

Alaska Municipal League 71st Annual Local Government Conference

Sunday, November 14

- 4:00 pm **Registration Open**
- Testing and vaccination on-site
 - Complete CrowdPass – health check and document upload
- 6:00 pm **Networking Reception** **Quarterdeck**
First-time Attendees and Newly Elected Officials

Monday, November 15

- AMAA concurrent* *Quarterdeck*
- 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**
 - **District Reports**
- 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**
- **Alan Weitzner**, Executive Director, AIDEA (*confirmed*)
 - Mike Abbott, Executive Director, Alaska Mental Health Trust (*tentative*)

- Garrett Boyle, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission
- Chad Stovall, Alaska Field Officer Director, HUD
- Diane Kaplan, President, Rasmuson Foundation,
- DOT&PF, DHSS, DEC, EDA, Congressional offices, Legislative offices, Governor's office, Alaska Community Foundation, USDA Rural Development, Dept. of Energy

1:00 pm Break Exhibit Hall

1:15 pm Concurrent Sessions

- **Regional Water and Sewer Utilities** **Endeavor Room**
 - **John Nichols**, Director, Rural Utility Management Services, ANTHC
 - **Chris Cox**, Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative (*tentative*)
- **Structuring Health and Retirement Benefits** **Fore Deck**
 - **Josh Franzel**, Managing Director, MissionSquare
 - **Thomas Showalter**, Services Director, Alera Connect HR
- **Alaska Municipal Climate Network** **Mid Deck**
 - **Willy Dunne**, Assembly, Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - **Donna Aderhold**, Council, City of Homer
 - **Carole Triem**, Assembly City and Borough of Juneau
- **Childcare and Early Learning** **Adventure Room**
 - **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

- **Broadband** **Endeavor Room**
 - **Hallie Bisset**, Chair, Alaska Broadband Task Force
 - **Christine O'Connor**, Alaska Telecommunications Association
- **Housing and Homelessness** **Adventure Room**
 - **Chris Kolerok**, Director, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Cook Inlet Housing Authority
 - **Daniel Delfino**, Director, Planning Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (*confirmed*)

- **Brian Wilson**, Executive Director, Alaska Coalition of Housing and Homelessness
- **Public Infrastructure Asset Management** **Fore Deck**
 - **Jake Kowalski**, Government Finance Officers Association
 - **Tim Mearig**, Director, Facilities, Dept. of Education and Early Development
 - AEA (*confirmed*)
- **Benefiting from SEMT** **Mid Deck**
 - **Katherine McDonald**, Office of Rate Review, DHSS
- **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**
 - **Sabrina 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 (*confirmed*)

- 8:30 am Announcements
- 9:00 am Concurrent Sessions
- **Cybersecurity** **Endeavor Room**
 - Waverider
 - **Brian Sams**, Tanium (*confirmed*)
 - **Rita Reynolds**, Cybersecurity Collaborative, NACo (*invited*)

 - **Tribal Governance** **Fore Deck**
 - Assembly, Municipality of Anchorage
 - City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
 - Bethel City Council
 - Dennis Robinson, Vice Mayor, City of Unalaska
 - City & Borough of Sitka
 - Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
 - Tribal government representative

 - **Encouraging Alaska Business Development** **Mid Deck**
 - **Jon Bittner**, Director, Small Business Development Center
 - **Katie Ashbaugh**, Buy Alaska

 - **Professional Development Opportunities** **Adventure Room**
 - Leadership (to be invited)
 - Teri Cothren, VP, Workforce Development, University of Alaska Anchorage (*invited*)
 - Affiliates (to be invited)

 - **DCRA Municipal Refresher – Title 29 Jeopardy** **Club Room 1**
 - **Jeff Congdon** and **Lydia Mielke**, Local Government Specialists DCRA
- 10:15 am Networking Break **Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 am Concurrent Sessions
- **Property Tax Assessment – Mandatory Disclosure** **Endeavor Room**
 - **Jeff Rogers**, Finance Director, City and Borough of Juneau
 - Rob Palmer, Borough Attorney, City and Borough of Juneau (*invited*)
 - **Joseph Cassie**, State Assessor, Division of Community and Regional Affairs (*tentative*)

 - **Ranked Choice Voting** **Adventure Room**
 - **Jason Grenn**, Alaskans for Better Elections
 - **Gail Fenumiai**, Division of Elections, State of Alaska

 - **ARPA Implementation, Reporting and Compliance** **Fore Deck**

- **Eryn Hurley**, National Association of Counties
 - **Considerations in Municipal Bond Packages** Mid Deck
 - **Deven Mitchell**, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority
 - **DCRA/AEA Municipal Training – PCE and Bulk Fuel Loans** Club Room 1
 - **Lydia Mielke** and **Jed Cox**, Local Government Specialists, DCRA
 - AEA (*invited*)
- 11:45 am Break
- 12:00 pm Lunch **Discovery Ballroom**
- Gubernatorial Candidates Debate**
- **Mike Dunleavy**, Republican (*invited*)
 - **Les Gara**, Democrat (*invited*)
 - **Bill Walker**, Independent (*invited*)
- 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 (*invited*)
 - **Lyn Carden**, President, Alaska Municipal Management Association
 - **Rich Etheridge**, President, Alaska Fire Chiefs Association
 - **Scott Bloom**, Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association
- 2:45 pm Networking Break and Exhibitor Drawing **Aft Deck**

3:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

- **Ports and Harbors – Coastal Infrastructure** **Fore Deck**
 - **Mike Fisher**, Northern Economics
 - **Rachel Lord**, Executive Director, Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators
 - **Kolby Hickel**, Port of Alaska, Municipality of Anchorage

- **Quality of Life** **Mid Deck**
 - **Nick Farline**, Valdez Parks; Alaska Recreation and Parks Association
 - **Beth Weigel**, Museum Director, Juneau-Douglas City Museum

- **Modernizing (Online) Sales Tax Collection** **Adventure Room**
 - **Clinton Singletary**, Tax Administrator, Alaska Municipal League
 - **Karl Kaufman**, Landye Bennett, Blumstein LLC

- **Partnering with Nonprofits** **Endeavor Room**
 - **Laurie Wolf**, President & CEO, Foraker Group

- **State Procurement Partnership** **Club Room 1**
 - **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

A fun event to socialize and reconnect.

Fore Deck

8:00 pm

Adjourn Day Two

Wednesday, November 17

AMAA Concurrent

Quarterdeck

8:00 am

Breakfast – AMLIP Annual Meeting

Discovery Ballroom

8:30 am

Elections

Vote for new board members and officers

Registration Desk

9:00 am

Annual Meeting

Members take actions on:

- Policy Statement
- Resolutions

Discovery Ballroom

- Elections

Concurrent Sessions

AAMC Athenian Dialogue

AGFOA

12:00 pm **Adjourn Annual Conference**

AML Board Meeting

Club Room 1

1:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

AGFOA

Mid Deck

AAMC Athenian Dialogue

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AMMA

Quarter Deck

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Endeavor

ACoM Work Session – Leadership in Practice

Adventure

3:00 pm Break

3:30 pm Continue concurrent activities

5:00 pm Evening Break

6:00 pm Receptions

- Lake and Peninsula Borough

Club Room I

Thursday, November 18

See separate agendas - Concurrent Activities

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Friday, November 19

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