**Alaska Municipal League 71st Annual Local Government Conference**

**Sunday, November 14**

4:00 pm **Registration Open**

6:00 pm **Networking Reception Quarterdeck**

First-time Attendees and Newly Elected Officials

**Monday, November 15**

7:00 am Registration open

7:30 am **Breakfast Discovery Ballroom**

* Announcements – **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League

8:00 am **Opening Session Discovery Ballroom**

* Welcome – **Pete Petersen**, President, Alaska Municipal League
* **Land Acknowledgement**

9:15 am **Untold Stories**

Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, local governments have served on the front lines, working to protect the health and wellbeing of our residents, and driving economic recovery in our communities. Together, local governments have highlighted our critical role and the key services cities and boroughs provide, demonstrating to the public and to our federal partners that local government matters.

Now, we have an opportunity to tell the full story of our efforts and how we have made incredible differences in the lives of our residents through the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act, historic investment in our nation's counties and cities. Let’s demonstrate how local governments are helping our residents stay in their homes and keep food on the table. How we are supporting small businesses. How we are steering our communities into the future and helping our residents THRIVE.

11:30 am Break

12:00 pm **Lunch and Funders Forum Discovery Ballroom**

*Moderated by* ***Lisa Parker****, City Council, City of Soldotna*

* **Alan Weitzner**, Executive Director, AIDEA
* **Mike Abbott**, CEO, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
* **Garrett Boyle**, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission
* **Chad Stovall**, Alaska Field Officer Director, HUD
* **TBD**, Rasmuson Foundation (*invited*)
* **Tyson Gallagher**, Office of the Governor (*invited*)

1:00 pm Break Exhibit Hall

1:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

* **Regional Water and Sewer Utilities Endeavor Room**

*Moderated by* ***Mark Springer****, Mayor, City of Bethel*

* + **John Nichols**, Director, Rural Utility Management Services, ANTHC
  + **Chris Cox**, Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative
* **Structuring Health and Retirement Benefits Fore Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Nikki Velock****, Council, City of Wasilla*

* + **Josh Franzel**, Managing Director, MissionSquare
  + **Thomas Showalter**, Services Director, Alera Connect HR
* **Alaska Municipal Climate Network** **Mid Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Michelle Hale****, Assembly, City and Borough of Juneau*

* + **Carole Triem**, Assembly, City and Borough of Juneau
  + **Willy Dunne**, Assembly, Kenai Peninsula Borough
  + **Donna Aderhold**, Council, City of Homer
* **Childcare and Early Learning Adventure Room**

*Moderated by* ***Terry Haines****, Council, City of Kodiak*

* + **Stephanie Berglund**, CEO, *thread* Alaska
  + **Anna White**, Program Manager, Early Childhood Success, Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, National League of Cities
  + **Shawnda O’Brien**, Director, Division of Public Assistance, DHSS
* **DCRA Municipal Refresher – Elections Club Room 1**
  + **Mike White** and **Melody Nibeck**, Local Government Specialists, DCRA

2:30 pm Networking Break Exhibit Hall

3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

* **Alaska’s Broadband Strategy Endeavor Room**

*Moderated by* ***Nils Andreassen****, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League*

* + **Hallie Bisset**, Chair, Alaska Broadband Task Force
  + **Christine O’Connor**, Alaska Telecommunications Association
* **Housing and Homelessness** **Adventure Room**

*Moderated by* ***Valerie Therrien****, Council, City of Fairbanks*

* + **Chris Kolerok**, Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Cook Inlet Housing Authority
  + **Daniel Delfino**, Director, Planning Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
  + **Brian Wilson**, Executive Director, Alaska Coalition of Housing and Homelessness
  + **Kelda Barstad**, Program Officer, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
* **Public Infrastructure Asset Management Fore Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Fannie Suvlu****, Mayor, City of Utqiagvik*

* + **Jake Kowalski**, Government Finance Officers Association
  + **Tim Mearig**, Director, Facilities, Dept. of Education and Early Development
  + **Tim Sandstrom**, Director, Rural Programs, Alaska Energy Authority
* **Benefiting from SEMT Mid Deck**

*Moderated by* ***John Whiddon****, Council, City of Kodiak*

* + **Katherine McDonald**, Office of Rate Review, DHSS
  + **Sheavon Brunelle**, SEMT Coordinator, State of Alaska
* **DCRA Municipal Refresher – Open Meetings Act Club Room 1**
  + **Jed Cox** and **Mike White**, Local Government Specialists, DCRA

