



# 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Ted Ferry Civic Center

- 7:00 AM **Registration**- Sponsored by *Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*
- 7:00 AM **Breakfast**- Sponsored by *the Alaska Committee*
- 8:00 AM **Opening Ceremony** – USCG Ketchikan Color Guard, National Anthem & Alaska Flag Song, *Marjorie Evers*  
**Welcome** – **Alec Mesdag**, SE Conference President, AEL&P  
**Mayor Dave Kiffer**, City of Ketchikan  
**Mayor Rodney Dial**, Ketchikan Gateway Borough  
**Trixie Bennett**, President, Ketchikan Indian Community  
**Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson**, President, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 8:20 AM **Southeast Conference update** – **Robert Venables**, Executive Director, Southeast Conference
- 8:30 AM **Southeast Alaska by the Numbers** - **Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:00 AM **Natural Resources – Industry Forecast**  
**Deantha Skibinski**, Executive Director, AK Miners Association, **Pat Ryan**, Chairman/CEO, Ucore Rare Metals  
**Kara Moriarty**, President/CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association, **Helge Eng**, AK State Forester  
**Tessa Axelson**, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association
- 10:00 AM **Break**- Sponsored by *Thrustmaster of Texas*
- 10:30 AM **Transportation Outlook**  
**Ryan Anderson**, Commissioner AK Dept. Transportation  
**Marilyn Romano**, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines  
**Panel Discussion: the future of Marine Transportation**  
**Ron Curtis**, IFA update, **Joe Bekker**, President, Thrustmaster  
**John Reeves**, Elliot Bay Design Group, **Katherine Keith**, Change Management Director, AMHS
- 11:45 AM **Luncheon – U.S. Senate Candidates Forum – Lisa Murkowski, Kelly Tshibaka, Pat Chesbro**
- 1:15 PM **The “Infrastructure Bill” – Getting it Built in Southeast**  
*Facilitated by: Nils Andreassen* – Alaska Municipal League  
**Garrett Boyle** – Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission, **Milo Booth**, Tribal Affairs Director, US DOT  
**Catherine Simons**, Gateway Director, Pacific NW and AK, MARAD
- 2:00 PM **Visitor Industry**  
**Patti Mackey**, President & CEO, Ketchikan Visitors Bureau  
**Renée Limoge Reeve**, VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIAA  
**Mickey Richardson**, Huna Totem Corp., **Mary Goddard**, Regional Catalyst for Regenerative Tourism, SSP  
**Lee Hart**, Executive Director, Alaska Outdoor Alliance
- 3:00 PM **Break**- Sponsored by *Visit Sitka*
- 3:30 PM **State of Alaska Southeast Legislative Forum** - A discussion of State policies, programs and regional needs
- 4:30 PM **Constitutional Convention** – membership discussion of resolution
- 5:00-7 PM **Community Reception**





