



MEMORANDUM

Authorizing travel for the Mayor and up to Six Council Members to attend the Alaska Municipal League Annual Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, December 9-13, 2024.

Item Type: Action Memorandum
Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: October 18, 2023
From: Renee Krause, MMC, City Clerk

The Alaska Municipal League (AML) 74th Annual Local Government Conference is scheduled in Anchorage, Alaska, December 9-13, 2024, in Anchorage, Alaska.

The AML is a voluntary, nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization of 140 cities, boroughs, and unified municipalities, representing over 97 percent of Alaska's residents. Originally organized in 1950, the League of Alaska Cities became the Alaska Municipal League in 1962 when boroughs joined the League.

Meetings include Newly Elected Officials (NEO), Alaska Conference of Mayors, board committees and meeting with Legislators.

Cost estimates for travel include round trip airfare from Homer to Anchorage at \$340 per person or mileage at \$0.655 per mile, and room rates at \$149-\$169 plus tax per night. Per diem is \$58 per day, for three meals. Conference registration for NEO only is virtual at no cost or \$125 in person. Conference registration is \$350, and Alaska Conference of Mayors is \$125.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve travel for Mayor and Council Members to attend the AML Annual Conference in Anchorage Alaska.

Alaska Municipal League 74th Annual Local Government Conference
DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, November 20 - VIRTUAL

- 9:00am Newly Elected Officials Training via Zoom
- **Budgets and Government Accounting**
 - **Lobbying Effectively**
- Noon Break for lunch
- 1:00pm Newly Elected Officials Training via Zoom
- **Ethics and Conflict of Interest**
 - **Introduction to Title 29 or Title 29 for Experts**
- 4:30pm Adjourn

Monday, December 9

Affiliate Sessions

- AMMA – Managers Kahtnu 2
- AAMC – Clerks Tikahtnu C/D
- AMAA – Attorneys Tikahtnu E/F
- AAAO – Assessors Kahtnu 1

Newly Elected Officials

Tikahtnu B

- 8:30am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00am **Reviewing the Fundamentals of Elected Office**
- **Quasi-Judicial Role and Ex-Parte Contact**
 - **Open Meetings Act**
- Noon Lunch – Introduction to the Alaska Municipal League
- 1:00pm **Reviewing the Fundamentals of Elected Office**
- **Roles and Responsibilities of Municipal Officials**
 - **Parliamentary Procedure**
- 3:00pm **Q&A and Discussion**
- 4:30pm Adjourn
- 5:30pm **ACoM – President’s Legislative Reception** Tikahtnu B
- First-time Attendees, Newly Elected Officials, Mayors + Legislators

Tuesday, December 10

Affiliate Sessions

- AMMA – Managers Kahtnu 2
- AAMC – Clerks Ballroom C/D
- AMAA – Attorneys Ballroom E/F
- AAAO – Assessors Kahtnu 1

Alaska Conference of Mayors

Ballroom B

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am **Welcome Remarks and Introductions**
- 10:30am **NLC Economic Insights Presentation**
- Noon Lunch & Roundtable Discussions
- 1:00pm **Workplace Culture**
- 3:00pm **ACoM Annual Business Meeting**
ACoM President
 - Guidelines
 - Potential Policy Statements
 - Election of Officers
- 4:30pm Adjourn
- 5:00pm **Alaska Municipal Health Trust Annual Meeting** K'enakatnu 6
Attended by current plan participants for annual business meeting of Trustees; open to everyone.
Light appetizers provided.
- 6:00pm **Alaska Municipal Clerks - Annual Banquet** Ballroom A

Wednesday, December 11

- 7:00 am Registration open
- 8:00 am **Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Opening Session**
 - **Welcome**
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - **Welcome – Suzanne LaFrance, Mayor, Municipality of Anchorage**
 - **Welcome – Mayor David Sander, NLC President**
 - **Welcome – NACo President**
 - **Members of the Congressional Delegation – *video addresses***
- 9:45 am **AML – Year in Review** Tikahtnu Ballroom
- 10:15 am *Break*

