

IRWA Sourdough Chapter 49 Fall Seminar & Forum
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ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN HILTON

Guest Speakers



Opening remarks will be provided by Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan who will welcome attendees!

Dan is a fourth generation Alaskan, the third of nine children of former Mayor George and Margaret Sullivan. Dan's wife Lynnette is an award winning elementary school teacher and his daughter Jennifer graduated with honors from the Anchorage School District and from the University of Oregon Clark Honors College.

Mayor Sullivan served on the Anchorage Assembly for seven years and in 1996 was the Executive Director of the Arctic Winter Games held in Anchorage. He is founder and co-owner of McGinley's Pub in Downtown Anchorage and owner of Sullivan & Associates, a firm specializing in government relations and business development.



Willie Hensley

Born in Kotzebue, 40 miles above the Arctic Circle, Willie lived by hunting, fishing and trapping with his family on the Noatak River. He attended a boarding school outside Alaska, graduated from George Washington University with a BA in Political Science and minor in Economics. A state legislator by the age of 35, his leadership roles expanded from there.

Willie is the Manager of Federal Government Relations for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, the organization that operates and maintains the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). He has led the Alyeska Washington, D. C. office since 1998.

Prior to Alyeska, Hensley was appointed Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development by Governor Tony Knowles. As Commerce Commissioner, Hensley was responsible for the state's tourism and seafood marketing, international trade, insurance, banking and securities and occupational licensing. Hensley has served on the Oil and Gas Policy Council, the Board of Directors of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, the Alaska Railroad Corporation and the Alaska Industrial Development Authority.

As a founder of NANA Regional Corporation he served as a Director for 20 years ending his career there as President. Hensley is also a founder of Maniilaq, the non-profit representing tribes in the Kotzebue region. Additionally, Hensley was involved in the formation of the Alaska Federation of Natives and has served as executive director, President and Co-Chairman.

At the University of Alaska in 1966, Hensley wrote "What Rights to Land have the Alaska Natives: The Primary Issue" which provided the foundation for Alaska Native land claims and provided the unification that Alaska Natives needed to begin land claims that resulted in ANCSA. Most recently, Hensley authored "Fifty Miles From Tomorrow" published in 2010.

Willie is currently a member of the Board of Directors for Koahnic Broadcasting, on the Board of Trustees of Charter College and the Board of Trustees of the First Alaskans Foundation.



Perry Eaton

Born in Kodiak, Mr. Eaton has a lifetime connection to rural Alaska through commercial fishing, Alaska Native concerns, and a career in finance and business. Perry, his wife and two children now live in Anchorage where he has devoted most of his adult life to promoting rural economic development. As the president of Alaska Village Initiatives, he has successfully guided the nonprofit corporation's mission to strengthen Alaska's rural economies.

Perry's early experience started on Kodiak Island fishing with the purse seine fishing fleet not knowing how the tough determination he developed in Kodiak would help him in a banking career, first with Seattle First National Bank and later with the Alaska Native Foundation. Mr. Eaton has served on a number of national and state boards.

As co-chair of the Alaska Natives Commission, one of his goals was to produce a timely, quality report on budget. "It will be a quality report if it fairly represents a variety of views on creating changes that support Native peoples' expectations", Eaton said. "The fundamental problem is expectations are not being met" and it is "the task of the Commission as bridging the gap to meet those expectations. It means efficiency in government; it means realistic expectations on the part of recipients. And it means safeguarding the integrity of culture."

Edgar Blatchford

Edgar Blatchford started Alaska Newspapers Inc. in the early 1980s. He has also served as mayor of Seward, Alaska, and served as Gov. Frank Murkowski's Commissioner of Community and Economic Development. Edgar was former Director of Chugach Alaska Corp and is an Associate Professor at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He is pursuing coursework toward an advanced degree with an eye toward globalization and Alaska Native corporations.

Blatchford teaches Alaska Media History, Principles of Public Relations, Copy Editing, Media and Society at UAA and pursues Alaska Native Corporations as a research area. He earned a B.A. at Alaska Methodist University (now Alaska Pacific University) and a M.A. Columbia University, J.D. University of Washington.



