



73rd Annual Local Government Conference
December 4-8, 2023 * Anchorage, AK

Alaska Municipal League's Annual Conference is an opportunity for members to work together in the public interest, cultivate new and old relationships, and strengthen partnerships. It's also an important venue for state and federal officials, as well as companies and other organizations, to connect with local government leaders.

Registration

Registration is available online at www.amlannual.org. Member rates apply to elected officials and staff from municipalities, as well as Affiliate and Associate member organizations. Register by November 18 to save money.

AML Resolutions

Alaska Municipal League's Annual Business Meeting will occur at the Annual Local Government Conference at 9:00 AM on Friday, December 8, 2023. At the Business Meeting, the AML Membership will discuss, vote on, and adopt the 2024 Resolutions. Members may submit Resolutions for consideration, no later than October 20, 2023, to be added to the Draft Resolution Packet that will be distributed to the AML membership on October 27. For more information and guidelines please visit the Business Meeting Resources page on amlannual.org.

Opportunities for AML Engagement and Service

Interested in becoming more involved in the Alaska Municipal League? Consider applying to serve as an AML Board Member or on the Legislative Committee. Board Members must be a mayor or another elected official of your city or borough, be able to be present at a majority of the AML Board meetings and have authorization to commit financial support from your municipality for active participation. This means attending each of AML's conferences.

AML's Legislative Committee is an active group that focuses on developing strategy, and honing AML's advocacy efforts. By joining the Legislative Committee, you are committing to attending three in-person meetings each year (AML's Winter Legislative Conference, Summer Legislative Conference, and Annual Local Government Conference), and participating in weekly calls during Legislative Session.

Applications can be found in this packet or online at www.amlannual.org

Newly Elected Officials Training

This year's Newly Elected Officials Training will be held online for the first day and in-person the second. The online portion will take place on Wednesday, November 29. The in-person session will take place on Monday, December 4, and will cover different content than the online training. Attendees must register – either online or using the registration form. Printed handbooks with all presentation materials (\$50) can be purchased on the registration form, as well. Presentations, Zoom links and call-in information will be sent at a later date to the email address given during registration.

Affiliate Meetings

Affiliate meetings will primarily take place prior to the AML Annual Conference. Affiliate meetings require separate registration, except for ACoM and AMMA, which can be completed online or below. Please contact the designated person listed below for questions about agenda.

Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks	December 3-5	Brenda Henry	brenda.henry@matsugov.us
Alaska Municipal Management Association	December 4-5	Rob Dumouchel	rdumouchel@ci.homer.ak.us
Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association	December 4-5	Nicholas Spiropoulos	nspiropoulos@matsugov.us
Alaska Association of Assessing Officers	December 4-5	Ryan Danhauser	ryan.danhauser@fnsb.gov
Alaska Government Finance Officers Association	December 6-8	Margarita Bell	mbell@fairbanks.us

Conference Venue

This year's conference will be held at the Dena'ina Center in Downtown Anchorage. Unless otherwise stated, all conference meetings and sessions will take place at the Dena'ina Center. We've included a map of the Dena'ina Center.

Hotel

Marriott Anchorage Downtown — 820 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Phone: (907) 279-8000 or 1 (800) 228-9290

Visit the Travel & Lodging tab at amlannual.org for booking link and more information.

The group rate is \$149/night for single or double occupancy. The rate does not include any state, local or occupancy taxes that may apply. Please use the code 'Alaska Municipal League' when reserving your room over the phone. Rates are available between November 30 and December 14. Rates are guaranteed until November 2 – please be sure to secure your hotel room before then so that you can guarantee your rate.

Hotel Captain Cook – 939 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Phone: (907) 343-2279 or 1 (800) 843-1950

Visit the Travel & Lodging tab at amlannual.org for booking link and more information.

The group rate is \$169/night for single or double occupancy. The rate does not include any state, local or occupancy taxes that may apply. Please use the code 'Alaska Municipal League 2023' when reserving your room over the phone. Rates are available between December 1 and December 10. Rates are guaranteed until November 3 – please be sure to secure your hotel room before then so that you can guarantee your rate.

Airline Discounts

Alaska Airlines — 7% discount is available on all published fares to/from Anchorage. To use the discount code, go to alaskaair.com and input 'ECME934' when searching for flights. You can also call the Alaska Airlines Group Desk to book at 1-800-445-4435; there is a \$15 per person service fee that will apply if you call to book.

