

## Alaska Municipal League 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Local Government Conference

### Monday, December 4

	<b>Newly Elected Officials</b>	<b>Tikahtnu B</b>
	<b>Affiliate Meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>AAMC</b></li><li>• <b>AMMA</b></li><li>• <b>AAAO</b></li><li>• <b>ACoM</b></li><li>• <b>AMAA</b></li></ul>	<b>Kahtnu 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Tikahtnu C</b> <b>Tikahtnu D</b> <b>Tikahtnu B</b> <b>Tikahtnu E/F</b>
5:30 PM	<b>ACoM President's Reception</b>	<b>Tikahtnu B</b>

### Tuesday, December 5

	<b>Affiliate Meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>AAMC</b></li><li>• <b>AMMA</b></li><li>• <b>AAAO</b></li><li>• <b>ACoM</b></li><li>• <b>AMAA</b></li></ul>	<b>Kahtnu 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>Tikahtnu C</b> <b>Tikahtnu D</b> <b>Tikahtnu B</b> <b>Tikahtnu E/F</b>
4:30pm	<b>ARSSTC Annual Meeting</b>	<b>K'enakatnu</b>
5:00pm	<b>Alaska Municipal Health Trust Annual Meeting</b> Attended by current plan participants for annual business meeting of Trustees; open to everyone. Light appetizers provided.	<b>K'enakatnu</b>
6:00pm	<b>Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks - Annual Banquet</b>	<b>Tikahtnu A</b>

### Wednesday, December 6

8:00 am	<b>Breakfast</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Announcements</li></ul>	<b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b>
9:00 am	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Welcome – Mark Springer</b>, President, Alaska Municipal League</li><li>• Land Acknowledgement</li><li>• Pledge of Allegiance</li><li>• <b>Welcome - Mayor Dave Bronson</b>, Municipality of Anchorage</li><li>• <b>Welcome – Mayor Victoria Woodards</b>, City of Tacoma, NLC President</li><li>• <b>Members of the Congressional Delegation</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Sen. Lisa Murkowski</b>, U.S. Senate (<i>video address</i>)</li><li>○ <b>Sen. Dan Sullivan</b>, U.S. Senate (<i>video address</i>)</li><li>○ <b>Rep. Mary Peltola</b>, U.S. House (<i>video address</i>)</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b>
9:45 am	<b>AML - Year in Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Erin Reinders</b>, Director of Infrastructure Development, AML</li><li>• <b>Clinton Singletary</b>, Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission</li><li>• <b>Alicia Hughes-Skandijs</b>, Director of Programs, AML</li></ul>	<b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b>
10:15 am	<i>Break</i>	

10:30 am	<p><b>State of the State</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governor <b>Mike Dunleavy</b> (<i>invited</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislative Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senator <b>Jesse Bjorkman</b></li> <li>• Senator <b>Jesse Kiehl</b></li> <li>• House Minority Leader <b>Calvin Schrage</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Budget and Fiscal Condition</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deven Mitchell</b>, CEO, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation</li> <li>• <b>Alexei Painter</b>, Legislative Finance</li> </ul>	<b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b>
12:00 pm	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p><b>A Day in the Life</b>  <i>Spotlight on the experience of our rural mayors and managers, in daily activities and operations, followed by panel discussion with federal officials.</i></p>	<b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b>
1:15 pm	<i>Break</i>	<i>Foyer</i>
1:30 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recruiting, Retaining, &amp; Managing a Healthy Workforce</b>      <b>Kahtnu 1</b>  <i>Moderated by <b>Alicia Hughes-Skandijs</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jeff Yates</b>, S3 Management</li> <li>○ <b>Tiffany Stock</b>, RISQ Consulting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Preparing for &amp; Mitigating Environmental Impacts</b>      <b>Kahtnu 2</b>  <i>Moderated by <b>Jennifer Adleman</b>, FEMA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Garrett Brooks</b>, State Hazard Mitigation Officer</li> <li>○ <b>John Andrews</b>, Mitigation Planning Program Manager</li> <li>○ <b>Rai Simpliciano</b>, BRIC Manager</li> <li>○ <b>Stacy Gundersen</b>, FEMA Region 10 Tribal Liaison</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Local Government Role in Broadband</b>      <b>Tubughnenq 3</b>  <i>Moderated by <b>Carole Triem</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Angelina Panettieri</b>, National League of Cities</li> <li>○ <b>Thomas Lochner</b>, Alaska Broadband Office</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Introduction to Asset Management</b>      <b>Tubughnenq 4</b>  <i>Moderated by <b>Angela Engelkes</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Iain Cranston</b>, ICInfrastructure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Implementation of Carbon Offset Program</b>      <b>Tubughnenq 5</b>  <i>Moderated by <b>Beth Weldon</b>, City &amp; Borough of Juneau</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Trevor Fulton</b>, Dept. of Natural Resources</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2:45 pm	<i>Networking Break</i>	<i>Exhibit Hall</i>

