

Monday, November 12

Concurrent meetings

- Alaska Municipal League Newly Elected Officials Training
- Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association
- Alaska Association of Assessing Officers
- Alaska Government Finance Officers Association
- Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks
- Alaska Municipal Management Association

Tuesday, November 13

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Wednesday, November 14

7:30 am Registration opens (early registration Tuesday afternoon)

7:30 am **Breakfast – Sponsored by AMLIP** **Discovery Ballroom**
• **AMLIP Business Meeting – all AMLIP members invited** **Quarter Deck**

8:45 am Break **Exhibit Hall**

9:00 am **Opening Session** **Discovery Ballroom**

- Welcome – Mayor **Pat Branson**, President, Alaska Municipal League
- Welcome – Mayor **Ethan Berkowitz**, Municipality of Anchorage
- Opening Remarks – **Governor Bill Walker**, State of Alaska
- Announcements – **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League
- **Affiliate reports**
 - Mayor **Jan Hill**, President, Alaska Conference of Mayors
 - **Peggy MacDonald**, Chair, Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool
 - **Jim Williams**, Immediate Past President, Alaska Municipal Management Association
 - **Shellie Saner**, Immediate Past President, Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks
 - **Ryan Williams**, Immediate Past President, Alaska Government Finance Officers Association
 - **Paul Ewers**, President, Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association
 - **Bryan Hawkins**, Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators

9:40 am	<p>Maximizing Local Self-Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League 	Discovery Ballroom
10:10 am	<p>State of the State</p> <p><i>Civic leaders will speak to the economic, social and overall health of Alaska.</i></p> <p>Moderated by Nils Andreassen, AML</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curtis Thayer, President and CEO, Alaska Chamber of Commerce • Dr. Karen Gaborik, Superintendent of the Year; Superintendent, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District • TBD, Alaska Federation of Natives 	Discovery Ballroom
11:15 am	<p>Legislative Priorities and Election Review</p> <p>Moderated by Nils Andreassen, AML</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Gillespie, Principal, Gillespie & Associates 	
11:45 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
12:00 pm	<p>Lunch and Panel Discussion</p> <p>Introduction by Mayor Pat Branson, President, Alaska Municipal League</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Mike Navarre, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development • Deven Mitchell, Debt Manager, Department of Revenue • Commissioner Leslie Ridle, Department of Administration • Commissioner Marc Luiken, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities • Janet Reiser, Executive Director, Alaska Energy Authority 	Discovery Ballroom
1:00 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
1:15 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cybersecurity Risk and Protection 	Discovery Ballroom
	<p><i>The threat of hacking, a virus or malware has never been more visceral than now. With attacks and disruptions in Mat-Su and Valdez, as well as during elections, this session will explore potential impacts and how to keep local governments safe.</i></p> <p>Moderated by Kevin Smith, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League/Joint Insurance Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peter House, Partner, Deep Tree Consulting ○ Elke Doom, City Manager, City of Valdez ○ John Moosey, Borough Manager, Mat-Su Borough ○ Tom Wilder, Protective Security Advisor, Department of Homeland Security 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revenue Options for the State of Alaska <p><i>While the past four years have focused on budget cuts to State agencies, including negative impacts to municipalities, 2019 must be the year to focus on increasing</i></p>	Quarter Deck

State revenue. This session will explore revenue options and preferences, as well as potential pathways.

- **Ken Alper**, Tax Division Director, Department of Revenue
- **Pat Pitney**, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- **Larry Persily**, Advisor

- **Improving Outcomes of Strategic Energy Management Programs** **Adventure Room**
AHFC will deliver presentations related to benchmarking, energy audits, building monitoring, and technical assistance. Outcomes from the session should be ways to save money, build capacity and strengthen energy efficiency in your community.
Moderated by **Laura Tellez**, Energy Specialist, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 - **Michael Spencer**, Energy Specialist, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 - **Tyler Boyes**, Energy Specialist, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

- **Alaska Funders' Forum** **Endeavor Room**
Access to funding for projects and programs is essential for municipal health. Speakers will highlight their unique attributes, what might be available to municipalities, and the planning necessary to be an effective advocate.
Moderated by **Lisa Parker**, Council Member, City of Soldotna; AML Board Member
 - **Diane Kaplan**, President & CEO, Rasmuson Foundation
 - Federal Co-Chair **John Torgerson**, Denali Commission
 - **Fred Parady**, Deputy Commissioner, DCCED
 - **Greg Stuckey**, Administrator, Office of Native American Programs, Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