Questions?

The most up to date information about the Annual Local Government Conference can be found online at www.amlannual.org. If you have questions, please contact Sarah King at sarahk@akml.org or 907-790-5378.

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DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, November 29 - 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 4

Affiliate Sessions

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

Newly Elected Officials

Tikahtnu B

- 8:30am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00am **Reviewing the Fundamentals of Elected Office**
- **Open Meetings Act**
 - **Quasi-Judicial Role and Ex-Parte Contact**
- Noon Lunch
- 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 5

Affiliate Sessions

- AMMA – Managers Ballroom C
- AAMC – Clerks Kahtnu 1 & 2
- AMAA – Attorneys Ballroom E/F
- AAAO – Assessors Ballroom D
- ARSSTC Annual Meeting K'enakatnu 6

Alaska Conference of Mayors

Ballroom B

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am **33rd Legislature**
- 10:30am **Infrastructure**
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00pm **Session**
- 2:00pm **State Fiscal Analysis and Policy Discussion**
- 3:00pm **ACoM Annual Business Meeting**
ACoM President - Mayor **Glenda Ledford**, City of Wasilla
- 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 6

- 7:00 am Registration open
- 8:00 am **Breakfast** Tikahtnu Ballroom
- 9:00 am **Opening Session** Tikahtnu Ballroom
- **Welcome**
 - Land Acknowledgement
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - **Members of the Congressional Delegation**
 - **Sen. Lisa Murkowski**, U.S. Senate (*invited*)
 - **Sen. Dan Sullivan**, U.S. Senate (*invited*)
 - **Rep. Mary Peltola**, U.S. House (*invited*)
- 9:45 am **AML – Year in Review** Tikahtnu Ballroom
- 10:00 am *Break*

10:15 am	<p>State of the State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Mike Dunleavy (<i>invited</i>) <p>Legislative Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senate President Gary Stevens (<i>invited</i>) • Senator Cathy Giessel (<i>invited</i>) • House Speaker Cathy Tilton (<i>invited</i>) • House Minority Leader Calvin Schrage (<i>invited</i>) • Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair, Bush Caucus (<i>invited</i>) <p>Budget and Fiscal Condition</p>	Tikahtnu Ballroom
11:45 am	<p>Lunch</p> <p>A Day in the Life <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>	Tikahtnu Ballroom
1:15 pm	<i>Break</i>	Foyer
1:30 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruiting, Retaining, & Managing a Healthy Workforce • Preparing for & Mitigating Environmental Impacts • Local Government Role in Broadband • Introduction to Asset Management • Implementation of Carbon Offset Program 	
2:45 pm	<i>Networking Break</i>	Exhibit Hall
3:00 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Updated Alcohol Statutes & Regulations • Hiring & Managing a Village Police Officer • Effective Public & Tribal Engagement • Cities of Opportunity & Social Determinants of Health • Implementing Effective Asset Management 	
4:15 pm	Exhibitor Showcase	
4:30 pm	Music & Networking in the AMLounge	
4:30 pm	<p>Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating Building Codes • Energy Intake Hub & Project Development • Coastal Resilience 	

4:30 pm **Committee Meetings** **K'enakatnu 6**
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.

- **Legislative Committee**
- **Resolutions Committee**

4:30 pm **Nominating Committee** **K'enakatnu 6**
The AML Nominating Committee will conduct this formal meeting to develop and approve the final candidate slate for the AML board of directors.

5:30 pm **Community Block Party and Silent Auction** **Tikahtnu A**

7:30 pm Adjourn Day One

Thursday, December 7

7:30 am Registration

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

8:30 am Announcements

8:45 am **Concurrent Sessions**

- Labor Negotiations – Best Practices
- Transportation Development – Statewide Equity
- Strengthening Coastal Resilience
- Local Government Action on Housing
- Tax Talk – News, Dos, & Don'ts

10:15 am *Networking Break*

10:30 am Concurrent Sessions

- Making the Most of your Money
- BSA – Evaluating the Cap
- New Energy – Deploying Federal Investments
- Leveraging AI – Effective Use of ChatGPT & Other Business Decisions
- Alaska's Public Lands & NACo

11:45 am *Break*

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

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

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

- **Resolution Committee** – update to members on 2023 resolutions submitted
- **Nominating Committee** – update to members on the slate of AML Board candidates
- **Board Candidates** – candidate one-minute intros

