allowing them to get more information quickly and helping them to make faster and better decisions. **Presenters: Justin Shore, Senior Counsel Government Affairs, FirstNet; John Rockwell, Statewide 9-1-1 Coordinator, Alaska Department of Public Safety**

2) **Technical Risk Management - Achieving Network Security and Stability in the Last Frontier**

Current catastrophic weather events have reinforced to us the importance of being prepared for disaster, whether it be natural events, malicious actors, or bad luck. This presentation will cover the processes, activities, and the advantages that local governments can leverage to protect networks and data, when untoward events strike. **Presenter: Peter House, Founder & CEO of Deeptree, Inc.**

3) **The “Complete” Package - AML/AMLJIA/AMLIP**

As an Alaska Municipal League (AML) member, of what services can your municipality take advantage? Hear from the whole AML family.

**Presenters: Kathie Wasserman, Executive Director, AML; Laura Bruce, Senior Vice President, Alaska Permanent Capital Management and AML Investment Pool Advisor; & Grady Fisher, Interim Executive Director, AML Joint Insurance Association**

4) **Getting the Best Deal for Your Citizens: The Keys to Negotiating with Multi-National Resource Companies**

Fresh on the heels of helping the Northwest Arctic Borough (NAB) successfully negotiate a Payment in Lieu of Tax agreement with Teck Alaska, we will discuss the keys to successfully negotiating these agreements, the importance of understanding Municipal taxing authority, and the challenge and opportunities presented by power third-parties. Mr. Mead and Mr. King worked for the NAB in both the 2012 and 2017 negotiations, which resulted in starkly different outcomes for the borough. They'll explore why the outcome of the 2017 agreement was so vastly different than the 2012 agreement. **Presenters: Matt Mead, partner at Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP and Municipal Attorney for the NAB; Jonathan King, Economist with Halcyon Consulting, and Kaam Sahely, Vinson & Elkins**

**3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Session II - General Session**

**Replicating Successes in Opioid Recovery**

We have all discussed the problems and issues involved with opioid addictions in our communities. We have all seen the rampant crime and needless death which has been a result of addiction. Those discussions have been valuable and needed. However, now it is time for us to take action and attempt to replicate the programs (medical and/or non-medical) that have helped Alaskans break the addiction cycle. Listen to a panel of state-wide experts who have helped people through their addictions. It is now time for us all to take action!

**5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Resolution Committee Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Position Statement Committee Meeting**

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. AML Nominating Committee**

**6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Municipality of Anchorage Welcome Reception**

Thursday, November 16

**7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. AML Joint Insurance Association Annual Meeting & Gourmet Breakfast - All delegates are welcome to attend**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration**

**8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Session III**

**1) How the Alaska LNG is Needed, Competitive and Achievable**

Join the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) Commercial and Marketing team to learn more about how the Alaska LNG project is needed, competitive and achievable. Learn about what is new, how the project fits into the global market, and what the potential benefits are to Alaskans and communities statewide. The goal of the work session is to share information, engage in discussion with the audience and help develop a better understanding of the economic aspects of the project. **Presenters: Rosetta Alcantra, Vice President, Communications, AGDC; Frank Richards, Senior VP Program Management, AGDC; Nick Szymoniak, Commercial LNG Negotiator, AGDC; John Tichotsky, Economic Advisor, AGDC**

**2) Lobbying the Legislature**

Over the last two years, we have seen many new faces in the Legislature. Some of them have never been involved with local government and are unfamiliar with how local government operates and about our leading issues. What information must you have in order to best communicate with them and/or with the State Administration effectively? How can you best use your time in Juneau to accomplish as much as possible for your municipality? Get some tips on the “do’s” and “don’ts” about lobbying. Also, learn about the basic structure of the Legislature, committees and the budget. **Presenters: Ray Gillespie & Dianne Blumer, Municipal Lobbyists, Gillespie & Assoc.**