2:30 pm Networking Break Exhibit Hall

3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

- **A Responsible Municipal Fiscal Policy** **Quarter Deck**
Municipalities are faced with tough financial decisions each year, which require them to balance short term needs with long term sustainability. Panelists will identify keys to success and ways in which municipalities can work to meet that balance.
 - **Jay Sweeney**, Finance Director, City and Borough of Sitka
 - **Max Mertz**, Principal, Mertz CPA & Advisor
 - **Deven Mitchell**, Director, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority

- **Ensuring a Successful Census** **Adventure Room**
While Alaska prepares for the 2020 census, many communities might be concerned about changes in population and what that might mean for program and funding decisions at the state and federal level. This session will address those concerns, and provide information about why participation is so important.
Moderated by **Gabriel Layman**, Executive Vice President & General Counsel, Cook Inlet Housing Authority

- **Fred Parady**, Deputy Commissioner, DCCED
- **Charmaine Ramos**, U.S. Census Bureau
- **Eddie Hunsinger**, State Demographer, Department of Labor & Workforce Development
- **Katie Skovic**, Cook Inlet Housing Authority

- **Increasing Crime Trends and Municipal Impact** **Discovery Ballroom**
Public safety is an essential government role that deserves attention, change and investment. Speakers will share where we're at, what to watch for, and ways that municipalities and the state can improve and address crime.

Moderated by Mayor **Jim Matherly**, City of Fairbanks; AML board member

- Captain **Mike Duxbury**, Alaska State Troopers
- Special Agent **Jolene Goeden**, Violent Crimes Supervisor, FBI
- Special Agent **Michael Root**, US DEA
- **Adam Rutherford**, Chief Mental Health Officer, Department of Corrections
- **Bill Comer**, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

- **Local Government Adaptation to Climate Change Impacts** **Endeavor Room**
A panel of local and state experts will discuss the major activities in assessment and response to impacts from climate change in rural Alaska. Representatives from the major organizations involved in climate change adaptation will describe current and proposed activities, including relocation and assessment work.

Moderated by **Jim Powell, PhD**, Program Coordinator & Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Southeast

- **Nikoosh Carlo**, Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor
- **Rosie Barr**, Vice President, Lands, Calista Corporation
- **Mike Black**, Senior Advisor, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- **Don Antrobus**, Program Manager, Denali Commission
- **Sally Russell Cox**, Local Government Specialist, Division of Community and Regional Affairs

4:15 pm Refresh and Renew – Afternoon Break Exhibit Hall

4:30 pm **Cruise Port Community Update** – work session **Quarter Deck**
 ○ Chaired by **Rorie Watt**, City Manager, City and Borough of Juneau

Committee Meetings

- **Legislative Position Committee** – finalize position statement **Endeavor Room**
 ○ Chaired by Mayor **Pat Branson**, President, AML Board of Directors
- **Resolution Committee** – review of and certify member resolutions **Endeavor Room**
 ○ Chaired by **Tim Navarre**, Acting First Vice President, AML Board of Directors

5:30 pm **Nominating Committee** – review and finalize candidate slates **Library**

6:00 pm **Host City Reception and Community Block Party** **Discovery Ballroom**
Sponsored by the Anchorage Assembly
Communities should plan to contribute a little bit of home – bring materials, information and other things to share with attendees. A fun evening with Alaska communities.

7:30 pm Adjourn Day One

Thursday, November 15

7:00 am **Breakfast – Sponsored by AMLJIA** **Discovery Ballroom**

7:30 am On-site Registration

7:30 am **AMLJIA Business Meeting** **Discovery Ballroom**

8:30 am General Session – **Online Sales Tax** **Discovery Ballroom**

There are many questions related to the recent Wayfair case, which leave Alaska municipalities trying to understand and make decisions about online sales taxes. This session will provide as many answers as are known and describe the path forward.