3:00 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Implementation of Updated Alcohol Statutes and Regulations</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kahtnu 1</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Stu Graham</b>, City of Wasilla</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Gabriel Gonzales</b>, Alaska Alcohol &amp; Marijuana Control Office</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hiring and Managing a Village Police Officer</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kahtnu 2</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Meghan Topkok</b>, City of Nome</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Greg Russell</b>, AMLJIA</li> <li>○ <b>Joseph Gamache</b>, Alaska Police Standards Council</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Advancing Digital Equity</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 3</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Erin Reinders</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Chelsea Gulling</b>, Gulling Consulting</li> <li>○ <b>Jacque Braden</b>, RurAL CAP</li> <li>○ <b>Patrick Curtis</b>, AARP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Implementing Effective Asset Management</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 4</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Angela Engelkes</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Iain Cranston</b>, ICInfrastructure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Cities of Opportunity and Social Determinants of Health</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 5</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Alicia Hughes-Skandijs</b>, Alaska Municipal League</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:15 pm	<b>Exhibitor Showcase</b>
4:30 pm	<b>Music and Networking in the AMLounge</b>
4:30 pm	<p><b>Work Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Evaluating Building Codes</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kahtnu 1</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Erin Reinders</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Michael Spencer</b>, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Energy Intake Hub and Project Development</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kahtnu 2</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Griffin Plush</b> and <b>Trisha Sims</b>, Alaska Municipal League</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Coastal Caucus</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 3</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Robert Venables</b>, Southeast Conference</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>AWIFNC Cohort – Onboarding</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 4</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Angela Engelkes</b> and <b>Melody Nibeck</b>, Alaska Municipal League</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:30 pm	<p><b>Committee Meetings</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>K’enakatnu</b></span>  <i>The AML Legislative and Resolutions Committee will conduct this formal meeting to 1) review and provide for members’ consideration legislation that impacts local governments, and 2) develop and approve AML 2024 resolutions, for action at the Annual Business Meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legislative Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Resolutions Committee</b></li> </ul>
5:00 pm	<p><b>Nominating Committee</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>K’enakatnu</b></span>  <i>The AML Nominating Committee will conduct this formal meeting to develop and approve the final candidate slate for the AML board of directors.</i></p>
5:30 pm	<p><b>Community Block Party – Sponsored by GovOS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tikahtnu A</b></span></p>