4:15 pm Afternoon Break **Exhibit Hall**

4:30 pm **Committee Meetings**

* **Legislative Position Committee** **Endeavor Room**
  + **Sabrena Combs**, Chair, Legislative Position Committee
* **Resolutions Committee** **Endeavor Room**
  + **Jim Matherly**, Chair, Resolutions Committee

5:30 pm  **Nominating Committee Library**

*The AML Nominating Committee will conduct this formal meeting to develop and approve the final candidate slate for the AML board of directors.*

* **Pat Branson**, Chair, Nominating Committee

6:00 pm **Awards Dinner Fore Deck**

*A relaxing evening recognizing municipal leadership in Alaska.*

* Elected Official of the Year
* Municipal Employee of the Year
* Vic Fischer Lifetime Service Award
* Emerging Municipal Leader Award

7:30 pm Adjourn Day One

**Tuesday, November 16**

*AMAA Concurrent Quarterdeck*

7:30 am On-site Registration and Testing

7:30 am **Breakfast and AML-JIA Business Meeting Discovery Ballroom**

* **Kevin Smith**, Executive Director, AML Joint Insurance Association
* **Joe Evans**, Founding Trustee, AMLJIA Board of Trustees

8:30 am Announcements

8:45 am Concurrent Sessions

* **Cybersecurity Endeavor Room**

*Moderated by* ***Lyn Carden****, President, Alaska Municipal Management Association*

* + **Rita Reynolds**, Chief Information Officer, NACo
  + **Jacob Wylie**, Support Engineer, WaveRider
  + **Brian Sams**, President, Tanium
* **Tribal Governance Fore Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Bruce Botelho****, former Alaska Attorney General and mayor of Juneau*

* + **Dawn Begay,** Native American Affairs Coordinator, City of Albuquerque, NM
  + **Terry Sloan,** Intergovernmental Tribal Liaison, City of Albuquerque, NM
  + **Christopher Constant,** Vice Chair, Anchorage Municipal Assembly
  + **Meghan “Sigvanna” Topkok**, Council, Nome Common Council, and Staff Attorney, Kawerak Inc.
  + **Dennis Robinson,** Vice Mayor, City of Unalaska, and Qawalangin Tribal Council board member
  + **Steven Eisenbeisz,** Mayor, or John Leach, Municipal Administrator, City & Borough of Sitka
* **Encouraging Alaska Business Development Mid Deck**

*Moderated by Stephanie Nowers, Assembly, Mat Su Borough*

* + **Jon Bittner**, Director, Small Business Development Center
  + **Katie Ashbaugh**, Buy Alaska
* **Professional Development Opportunities Adventure Room**

*Moderated by* ***Melissa Jacobsen****, Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks*

* + **Tim Rahschulte**, PDA Leadership
  + **Teri Cothren**, VP, Workforce Development, University of Alaska Anchorage
* **DCRA Municipal Refresher – Title 29 Jeopardy Club Room 1**
  + **Jeff Congdon** and **Lydia Mielke**, Local Government Specialists DCRA

10:00 am **Senator Lisa Murkowski** in all rooms

10:15 am Networking Break **Exhibit Hall**

10:30 am Concurrent Sessions

* **Property Tax Assessment – Mandatory Disclosure Endeavor Room**

*Moderated by* ***Rob Palmer****, Borough Attorney, City and Borough of Juneau*

* + - **Jeff Rogers**, Finance Director, City and Borough of Juneau
    - **Joseph Caissie**, State Assessor, Division of Community and Regional Affairs
* **Ranked Choice Voting Adventure Room**

*Moderated by* ***Meghan Topkok****, Council, City of Nome*

* + - **Jason Grenn**, Alaskans for Better Elections
    - **Gail Fenumiai**, Division of Elections, State of Alaska
* **ARPA Implementation, Reporting and Compliance Fore Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Brent Johnson****, Assembly, Kenai Peninsula Borough*

* + - **Eryn Hurley**, National Association of Counties
* **Municipal Bond Packages** **and Cash Management**  Mid Deck

*Moderated by* ***Joan Miller****, Alaska Government Finance Officers Association*