Moderated by **Nils Andreassen**, AML

- **Brooks Chandler**, Attorney, Boyd, Chandler & Falconer, LLP
- **Mike Bailey**, Local Government Representative to the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, GFOA

9:00 am Break **Exhibit Hall**

9:15 am Concurrent Sessions

- **Municipal Innovation** **Quarter Deck**
Across the country municipalities are turning to data and new processes to design innovative approaches to local government. These speakers will highlight a number of examples that are being tried and tested in Alaska, as well as across the nation.
 - **Ben Matheson**, Data Analyst, Municipality of Anchorage
 - **Cheryl Burnett**, Director, Counties Solution and Innovation, National Association of Counties
 - **Margo Fliss**, Manager of Strategic Engagement, Center for Economic Development, UAA Business Enterprise Institute
- **State of Alaska Program Briefs** **Endeavor Room**
State agency staff will make brief presentations related to a number of important programs that impact municipalities, ranging from APOC updates to alcohol and marijuana. The session will be fast-paced with time for Q&A at the end.
Moderated by Mayor **Clay Walker**, Denali Borough; AML board member
 - **Public Official Financial Disclosure Law**

- **Madeline Scholl**, Public Official Financial Disclosure Paralegal, Alaska Public Offices Commission
 - **Alcohol Statute and Change, Marijuana Regulations**
 - **Jedediah Smith**, Local Government Specialist, Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office, DCCED
 - **Municipal Parks Programs**
 - **Wendy Sailors**, Parks and Recreation, State of Alaska
 - **Property Tax Administration Changes in Staff and Systems**
 - **Marty McGee**, State Assessor, Division of Community and Regional Affairs
 - **Elections Update**
 - **Josie Bahnke**, Division Director, Division of Elections, State of Alaska
- **Managing Growth and Infrastructure Improvements** **Discovery Ballroom**

A reduced or absent capital budget has meant that many communities are falling behind in maintenance of and improvements to infrastructure. Speakers will describe the challenges they are facing – from growth to glaring needs – and ways in which municipalities can address the looming infrastructure gap.

 - **Steve Ribuffo**, Port Director, Port of Alaska
 - Mayor **Dan O’Hara**, Bristol Bay Borough
 - **Gordon Brower**, Director, North Slope Borough
 - **Greg Kinney** and **David Gomez**, Alaska Section, American Society of Civil Engineers
- **Regional and Community Sanitation Planning** **Adventure Room**

ANTHC has recently embarked on creating regional and community plans of sanitation improvements in rural Alaska. These plans are being put together with the involvement of the regional and statewide partners interested in improving sanitation in the more challenging areas of the State.

Moderated by **Rebecca Pollis**, Director of Project Management, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

10:30 am Networking Break Exhibit Hall

- 10:45 am Concurrent Sessions
- **Effective Economic Development Strategies** **Discovery Ballroom**

Economic development at a local and regional level is an important responsibility of many municipalities. Learn about how some regions of the state are approaching the planning necessary to effect economic growth and diversification.

 - **Robert Venables**, Executive Director, Southeast Conference
 - **Chris Beck**, Principal, Agnew::Beck Consulting
 - **Britteny Cioni-Haywood**, Division Director, Division of Economic Development, DCCED
 - **Wanetta Ayers**, Interim Executive Director, Prince William Sound Economic Development District

- **Homelessness and Housing** **Endeavor Room**
One of the perennial challenges in many Alaska communities is the lack of (affordable) housing and the trends related to homelessness. The reality is that Alaskans are working to address both, and this session will describe what's being done, and what work there's left to do. Moderated by **Bryan Butcher**, CEO, AHFC & Chair, Alaska Council on Homelessness
 - **Rorie Watt**, City Manager, City and Borough of Juneau
 - **Colleen Dushkin**, Administrator, Association of Alaska Housing Authorities
 - **Mike Sanders**, Housing and Homeless coordinator, City of Fairbanks
 - TBD, Municipality of Anchorage
 - **Cathy Stone**, Director, Public Housing, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 - **Daniel Delfino**, Director, Planning and Program Development, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

- **PILT update** **Adventure Room**
AML works with the National Association of Counties (NACo) to advocate for full funding of and positive changes to federal Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funding. Alaskans recently traveled to DC to assist in this advocacy and will report out on the process and potential outcomes.
 Moderated by Mayor **Clay Walker**, Denali Borough; AML board member
 - **Cheryl Burnett**, Director, Counties Solution and Innovation, National Association of Counties
 - **John Quick**, Chief of Staff, Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - Mayor **David Landis**, Ketchikan Gateway Borough