**3) Navigating the Minefield: Passing Constitutional Laws**

Many Alaska municipalities don’t have the advantage of having a full-time in-house lawyer, which makes it harder to write and pass laws that don’t violate the many provisions of the United States and Alaska Constitutions. Eric Glatt will discuss common constitutional pitfalls that municipalities should avoid as they pass laws and make policy. Using the case study of homelessness in Alaska – and how municipalities have tried to regulate it – he will explain some of the most relevant legal standards that municipal efforts to regulate the lives of homeless persons frequently evoke, including: due process and the abatement of homeless camps as impermissible nuisances; free speech and anti-solicitation regulations; due process and “move along” regulations; the Eighth Amendment and prohibitions against lying, sitting, or sleeping in public spaces; and attempts to prohibit public intoxication. **Presenter: Eric Glatt, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska**

4) **“Reworking” Public Safety in Alaska**

Passing SB 54 is part of the call of Special Session. That is one step towards improved public safety in Alaska. But that is only one step. Governor Walker tasked Attorney General Lindemuth, with assistance from Commissioner Monegan towards creating a comprehensive public safety action plan with steps the state can take to improve public safety around the state and at all levels. Listen to Deputy Commissioner Comy unveil this new plan. As municipalities deal with increased crime and the drug epidemic, it is crucial that local elected officials learn how they can better protect their residents despite a fiscal deficit. **Presenter: William Comer, Deputy Commissioner, State of Alaska**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Concurrent Session IV**

1) **Decide Alaska's Future...VOTE**

Learn what's new with voter registration and improvements being made to keep voter rolls more complete and up to date. Participate in discussions about the future of elections in Alaska and recent developments with the Election Policy Work Group formed by Lt. Governor Byron Mallott. **Presenters: Josie Bahnke, State Director of Elections; Lauri Wilson, Region I Elections Supervisor & Jeremy Johnson, Region III Elections Supervisor**

2) **The Road to 2020: Prepare Your Community for the Next Decennial Census**

In 2020, census operations will be conducted in every community in Alaska. Ensuring an accurate count of the population is critical in part because several federal and state programs distribute money based on decennial census-derived statistics. This session's attendees will hear the Census Bureau's plans for the 2020 Census, learn about the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program, and receive some ideas on how your community can prepare. **Presenters: Charmain Ramos, Partnership Specialist, Census Bureau; Gabe Layman, Executive VP & General Counsel, Cook Inlet Housing Authority; Eddie Husinger, State Demographer, Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development**

3) **Revenue Caps, Mandates and More: Lessons Learned & Borough Solutions**

Boroughs are increasingly caught between more state and federal unfunded mandates and state limits on their ability to raise revenue. Years after the Great Recession, revenues have not recovered in many boroughs, while costs of mandated services are rising faster than inflation. This session explores trends in borough fiscal conditions, together with a look at state caps on borough revenue authority, state and federal mandates, fiscal challenges on the horizon and the revenue solutions that boroughs are implementing around the country. This workshop provides a toolkit with talking points and evidence on these issues. **Presenter: Dr. Emilia Istrate, Managing Director, NACo Counties Futures Lab**

#### **4) Alaska Council on the Homeless**

This workshop will provide an update to the work of the Alaska Council on the Homeless and explore ways the Council can be a resource for communities.

**Presenters: Colleen Dushkin, Administrator, Association of Alaska Housing Authorities; Carrie Collins, Planner II, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; Suzi Pearson, Alaska Council on the Homeless; Dave Kuiper, Alaska Council on the Homeless & Brian Wilson, Executive Director, Alaska Coalition on Housing & Homeless**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Second Day Luncheon**

Guest Speaker: Lt. Governor Byron Mallot

**1:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Break & Drawing with Exhibitors**

**2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. General Session:**

#### **Come meet the Elephant in the Room**

Come listen to one of the most informative panels we have ever had before us. No matter WHAT your municipality needs in order to thrive, it takes a backseat to the “elephant in the room” which is the state-wide budget deficit. This panel, made up of Legislative leadership will address their thoughts for a solution. Let’s join them and have a healthy respectful discussion on how we, as a State, moves forward.

**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. AML President’s Reception, ACoM Silent Auction & Presentations of Awards**

#### **Friday, November 17**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. AML Board of Directors Elections & Gourmet Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. AML Annual Business Meeting**

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AML Board Organizational Meeting**

*Preliminary Program Subject to Change!*