**Silent Auction**

7:30 pm *Adjourn Day One*

**Thursday, December 7**

7:30 am	Registration	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Landing
7:30 am	<b>Breakfast and AMLJIA Business Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Asset Works</li><li>• <b>Kevin Smith, AMLJIA and Barbara Thurston, APEI</b></li></ul>	<b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b>
8:30 am	Announcements	
8:45 am	Concurrent Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Labor Negotiations – Best Practices</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Glenda Ledford, City of Wasilla</b></i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Emily Wright, City &amp; Borough of Juneau</b></li><li>○ <b>Allison Radford, Washington State</b></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Kahtnu 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Developing a RRIF and TIFIA Plan for Alaska</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Clay Walker, Denali Borough</b></i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Betz Mayer, Pacific Northwest Economic Region</b></li><li>○ <b>Erin Reinders, Alaska Municipal League</b></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Kahtnu 2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strengthening Coastal Resilience</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Pat Branson, City of Kodiak</b></i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Jaci Overbeck, NOAA</b></li><li>○ <b>Leslie Anne Jones, Alaska Geospatial Council</b></li><li>○ <b>Liza Mack, Denali Commission</b></li><li>○ <b>Sheyna Wisdom, AOS</b></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Tubughnenq 3</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Local Government Action on Housing</b> <i>Moderated by <b>John Whiddon, City of Kodiak</b></i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Mason Villarma, City and Borough of Wrangell</b></li><li>○ <b>Katie Koester, City and Borough of Juneau</b></li><li>○ <b>Felix Rivera, Municipality of Anchorage</b></li><li>○ <b>John Moosey, City of Palmer</b></li><li>○ <b>Peter Amylon, Ketchikan Gateway Borough</b></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Tubughnenq 4</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>AML Grant Writing Experience and Services</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Britta Hamre, Alaska Municipal League</b></i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Eleanor Oydna, Alaska Municipal League</b></li><li>○ <b>Angelica Casey, Alaska Municipal League</b></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Tubughnenq 5</b>
10:15 am	Networking Break	
10:30 am	Concurrent Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Making the Most of Your Money</b> <i>Moderated by <b>Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Alaska Municipal League</b></i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Garrett McDonald, Cashvest by Threeplusone</b></li><li>○ <b>Bill Lierman, AMLIP Investment Advisor</b></li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Kahtnu 1</b>

- **BSA – Evaluating the Cap** **Kahtnu 2**  
*Moderated by Terry Haines, City of Kodiak*
  - Heidi Teshner, Deputy Commissioner, DEED
- **New Energy – Deploying Federal Investments** **Tubughnenq 3**  
*Moderated by Stephanie Nowers, Matanuska-Susitna Borough*
  - Conner Erickson, Alaska Energy Authority
  - Erin Whitney, Arctic Energy Office
  - Katie Conway, Denali Commission
  - Jimmy Ord, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- **Leveraging Generative AI – Effective Use of ChatGPT** **Tubughnenq 4**  
*Moderated by Felix Rivera, Municipality of Anchorage*
  - Kyle Easterly, Pango Technology
- **Alaska’s Public Lands and NACo** **Tubughnenq 5**  
*Moderated by Carole Triem, Alaska Municipal League*
  - Jonathan Shuffield, NACo (virtual)
  - Clay Walker, Local Boundary Commission

11:45 am *Break*

12:00 pm **Annual Awards Luncheon** **Tikahtnu Ballroom**

Moderated by **Mark Springer**, President, Alaska Municipal League

- Elected Official of the Year
- Municipal Employee of the Year
- Vic Fischer Lifetime Service Award
- Emerging Municipal Leader Award
- Municipal Innovation Awards

*Remarks by:*

- Sen. **Forrest Dunbar**, Chair, Senate Community and Regional Affairs

1:00 pm **AML Membership Announcements** **Tikahtnu Ballroom**

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

- **Resolution Committee** – update to members for 2023 submitted resolutions
- **Nominating Committee** – update to members on the slate of AML Board candidates
- **Board Candidates** – candidate one-minute intros
- **Associates Recognition** - Joe Rice, Lockheed Martin
- **NLC Local Indigenous Leaders Caucus Update** – Kirk Ross, NLC

1:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

- **Implementing the Opioids Settlement Funds** **Kahtnu 1**

*Moderated by Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Alaska Municipal League*