- **Best Practices for Contracting Professional Services** **Quarter Deck**
Panelists will discuss project development and how to develop a clear scope of work, put together an effective Request for Proposals, develop relevant scoring criteria, review proposals for professional services, make use of term contracts, and decide which type of contract payment method makes the most sense for your project.
 Moderated by **Andrea Story**, CPSM, Vice President, R&M
 - **Al Beck**, P.E., Design Group Chief, DOT& PF
 - **Steve Nuss**, P.E., Engineering Division Director, Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility
 - **Mike Rabe**, P.E., Managing Principal, CRW Engineering Group, LLC
 - **Chris Miller**, P.E., President, Design Alaska

12:00 pm

Lunch

Discovery Ballroom

Smart Cities and Innovation

Introduced by **Tina Pidgeon**, Executive Vice President, GCI

- **Juri Laurila**, Founder & CEO, Arctic Smartness Village Ltd. Oy, Finland
Juri has worked with different regional and area development associates, tasks and working groups for over 10 years as a volunteer and through his work at Finnish

forest enterprise Metsähallitus. Juri created a new Smart Village concept to increase the vitality of rural areas.

- 1:00 pm **AML Membership Announcements** **Discovery Ballroom**
- **Resolution Committee** – update to members on 2019 resolutions submitted
 - **Legislative Position Committee** – update to members on 2019 Position Statement
 - **Nominating Committee** – update to members on the slate of AML Board of Directors candidates
 - **Board Candidates** – candidate two-minute intros
- 2:00 pm **AML Program Services** **Discovery Ballroom**
- **Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool** – beyond the bank, AMLIP delivers short term investment returns for easy municipal access
 - **Blake Phillips**, Vice President, Director of Institutional Sales, AMLIP; Alaska Permanent Capital Management
 - **AML Joint Insurance Association** – AML’s flagship service, providing member municipalities savings and risk management
 - **Kevin Smith**, Executive Director, AML Joint Insurance Association
- 2:30 pm Networking Break and Exhibitor Drawing **Exhibitor Hall**
- 3:00 pm **At a National Level: Agency Updates and Federal Advocacy** **Discovery Ballroom**
- Federal agencies and congressional staff will speak to priorities at the federal level, anticipated changes, and potential impacts to Alaska municipalities.*
- Moderated by Mayor **Pat Branson**, City of Kodiak; Board Chair, AML
- **Apollo Fuhrman**, Region 10 Advocate, Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration
 - **Chris Hladick**, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - **Renee Johnson**, Rural Business & Cooperative Services, USDA Rural Development
 - **Leila Kimbrell**, State Director, Office of Senator Murkowski
 - **Kate Wolgemuth**, Rural Affairs Advisor, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan
- One-on-One follow up session:**
- **AMLIP**, with Alaska Permanent Fund Capital Management **Endeavor Room**
 - **AMLJIA**, with **Kevin Smith**, Executive Director **Adventure Room**
- 4:15 pm Renew and Refresh – Afternoon Break
- 5:30 pm **AML President’s Reception** **Discovery Ballroom**
- **ACoM auction** – *mayors from across the state have donated special items from their communities for AML conference attendees to bid on, with funds raised in support of the ACoM mission*

- **Municipal Awards** – *help us celebrate municipal leadership with awards for service and excellence*
 - Presented by **Vic Fischer**, Delegate, Constitutional Convention

7:30 pm Adjourn Day Two

Friday, November 16

8:00 am	<p>Breakfast – Associate Recognition</p> <p><i>AML’s Associate Program brings partners together from the private, public, civic and academic sector in support of Alaska’s municipal governments.</i></p>	Discovery Ballroom
8:30 am	<p>Elections</p> <p><i>Vote for new board members, and AML’s First and Second Vice President</i></p>	Registration Desk
9:00 am	<p>Annual Meeting</p> <p><i>Members vote to amend or approve the 2019 Position Statement and Resolutions</i></p>	Discovery Ballroom
11:00 am	<p>Adjourn Annual Conference</p> <p><i>Attendees travel home</i></p>	
12:00 pm	<p>Lunch and Board Organizational Meeting</p> <p><i>Incoming and current board members should stay for this organizational meeting and to develop an implementation plan for AML priorities</i></p>	Club Room II
1:00 pm	<p>Legislative Position Committee Meeting</p> <p><i>Incoming and current board members will review the finalized resolutions and position statement to develop a legislative strategy.</i></p>	Club Room II
2:30 pm	<p>Adjourn</p>	