



2020 Alaska Planning Conference
At-A-Glance Agenda (as of 12/26/19)

“Collaborating for More Adaptive & Resilient Alaska Communities”

**February 9-11, 2020, Downtown Anchorage Marriott
 Anchorage, Alaska**

The Alaska Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) is hosting a gathering of community leaders and planners to share and learn about issues impacting Alaskan communities and residents today and in the future.

The **2020 Conference** will emphasize creative ways community, regional and state partners, including municipal, tribal, and non-profit **partners, are working together to develop and implement creative short and long-term solutions for some of our biggest challenges.**

NOTE: All sessions are continuing maintenance (CM) credits for AICP – includes Ethics and Law sessions!

Preliminary Topics:

Best Practices, Inventive & Collaborative Solutions for:

- Addressing Environmental Change
- Building and Sustaining Community Infrastructure
- Building Affordable and Quality Housing
- Creating and Implementing Successful Economic Development Strategies
- Planning Across Cultures and Jurisdictions: Understand and Collaborating with
 - Municipal Partners
 - State and Federal Partners
 - Private and Non-Profit Partners
 - Tribes, Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations
- Collecting Data, Monitoring and Evaluating Community Projects

TBA = To Be Announced with Final Agenda, late January

** = Speakers*

***** = KEYNOTE SPEAKERS***



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Sunday, February 9, 2020

		Location
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Planning Commissioner Training	TBA
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	TBA
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Setup	TBA

Monday, February 10, 2019

		Location
6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Provided	TBA
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	TBA
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Hall Open	TBA

Monday, February 10, 2019

		Location
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Open Conference – Plenary Session	TBA
Welcome/Introductions	*AK APA Chapter President & President-Elect/Conference Chair Laurie Cummings, AICP CTP, ENV SP & Shelly Wade, AICP *Native Village of Eklutna (<i>invited</i>) *Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz	
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	**Representative Tiffany Zulkosky, AK Legislature, District 38 **Carol Gore, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Housing Authority	
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break – Refreshments Provided	TBA
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions —Block 1	TBA
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch with <i>KEYNOTE SPEAKERS</i> **Amos Philemonoff, President, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island **Walter Nelson, Napakiak City Council & David Andrew, Tribal Administrator, Native Village of Napakiak	TBA
1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – Block 2	TBA
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break – Refreshments Provided	TBA
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – Block 3	TBA
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Chapter Social/Service Project	TBA

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

		Location
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Provided	TBA
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	TBA
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Hall Open	TBA
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Tom Jentz, AICP, Retired Kalispell Planning Director	TBA
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Best Practice Lightening Presentations (6 best practices in 30 min!)	TBA
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break – Refreshments Provided	TBA
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – Block 4	TBA
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	AK APA Business Meeting + Awards Luncheon	TBA
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions – Block 5	TBA
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break – Refreshments Provided	TBA
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Taking It Home – Applying What You’ve Learned to YOUR COMMUNITY/PLACE	

AK APA is Proud to Present Our 2020 Conference Keynote Speakers

Representative Tiffany Zulkosky, AK Legislature, District 38, Bethel, AK (Monday, February 10th)



Tiffany Zulkosky was born and raised in Bethel, Alaska and has spent her entire career working to improve life for rural Alaskans. Of Yup'ik and Polish descent, she is the daughter of Patricia Zulkosky of Bethel and the late Joe Hinz of Kipnuk. Elected to Bethel City Council at the age of 23 and serving as Mayor by the time she was 24, Tiffany became the youngest mayor in Bethel's history. Appointed to serve as Rural Director for U.S. Senator Mark Begich, Tiffany has held leadership roles in both community and energy planning organizations.

Tiffany currently works as the Vice President of Communications for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. She has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Alaska Southeast, and a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Communication from Northwest University.

On March 9, 2018, Tiffany was sworn in to the Alaska State House to represent District 38. The western Alaska district includes the communities of Akiachak, Akiak, Aniak, Atmautluak, Bethel, Chefornak, Chuathbaluk, Crooked Creek, Eek, Platinum, Goodnews Bay, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwigillingok, Kwethluk, Marshall, Mekoryuk, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Newtok, Nightmute, Nunapitchuk, Oscarville, Platinum, Quinhagak, Russian Mission, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Toksook Bay, Tununak, Lower and Upper Kalskag. Tiffany is the only Alaska Native woman currently serving in the Alaska State Legislature and serves as sole chair of the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs and Co-Chair of the House Health & Social Services Committee.

Carol Gore, President & CEO, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Anchorage, AK (Monday, February 10th)



Carol Gore has been involved in the development, acquisition, management, and disposition of residential and commercial real estate for over 30 years. Carol is enjoying her 19th year as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cook Inlet Housing Authority in Anchorage, Alaska – the designated housing entity for Cook Inlet Region Inc. CIHA supports a wide range of affordable housing activities, including the development, ownership and management of affordable rental housing for families and seniors, a homeless shelter, construction and sales of affordable homes for immediate homeownership, third party project management for nonprofit organizations and the establishment and operation of an affiliate Native Certified Development Financial Institution, Cook Inlet Lending Center.

Under Carol's leadership, the CIHA team has more than doubled its affordable rental housing, from 267 units in 2000 to over 1,626 units owned and managed in 2019.

Carol has been honored numerous times for her service to the community and outstanding leadership: she is the recipient of the YWCA Women of Achievement Award, the recipient of the Virginia Kizer Award from the Native American Indian Housing Council and the recipient of the Pacific Northwest Council National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials President's Award and the recipient of the M. Justin Herman Award from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. Ms. Gore is a proud Alaskan of Aleut decent.

Amos Philemonoff, President, Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (Monday, February 10th)



Bio coming soon! Amos will share the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island's experiences and success stories establishing creative and fruitful partnerships with the public and private sector to implement community and economic development projects on St. Paul Island.

Walter Nelson, Napakiak City Council (Monday, February 10th)



Walter Nelson has served in his role as City Council member for ten years. As a City Council member, he shares the responsibility for the management of the city's affairs with other council members. His duties include: overseeing operations of the city, hearing citizen complaints and concerns, evaluation projects, proposals, and ideas brought forward by city staff and community members, establishing policies that provide guidelines for the management and administration of public affairs. Walter leads the city council's efforts to address concerns related to infrastructure impacts from erosion within the community. He also sits on the Napakiak Planning Committee, a multi-jurisdictional committee with representation from the Native Village of Napakiak and the Napakiak Corporation that works together

on issues that affect the entire community. Previously, Walter served as the City Administrator.

David Andrew, Tribal Administrator, Native Village of Napakiak (Monday, February 10th)

Photo and bio coming soon! David will co-present with Napakiak City Council Member Walter Nelson to share Napakiak's story.

Tom Jentz, AICP, Retired Kalispell Planning Director, Kalispell, MT (Tuesday, February 11th)



[Very recent retired \(December 5, 2019!\)](#), Tom Jentz served as the Director of the Kalispell Planning, Building and Community Development Department since 2005. From 2001 – 2005 Tom served as the director of the former Tri-City Planning Office serving the cities of Kalispell, Whitefish and Columbia Falls and from 1983 to 2001 he served in various capacities including director of the former Flathead Regional Development Office which provided joint planning services to Flathead County and its three cities. Tom was also the City Planner for Lewiston, Idaho from 1979-1983 and served as the land use planner for a five-county planning office in southeastern North Dakota from 1977-1979. He received a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning from North Dakota State University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). He has a fabulous wife and 3 phenomenal children.