* + **Deven Mitchell**, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority
  + **Garrett Macdonald,** Cashvest by ThreePlusOne
* **DCRA/AEA Municipal Training** – **PCE and Bulk Fuel Loans** **Club Room 1**
  + **Lydia Mielke** and **Jed Cox**, Local Government Specialists, DCRA
  + **T.W. Patch**, Director of Planning, Alaska Energy Authority

11:45 am Break

12:00 pm Lunch **Discovery Ballroom**

**Gubernatorial Candidates Debate**

* **Mike Dunleavy**, Republican (*invited*)
* **Les Gara**, Democrat (*confirmed*)
* **Bill Walker**, Independent (*confirmed*)

1:15 pm **AML Membership Announcements Discovery Ballroom**

* **Legislative Position Committee** – update to members on 2022 Position Statement
* **Resolution Committee** – update to members on 2022 resolutions submitted
* **Nominating Committee** – update to members on the slate of AML Board candidates
* **Board Candidates** – candidate one-minute intros

2:00 pm **AML and Partner Program Services Discovery Ballroom**

* **Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool**
  + **Blake Phillips**, Vice President, Alaska Permanent Capital Management
* **Alaska Municipal Health Trust**
  + **Joshua Weinstein**, President, Employee Benefits Consultant, RISQ Consulting
* **National Association of Counties Updates**
  + **Jonathan Shuffield**, WIR, National Association of Counties
* **AML Joint Insurance Association**
  + **Brennan Hickok**, Deputy Director, AML Joint Insurance Association
* **Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission**
  + **Jeff Rogers**, President, Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission
* **Affiliate Reports**
  + **Melissa Jacobsen**, Past President, Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks
  + **Lyn Carden**, President, Alaska Municipal Management Association
  + **Scott Bloom**, Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association
  + **Joan Miller**, Alaska Government Finance Officers Association
  + **Rich Everidge**, Chief, Alaska Fire Chiefs Association

2:45 pm Networking Break and Exhibitor Drawing **Aft Deck**

3:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

* **Ports and Harbors – Coastal Infrastructure Fore Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Alvin Osterback****, Mayor, Aleutians East Borough*

* + **Mike Fisher**, Northern Economics
  + **Rachel Lord**, Executive Director, Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators
  + **Kolby Hickel**, Port of Alaska, Municipality of Anchorage
  + **Robert Venables**, Executive Director, Southeast Conference
* **Quality of Life Mid Deck**

*Moderated by* ***Walter Sampson****, Assembly, Northwest Arctic Borough*

* + **Nick Farline**, Valdez Parks; Alaska Recreation and Parks Association
  + **Beth Weigel**, Museum Director, Juneau-Douglas City Museum
* **Modernizing (Online) Sales Tax Collection Adventure Room**

*Moderated by Suzanne LaFrance, Assembly, Municipality of Anchorage*

* + **Clinton Singletary**, Tax Administrator, Alaska Municipal League
  + **Karl Kaufman**, Landye Bennett, Blumstein LLC
* **Partnering with Nonprofits Endeavor Room**

*Moderated by* ***Liz Lyke****, Assembly, Fairbanks North Star Borough*

* + **Laurie Wolf**, President & CEO, Foraker Group
* **State Procurement Partnership Club Room 1**

*Moderated by* ***Dawn Wesley****, Shared Services Director, Alaska Municipal League*

* + **Linda Polk**, Office of Procurement, Department of Administration
  + **Jonathon Harshfield**, State Property Manager, Department of Administration
  + **Mindy Birk**, Procurement Policy Officer, Department of Administration

4:30 pm Afternoon Break

6:00 pm **Trivia Night Fore Deck**

A fun event to socialize and reconnect.

8:00 pm Adjourn Day Two

**Wednesday, November 17**

8:00 am **Breakfast – AMLIP Annual Meeting Discovery Ballroom**

8:30 am **Elections** **Registration Desk**

*Vote for new board members and officers*

9:00 am **Annual Meeting Discovery Ballroom**

*Members take actions on:*

* Policy Statement
* Resolutions
* Elections

Concurrent Sessions

**Grant Writing Workshop**

12:00 pm **Adjourn Annual Conference**

12:00 pm **ARSSTC Annual Member Meeting**

4:30 pm **Side Session – Coastal Caucus**