- Theresa Welton, Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention

- **Alaska Cybersecurity Plan and Implementation** **Kahtnu 2**

*Moderated by Erin Reinders, Alaska Municipal League*

- Bryan Fisher, DHS&EM
- Leonard Robertson, Office of the Governor
- Mark Breunig, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Economic Impact of Inflation and Demographic Change</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 3</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Stephanie Nowers</b>, Matanuska-Susitna Borough</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Nolan Klouda</b>, University of Alaska</li> <li>○ <b>Brett Watson</b>, University of Alaska</li> <li>○ <b>Kevin Berry</b>, University of Alaska</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Sustainable Energy Strategies = Lowering Energy Costs in Alaska</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 4</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Trisha Sims</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Griffin Plush</b>, Alaska Municipal League</li> <li>○ <b>Dustin Madden</b>, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tax Talk – News, Dos, and Don’ts</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 5</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Clinton Singletary</b>, Alaska Municipal League</li> <li>○ <b>Joseph Caissie</b>, State Assessor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:45 pm	Ice Cream Social and Exhibitor Drawing
3:15 pm	<b>Federal and State Infrastructure Investment</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tikahtnu Ballroom</b></span> Moderated by <b>Shareen Crosby</b> , Office of Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katherine Keith</b>, Deputy Commissioner, DOT&amp;PF</li> <li>• <b>Curtis Thayer</b>, Alaska Energy Authority</li> <li>• <b>Garrett Boyle</b>, Denali Commission</li> <li>• <b>Tami Fordham</b>, EPA</li> <li>• <b>Amy Holman</b>, NOAA</li> <li>• <b>Robert Chambers</b>, USDA Rural Development</li> </ul>
4:30 pm	<b>Music and Networking in the AMLounge</b>
4:30 pm	Afternoon Break and Sidebar Conversations
	<b>Work Sessions</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TIFIA and Other Transportation Financing Tools</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kahtnu 1</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Britta Hamre</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Betz Mayer</b>, Pacific Northwest Economic Region</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>EV Deployment in Rural Alaska</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Kahtnu 2</b></span>  <i>Moderated by <b>Erin Reinders</b>, Alaska Municipal League</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Josi Hartley</b>, Alaska Energy Authority</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Water and Sewer Community Technical Assistance</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 3</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Angela Engelkes</b> and <b>Melody Nibeck</b>, AML</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>AMLJIA/APEI Merger Q&amp;A</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 4</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Kevin Smith</b>, AMLJIA</li> <li>○ <b>Brennan Hickock</b>, AMLJIA</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>National League of Cities 101</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tubughnenq 5</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Kirk Ross</b>, National League of Cities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:30 pm	<b>Game Night!</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Tikahtnu A</b></span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Music</li> <li>• Cornhole</li> <li>• Clue</li> <li>• Trivia</li> </ul>

- Bucking Salmon
- Axe Throwing

*A fun event to socialize and reconnect.*

8:00 pm *Adjourn Day Two*

**Friday, December 8**

7:30 am *Breakfast*

8:00 am **AMLIP Annual Meeting** **Tubughnenq 3-5**  
*Jointly with the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association*

Moderated by **Terry Eubank**, President, AMLIP Board of Directors

- Investment Manager Report – Market Dynamics
- Custodian Report – Membership, Participation, and Utilization
- Investment Advisor Report – New Series and Performance Oversight
  - **Bill Lierman**, APCM
- AMLIP Board Elections
  - Announcing 2024 Board of Directors
  - Election of Officers

9:00 am **Alaska Municipal League Annual Business Meeting** **Tubughnenq 3-5**

**President’s Report**

- **Mark Springer**

**Director’s Report**

- **Nils Andreassen**, Executive Director

**Elections**

*Vote for new board members and officers*

**Legislative and Resolutions Committee**

Chaired by **Beth Weldon**, Vice President

- Legislative Positions
- Resolutions

**Election Results**

**Announcements**

11:30 am **Adjourn Annual Conference**