



Symposium 2026



Strategic Alignment. Disciplined Action: Moving Ahead with Purpose

Anchorage Marriott Downtown

April 1, 2026

Day One - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- **Morning Session**

Grand Pacific Ball Room

8:30 AM **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 AM **Opening Prayer**

9:10 AM **Welcome** - Teresa Jacobsson, Chair, ATAA | Curtis McQueen, Executive Director, ANVCA

9:20 AM **Philanthropy in Alaska**

Rasmuson Foundation, Denali Commission, Alaska Community Foundation, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

10:00 AM **Tribes + Village Corporations: Distinct Roles, Shared Responsibility**

Teresa Jacobsson, Curtis McQueen

10:20 AM **ANVCA Update: Accomplishments and Challenges for Alaska Native Village Corporations**

Nathan McCowan, Chair

10:30 AM **Strategic 638 Contracting: Economic Tools for Alaska Native Tribes**

Schwabe

11:00 AM **Alaska Gasline Panel: Progress Made and Next Steps**

Enstar Natural Gas and Glenfarne Alaska LNG

12:00 PM **Lunch - Provided**

Alaska Resource & Tribal Infrastructure Coordination (ARTIC) Project

Sarah Lukin, Alaska Federation of Natives



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Day One - Tuesday, April 21, 2026

- Afternoon Session

	Track One: Corporations	Track Two: Tribes	<u>Room</u>
1:00 PM	Building Trauma-Informed Systems: Understanding the Process and Implication Dr. Angelia Trujillo, UAA Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy		Anchorage
	Tribal Accounting: Processes and Procedures to Ensure Internal Controls Karen Hartke, VP of Finance, Alchemy Tribal Services		Fairbanks
	IMA Corporation: Innovative Insurance Solutions Ross Goble, Account Executive, Chris Loudon, Account Executive – IMA Corporation		Juneau
2:15 PM	Building the Future of Tribal Education in Alaska Mischa Jackson, Tribal Education Liaison, CCTHITA		Anchorage
	Program Cost Controls: Allowability/Preventing Misallocation and Indirect Cost Allocation Karen Hartke, VP of Finance, Alchemy Tribal Services		Fairbanks
	Current issues in Environmental Insurance: New Risks, Claims, Trends and "Nuclear" Verdicts! - Alera Group Max Hanley, Regional Director, Washington and Alaska		Juneau
3:30 PM	Break		
3:45 PM	Tribal Corporations: From Partnerships to Pitfalls Schwabe		Anchorage
	Tribal Justice and Jurisdiction Alex Cleghorn, Parner, Landye, Bennett, Blumstein		Fairbanks
	Alaska Permanent Capital Management: Aligning Strategy and Capital Brandi Niclai, CIO, APCM; Michael Fredricks, President, Salt		Juneau



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Day Two - Wednesday, April 22, 2026

- **Morning Session**

Grand Pacific Ball Room

8:30 AM **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 AM **Morning Announcements and Updates** - Teresa Jacobsson

9:05 AM **Tribal Administrator of the Year Award** - ATAA Board of Directors

9:15 AM **8(a) Program: Today's Headwinds**

10:00 AM **Fraud: Impact, Trust, and Response Across Tribal and Village Corporation Operations**

10:45 AM **Updates from EPA Region 10**
Emma Pokon, Regional Administrator

11:30 AM **Economic Forecast for Rural Alaska**
UAA Institute of Socio and Economic Research

12:15 PM **Lunch** - Provided



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Day Two - Wednesday, April 22, 2026

- Afternoon Session

Track One: Corporations	Track Two: Tribes	Room
1:00 PM	SSBCI Program Viola Smith, Lending Program Assistant Director. AK Small Business Dev. Center	Anchorage
	The IRS Rule on Tribal General Welfare Benefits Schwabe	Fairbanks
	Funding for Environmental Restoration: Brownfields Program TBA	Juneau
2:15 PM	Federal Program Updates on HUD, BIA and EPA BIA, HUD, EPA	Anchorage
	Tribal Council Fiduciary Trust Responsibility TBA	Fairbanks
	ANCSA Contaminated Lands Working Group Curtis McQueen, Executive Director, ANVCA; Lisa Griswold, Program Director, Contaminated Lands Support Program, ANTHC; Tami Fordham, Director, EPA Alaska Region; Lauren Boldrick, Program Manager, EPA Alaska Region; Mahri Lowinger, Sr. Project Manager, EPA Region 10; Shonda Oderkirk, Program Specialist, SPAR/ANCSA Contaminated Lands Program, ADEC	Juneau
3:15 PM	Break	
3:30 PM	From Oversight to Partnership: Strengthening Council/Administrator Relationships ATAA	Anchorage
	Navigating Fee-to-Trust Regulations: Understanding the Process and Implications Schwabe	Fairbanks
	Strengthening Governance: Authority Matrix and Financial Controls for Village Corporations TBA	Juneau



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Day Three - Thursday, April 23, 2026

- **Morning Session**

Grand Pacific Ball Room

8:30 AM **Breakfast & Networking**

9:00 AM **Morning Announcements and Updates** - Curtis McQueen

9:05 AM **Alaska Congressional Delegation: Chiefs of Staff and Representatives**

9:30 AM **14 (c) (3) ANCSA Lands Legislation Passes, Next Steps**

Gregg Renkes, Sr. VP, Government Relations, Chenega; Chris Grundman, Program Manager, State of Alaska DCRA;
Delenora Grey, ANCSA 14(c) Specialist, Bureau of Land Management

10:15 AM **Donlin Gold Panel: Progress Updates and Planning for the Future**

11:00 AM **7i7j Revenue Sharing Panel: What's in our Future Pipeline?**

12:00 PM **Lunch - Provided**



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Day Three - Thursday, April 24, 2025

- Afternoon Session

Track One: Corporations

Track Two: Tribes

Room

1:00 PM	Gubernatorial Panel Co-Facilitated by Teresa Jacobsson and Curtis McQueen	Anchorage
2:15 PM	ATAA Business Meeting and Board Elections ANVCA Business Meeting and Board Elections	Fairbanks Juneau
4:00 PM	Closing Session and Grand Prize Drawings	Grand Pacific Ball Room