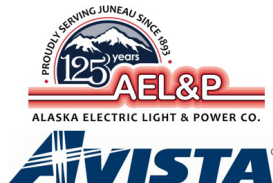




2023 Annual Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 19th, Sitka's Harrigan Centennial Hall

- 7:00 AM **Registration- Sponsored by Wostmann & Associates, Inc.**
- 7:00 AM **Breakfast- Sponsored by the Alaska Committee**
- 8:00 AM **Opening Ceremony** – USCG Sitka Color Guard, National Anthem & Alaska Flag Song,
Welcome Panel – **Lacey Simpson**, Southeast Conference President, City of Ketchikan
Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz, City and Borough of Sitka
Woody Widmark, Sitka Tribe of Alaska (invited)
Richard (Chalyee Éesh) Peterson, President, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- 8:20 AM **State of Alaska Governor's Office** – **Tyson Gallagher**, Chief of Staff, Governor Dunleavy
- 8:40 AM Welcome Panel Q&A
- 9:00 AM **Southeast Alaska by the Numbers - Meilani Schijvens**, Rain Coast Data
- 9:30 AM **Natural Resources – Industry Forecast**
Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director, AK Miners Association
Kara Moriarty, President/CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association
Tessa Axelson, Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association, **Helge Eng**, AK State Forester
Karen Petersen, Biomass Coordinator, Southeast Conference
- 10:30 AM **Break- Sponsored by**
- 11:00 AM **Visitor Industry**
Rachel Roy, Executive Director, Visit Sitka, Chair, Southeast AK Tourism Council
Ralph Samuels, VP of Holland America
Renée Limoge Reeve, VP of Government and Community Relations, CLIAA
Carol Fraser, Aspen Hotels, **Camille Ferguson**, Sitka Tribes of Alaska
Jillian Simpson, President & CEO, ATIA
- Noon **Luncheon** – **Russell Dick**, Huna Totem Corp. Investing in Rural Communities
- 1:15 PM **Transportation Outlook**
Ryan Anderson, Commissioner AK Dept. Transportation
Marilyn Romano, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines
Panel Discussion: the future of Southeast Transportation
Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner, DOT
Christopher Goins, Southcoast Region Director, DOT
Craig Tornga, Marine Director, (AMHS)
Ron Curtis, IFA update
- 2:30 PM **Transportation Workforce**
Mike Murphy (3 unions)
- 3:00 PM **Break- Sponsored by Visit Sitka**
- 3:30 PM **State of Alaska Southeast Legislator's Forum** - A discussion of State policies, programs and regional needs
- 5:00-7 PM **Community Reception**





2023 SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

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September 19-21, 2023 Sitka, Alaska

Wednesday, September 20th, Sitka's Harrigan Centennial Hall

- 7:00 AM **Registration** Sponsored by – *Wostmann & Associates, Inc.*
- 7:15 AM **Breakfast** Sponsored by *Morris Communications*
- 8:00 AM **Welcome Back** – **President Lacey Simpson, City of Ketchikan**
Meet the candidates running for election to SEC board seats, Polls Open
- 8:05 AM **Federal Updates:**
- 8:15 AM **Investing in Southeast Alaska's Rural Communities – How to Measure ROI**
Garrett Boyle – Executive Director, Denali Commission, **Alana Peterson**, Executive Director, Spruce Root
Randy Ruaro, Executive Director, AIDEA, **Will Ware**, Chief Development Officer, T&H
- 9:30 AM **A Conversation with Alaska's Commissioners**
Julie Sande, DOC, **Cathy Munoz**, DOLWD, **John Boyle**, DNR, **Adam Crum**, DOR, **Deena Bishop**, DOE
- 10:00 AM **Break** – Sponsored by
- 10:30 AM **The Alaska Mariculture Cluster**
Build Back Better – **Juliana Leggitt**, Southeast Conference, **Dan Lesh** – Southeast Conference
Julie Decker, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, **John Seal**, CFO, Oceanium
- 11:00 AM **Fisheries**
Cora Campbell, Silver Bay Seafoods, **Scott Wagner**, NSRAA, **Greg Smith**, ASMI
- 12:00 PM **Luncheon** – sponsored by *ASMI*
- 1:15 PM **Energy Committee**
Curtis Thayer, Alaska Energy Authority, Executive Director – Co-Chair Energy Security Task Force
Michael Rovito, Deputy Director AK Power Association
Sam Spofforth, DOE/NREL, Clean Cities – is Alaska next?
followed by **Energy Project Updates** (*from the floor as time allows*)
- 2:15 PM **Healthcare Spotlight**
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- 2:45 PM **Legislative Prognostication: "Almost Solved?"** - **Larry Persily**
- 3:00 PM **Break** (*polls close*)
- 3:30 PM **Workforce Development: Maritime Works, FSMI**
Facilitated by Cari-Ann Carty, Executive Director, Alaska Safety Alliance
Cathy LeCompte, AVTEC, **Mari Sell**, Alaska Safety Alliance, **Cathy Munoz**, Acting Commissioner, AK Dept of Labor & Workforce Development, **Sarah Scherer**, VP Transportation Institute, Denali Commission
- 4:00 PM **University of Alaska Update**
Pat Pitney, President, University of Alaska. Introduction by **Aparna Palmer**, Chancellor, UAS
- 5:30 PM **Awards Banquet & UAS Scholarship Auction** **Mark Scheer & KC Hostetler**, Auctioneer





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- 8:00 AM **Welcome** –Lacey Simpson, Southeast Conference President
- 8:05 AM **Federal Updates:**
- 8:15 AM **Membership Meeting**

- 9:30 AM **Break**, sponsored by Grow Ketchikan
- 10:00 AM **Broadband Initiatives** – Connecting Southeast to the World, *Facilitated by Christine O’Conner*
Jason Custer, AP&T
Tyler Sachtleben, NTIA Federal Program Officer – Alaska (invited)
Chris Cropley, Tlingit & Haida Central Council Tribal Broadband Initiative

- 10:45 AM **Housing Challenges to the Southeast Economy**
Jackie Pata, President & CEO, T&H Regional Housing,
Nolan Klouda, Executive Director, UACED
 Sitka

- 11:30 AM **Panel Wrapup**
- 11:45 AM **Luncheon** –sponsored by Sealaska
OneUSDA Southeast Alaska Sustainable Strategy (SASS)
 Keynote Speaker: **US Dept Agriculture VIP (invited)**

- 1-3:00 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

- Partner Showcase:** *Southeast Conference overview, case study: POW Mariculture Processing facility*
- Partner Showcase:** *Tlingit & Haida overview, case study:*
- Partner Showcase:** *Spruce Root overview, case study:*

Adjourn for flights home