10:15 am	Getting ready for the 34th Legislature	Tikahtnu Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet your Legislature – invitations extended to legislators-elect 	
11:45 am	Lunch & Keynote	Tikahtnu Ballroom
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noah Galloway 	
1:15 pm	<i>Break</i>	Foyer
1:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in a Winter Wonderland: Snow Strategies • Intregrating Land Use, Housing, Policy, & Zoning (#buildingcodes) • Police Accreditation • Municipal Family of Plans & the Planning Process • Grant Management Lif Cycle 	
2:45 pm	<i>Networking Break</i>	Exhibit Hall
3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant Rules & Regulations • Strategic Planning & Being Strategic with CIPs • Using AI in Local Government • Finding Funding and Partnerships is Unlikely Places • Teamwork Makes the Dream Work 	
4:15 pm	Exhibitor Showcase	
4:30 pm	Music & Networking in the AMLounge	
4:30 pm	ARSSTC Annual Meeting – 5 year Birthday Bash!	K'enakatnu 6
4:30 pm	Committee Meetings	Kahtnu 1
	<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>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Committee • Resolutions Committee 	
5:00 pm	Nominating Committee	Kahtnu 1
	<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>	
4:30 pm	ARSSTC Annual Meeting	Kahtnu 1
5:30 pm	Community Block Party and Silent Auction	Tikahtnu A
7:30 pm	Adjourn Day One	

Thursday, December 12

7:30 am	Registration	
7:30 am	Breakfast and AML-JIA Business Meeting	Tikahtnu Ballroom
8:30 am	Announcements	
8:45 am	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workforce-Doing Less with Less and how to Prioritize• Innovative Delivery of Public Safety: Behavioral Health Initiatives• Competitive Bidding Processes• Where are all the planners + Planning Methodologies for planners• Drafting Short Term Rental Regulations	
10:15 am	<i>Networking Break</i>	
10:30 am	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment & Property Tax: What you Need to Know• Tourism: Do Healthy Public Pocketbooks Make Healthy Communities?• How Technology Can Support the Municipal Process• Grant Management: What Funding Agencies want you to know• Collaboration in Process	
11:45 am	<i>Break</i>	
12:00 pm	Annual Awards Luncheon <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected Official of the Year• Municipal Employee of the Year• Vic Fischer Lifetime Service Award• Emerging Municipal Leader Award• Municipal Innovation Awards	Tikahtnu Ballroom
1:00 pm	AML Membership Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resolution Committee – update to members on 2025 resolutions submitted• Nominating Committee – update to members on the slate of AML Board candidates• Board Candidates – candidate one-minute intros	Tikahtnu Ballroom

- 1:30 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
- Public “camping” A Post-Grant’s Pass world, Managing Instability
 - Tax Trends & Marketplace Facilities
 - Safer Streets are for Everyone; Where Transportation & Land Use Meet
 - Public Comment: The Good, The Bad, The Legal
 - NLC’s Opportunity Atlas
- 2:45 pm Ice Cream Social and Exhibitor Drawing
- 3:15 pm **Concurrent Sessions**
- Asset Management
 - Housing Action Plans & the Need for Localized Data
 - Role of Local Governments in Child Care Investment
 - Health Impact Assessments
 - Communication Strategizing
- 4:30pm **Music & Networking in the AMLounge**
- 5:30 pm **Game Night!**
A fun event to socialize and reconnect.
- 8:00 pm Adjourn Day Two

Friday, December 13

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am **AMLIP Annual Meeting** **Tebughnenq 3-5**
Jointly with the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association
Investment Outlook - Key Bank
 - Alaska Permanent Capital Management
 - AMLIP Board Elections
- 9:00 am **Alaska Municipal League Annual Business Meeting** **Tebughnenq 3-5**

AML Board President’s Report

Director’s Report

Elections
Vote for new board members and officers;

Legislative and Resolutions Committee
 - Legislative Positions
 - Resolutions
Election Results

Announcements
- 11:30 am **Adjourn Annual Conference**