Dalee Sambo Dorough

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough holds a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Dr. Dorough is also a member of the Inuit Circumpolar Council Advisory Committee on United Nation Issues, member of the Board of Trustees of United Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations, member of the International Law Association Committee on Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Dr. Dorough has a long history of direct involvement in the discussion, debate and negotiation of the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). She was an active participant in this work from 1985 up to adoption of the UNDRIP by the UN General Assembly in September 2007. She was also a direct participant in the two-year revision process of International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention No. 107, which resulted in the adoption of C169 Concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries in June 1989 by the ILO.

Dr. Dorough specializes in public international law, international human rights law, international relations, and Alaska Native self-determination. During her tenure at the ICC, Dr. Dorough was responsible for not only the international human rights standard setting work but also for the coordination of the Alaska Native Review Commission (ANRC), which is regarded as one of the most important, comprehensive reviews of the impact of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The Commission's work was led by former British Columbia Supreme Court Justice, Thomas R. Beger, who published his findings in the volume entitled *Village Journey: The Report of the Alaska Native Review Commission*. Dr. Dorough's recent or forthcoming publications include the Human Rights Chapter of the UN Publication *State of the Worlds' Indigenous Peoples* and *The Indigenous Human Right to Development*.



Nelson Angapak, Sr. Vice President Alaska Federation of Natives

Mr. Nelson Angapak, Sr., along with a delegation of Native leaders first attended a meeting to define the issues that would soon be discussed at the national level when the US Congress moved toward creation of ANCSA. In 1975 this group of leaders met in a village in Southeast Alaska that was served by only one phone. Determined to establish an agenda of Native concerns, the group used the isolation to contribute to the creation of ANCSA. Since that time, Nelson's work on implementing ANCSA has been a life endeavor and for more than 25 years he has been an integral part of it's implementation and care.

As a leader for the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) since 1993, Nelson has served as Executive Assistant to the President, as Vice President and now as Senior Vice President. In 1973, Nelson helped to form the Land Department of Calista Corporation. He became Director of Calista's Land Department in 1975 and later served as President from 1984-1988. Angapak specializes in land and natural resource management including environmental issues. Nelson has been key to lobbying Congress and the State leaders on ANCSA amendments; he has monitored both national and state land and natural resources related legislation; coordinated AFN land and Right-of-Way; and Lobbied Congress on veterans issues impacting Alaska Natives.

His service to our country as a member of the U.S. Army keeps him close to Native Alaskan's military issues. Nelson holds a BA in Mathematics from Ft. Lewis College, and a MA in Land and Natural Resources from Antioch University plus a Degree in Theology from Golden Gate Theological Seminary. Originally from Kinak, Alaska, Nelson is married to Natalie and has 6 children.



Alaska State Senator Lesil McGuire

If a single word can reflect the public policy philosophy of Senator Lesil McGuire, it is "Energy." She served as Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Energy, Chair of the Senate Special Committee on World Trade, Technology and Innovations and Co-Chair of the Senate Resources Committee during the 26th Alaska State Legislature. In addition, the Senator was a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Anchorage lawmaker will be a member of the Senate Finance and Senate Resources Committee during the upcoming session. Senator McGuire also recently served as Chair of the Council of State Governments-WEST (CSG-WEST) and as President of Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER).

Senator McGuire grew up with those she now represents in the Alaska State Legislature. With this life-long perspective, she truly understands the concerns of the people in Southwest Anchorage and the state as a whole. At age 29 she was elected by an overwhelming 64 percent of her district. In 2006, McGuire was elected to the Alaska State Senate, once again winning her election by a large margin, earning 66 percent of the votes. In 2010, she was re-elected to the Alaska State Senate, winning by almost 70 percent. Having been elected as the voice of her community, Senator McGuire takes this responsibility very seriously. She has worked diligently for more than ten years to make Alaska a better place for all to enjoy.



Wanetta Ayers, Director State Division of Economic Development

Ayers has worked in community and economic development for more than twenty-five years. Previously Ayers served as the executive director for the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC), a coalition of communities from the Aleutian Islands, the Alaska Peninsula, Bristol Bay, Kodiak, and the Pribilof Islands. SWAMC is a federal Economic Development District (EDD) and an Alaska Regional Development Organization (ARDOR) that facilitates regional economic development planning and advocates for regional infrastructure and transportation priorities.

Originally from Anchorage, where four generations of her family continue to live, Ayers has lived and worked throughout Alaska including Barrow, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai and Kodiak. She received an MBA from the University of Washington and earned a BBA from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.