## 2022 SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

# CHARTING THE COURSE AHEAD

September 13-15 2022 Ketchikan, Alaska

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Ted Ferry Civic Center

- 7:00 AM **Registration** Sponsored by – *Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*
- 7:15 AM **Breakfast** Sponsored by *Morris Communications*
- 8:00 AM **Welcome Back** – **President Alec Mesdag, AEL&P**  
*Meet the candidates running for election to SEC board seats, Polls Open*
- 8:05 AM **Federal Update: Senator Dan Sullivan**
- 8:15 AM **Investing in Southeast Alaska’s Economy**  
**Rob Gillam** - CEO, McKinley Capital Management, **Sheba Person-Whitley**, Region 10 Director, EDA  
**Julie Sande**, Commissioner, Alaska Dept of Commerce, **Anthony Mallott**, Sealaska Chief Executive Officer
- 9:30 AM **Broadband Initiatives** – Connecting Southeast to the World  
**Michael Garrett**, President/CEO, AP&T, **Dan Lindgren**, Telecommunications Division Manager, KPU  
**Chris Cropley**, Tlingit & Haida Central Council Tribal Broadband Initiative
- 10:00 AM **Break** – Sponsored by *The Landing Hotel*
- 10:30 AM **Mariculture: Vision in Action!**  
**Build Back Better** – **Juliana Leggitt**, Southeast Conference, **Dan Lesh** – McKinley Research Group  
**Julie Decker**, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- 11:00 AM **Fisheries**  
**Forrest Bowers**, Alaska Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries, **Katie Harms**, Executive Director, DIPAC,  
**Chris Barrows**, President, Pacific Seafood Processors Association, **Ashley Heimbigner**, ASMI
- 12:00 PM **Luncheon** – sponsored by UAS: **Gubernatorial Forum** – **Bill Walker**, **Les Gara**, **Mike Dunleavy** (*Invited*)
- 1:15 PM **Energy Committee**  
**Michael Rovito**, Deputy Director AK Power Association  
**Beneficial Electrification - Energy Panel:**  
**Alec Mesdag**, AEL&P and Alaska Heat Smart, **Taylor Asher**, Alaska Energy Authority  
**Karen Petersen**, Biomass Coordinator, Southeast Conference  
**Trey Acteson**, CEO, SEAPA followed by **Energy Project Updates** (*from the floor as time allows*)
- 2:00 PM **Healthcare**  
**Dori Stevens**, Chief Administrative Officer, PeaceHealth, **Jared Kosin**, President & CEO, AHHA
- 2:40 PM **Legislative Prognostication: “Back to the Past?”** - **Larry Persily**
- 3:00 PM **Break** (*polls close*)
- 3:30 PM **Housing Challenges to the Southeast Economy**  
**Jackie Pata**, President & CEO, T&H Regional Housing, **Myrna Chaney**, Director, KIC Housing Authority
- 4-4:20 PM **University of Alaska Update**  
**Pat Pitney**, President, University of Alaska. Introduction by **Karen Carey**, Chancellor, UAS
- 4:20-4:40 PM **Workforce Development: Maritime Works, FSMI**  
*Facilitated by Cari-Ann Carty, Executive Director, Alaska Safety Alliance*  
**Cathy LeCompte**, ED, AVTEC, **Mike LaBarge**, Prof. of Maritime Studies, UAS,  
**Priscilla Schulte**, UAS Ketchikan Campus Director, Prof. of Anthropology/Sociology  
**Chas Edwardson** Executive Director, Prince of Wales Vocational and Technical Center
- 6:00 PM **Awards Banquet & UAS Scholarship Auction** **Mark Scheer**, Auctioneer





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- 8:00 AM **Welcome** – **Alec Mesdag**, Southeast Conference President, AEL&P
- 8:05 AM **Membership Meeting**
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- 9:15 AM **Break**
- 9:30 AM **US House Candidates Forum** – (Invited) **Sarah Palin, Nick Begich, Mary Peltola**
- 11:00 AM **Feeding the Region**  
*Facilitated by Chelsea Goucher, Foraged and Found*  
**Jenn Brown**, President, Ketchikan Agriculture Producers Association  
**Geoff Jans**, Owner, Ketchikan Evergreens  
**Colin McIntosh**, President, Outpost Agriculture  
**Anthony Lindoff**, Food Security Manager, CCTHITA (invited)
- 11:40 AM **Financing Community Priorities**  
**Geoff Johns**, Investment Officer, Project Finance, AIDEA  
**Norma Lucero**, Acting Regional Communications Director, SBA Alaska District Office  
**Helen Mickel**, CEO, Tongass Federal Credit Union  
**Alana Peterson**, Executive Director Spruce Root
- 12:30 PM **Luncheon** – *sponsored by Sealaska and ASMI*  
**OneUSDA Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy (SASS)**  
 Keynote Speaker: **Farah Ahmad**, Deputy Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development
- 1:00 PM **Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy Stakeholder’s Workshop**  
 Next Steps for Investment proposals, Technical Assistance and Project Development  
*Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Spruce Root, Southeast Conference, OneUSDA*

Adjourn for flights home





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