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Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference

2023 Economic Summit & Membership Meeting
March 2nd & 3rd



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Welcome to SWAMC's 2023 Economic Summit – Focus on the Future

Dear SWAMC Members, Sponsors, and Participants,

Welcome back to the Hotel Captain Cook for our traditional annual Conference and Membership Meeting. We are looking forward to networking with you all, reconnecting with friends and peers, and forging new relationships over the next two days.

Our Conference theme in 2023 is *Focus on the Future* as Southwest Alaska enters into a phase of several years of unprecedented Federal and State funding for infrastructure projects and economic development opportunities. Preparing our communities for the pursuit of robust transportation project funding through the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, transformational Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding for Broadband expansion and improvements, and new Mariculture opportunities with the Build Back Better Mariculture Cluster project are priorities of this year's conference.



Our goal is to provide you with the tools and connections to ensure successful use of these funds and prepare our community members to get ready to respond to the many project developments that can stabilize and strengthen our region.

We have a great team of sponsors and exhibitors that are here to support SWAMC communities and our mission, so please be sure to thank them and visit their booths. They are here because they can help.

There are four seats on the SWAMC Board of Directors up for election at our Friday business meeting, and if you are interested in running for a seat or running for re-election, please be sure to pick up and submit your application at the registration desk before the start of the meeting at 9:00 am Friday morning. We need all our members at this meeting!

The SWAMC Board and staff gave considerable thought to this two-day conference and encourage you to engage and ask questions of our great panels. We are also pleased to welcome our Friday luncheon sponsor Trident Seafoods and CEO Joe Bundrant as they celebrate fifty years of business, partnerships, and innovation in Southwest Alaska by reviewing the past fifty years and looking forward to the next fifty.

It's good to see you all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. Gronholdt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Gronholdt
President, SWAMC Board of Directors



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Thursday, March 2nd – First Day of Conference

7:30 Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:00 Opening Remarks – SWAMC Executive Director Shirley Marquardt

8:10 Welcome – Anchorage Mayor Dave Bronson

8:15 IIA and ADOT&PF Infrastructure Funding in 2023

- Adam Moser – Planning, Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
- Mike Anderson – Acting Infrastructure Coordinator, Governor’s Office
- Garrett Boyle – Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission
- Erin Reinders – Director of Infrastructure Development, Alaska Municipal League

9:15 Workforce Development and Job Training for Future Projects

- Kyla Pomrenke – Executive Director, Alaska Workforce Investment Board
- Jason Davis – Founder, Turnagain Marine Construction
- Aurah Landau – HDR Inc.

10:00 _____ *Break* _____

10:15 Successful State and Federal Lobbying

- Chris Hladick – Municipal
- Seb O’Kelly – Federal
- Dianne Blumer – State
- Representative from Senator Murkowski’s Anchorage Office (*invited*)

11:10 Broadband in the News and Around the Region

- Tom Brady – Pacific DataPort and Starlink
- Emmett Fitch – CEO, OptimERA
- Heather Handyside – Chief Communications Officer, GCI

12:00 Networking Lunch with Video Addresses by Senator Dan Sullivan & Representative Mary Peltola

- Gold Sponsor Spotlight: Alaska Airlines & GCI

1:15 Healthcare and Community Partnerships

- Gloria Burnett – Director, Alaska AHEC (Area Health Education Centers)
- Mary Swain – Executive Director, Camai Community Health Center
- David Moxley – UAA Department of Human Services
- Lt. Soto – Anchorage Police Department

2:30 Housing Barriers and How to Overcome Them

- Mary Swain – Executive Director, Camai Community Health Center
- Dennis Robinson – Vice Mayor, City of Unalaska
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation & Aleutian Housing Authority (*invited*)

3:15 _____ *Break* _____

3:30 Build Back Better (BBB) Mariculture Cluster Project

- Julie Decker – Executive Director, Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation
- Robert Venables – Executive Director, Southeast Conference
- Nick Mangini – Mariculture Director, SWAMC

5:30 President’s Reception and Silent Auction – Quarter Deck, Tower 1



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Friday, March 3rd – Second Day of Conference

8:00 Networking Breakfast & Membership Voting Sign-Up

8:45 Opening and Welcome

9:00 SWAMC's 2023 Membership Meeting

- Sub-Regional Caucuses and Board Elections
- FY22 Financial Report
- Resolutions

11:45 Video Address by Senator Lisa Murkowski

12:00 Seafood Buffet Lunch hosted by Trident Seafoods in Celebration of their 50th Anniversary

- Presentation by Joe Bundrant, CEO of Trident Seafoods

1:15 Fish Management, Research, and Markets

- Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang – Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Mike Litzow – Kodiak Laboratory Director, NOAA Fisheries
- Nicole Kimball – Member, North Pacific Fishery Management Council
- Ashley Heimbigner – Communications Director, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

2:30 Coastal Caucus Discussion

- Mayor Pat Branson, Kodiak (*invited*)
- Mayor Vincent Tutiakoff, Unalaska (*invited*)
- Mayor Nikki Hoblet, False Pass (*invited*)
- Mayor Alvin Osterback, Aleutians East Borough (*invited*)

3:15

 Break

3:30 Legislative Update and Discussion with Membership

- Senator Lyman Hoffman
- Senator Gary Stevens
- Representative Louise Stutes
- Representative Bryce Edgmon

4:30 Conference Wrap-up



Membership Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 3rd, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order**..... Paul Gronholdt, President
- II. **Roll Call – Municipal Members**..... Shirley Marquardt, Executive Director

A quorum of current SWAMC municipal members, either present or through proxies, is required to conduct the Membership meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda**..... Paul Gronholdt
Printed copies of 2022 minutes are available
- IV. **Board Elections**..... Paul Gronholdt
 - A. Sub-regional Caucuses
 - B. Caucus Reports
 - C. Election of At-Large seat(s)
- V. **Financial Report**..... Shirley Marquardt
 - A. FY22 Financial Review
- VI. **Governance Issues**..... Paul Gronholdt
 - A. Resolutions (print copies available)
- VII. **Staff Report**..... Shirley Marquardt
- VIII. **Voice of the Membership**..... Paul Gronholdt
- IX. **Next Annual Meeting: March 1, 2024**..... Paul Gronholdt
- X. **Adjourn**..... Paul Gronholdt



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Mr. Paul Gronholdt

Aleutians East Borough
Municipal – Aleutians/Pribilofs
**Up for election*

Vice President

Mr. Terry Haines

City of Kodiak
Municipal – Kodiak

Treasurer

Ms. Mary Swain

Bristol Bay Borough
Municipal – Bristol Bay
**Up for election*

Directors

Ms. Carlin Enlow

Aleutian Expeditors
Associate – Aleutians/Pribilofs

Ms. Aimee Williams

Mayor, Kodiak Island Borough Assembly
Municipal – Kodiak

Ms. Myra Olsen

Lake & Peninsula Borough
Municipal – Bristol Bay

Ms. Alice Ruby

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp.
Associate – Bristol Bay
**Up for election*

Mr. Dennis Robinson

Vice Mayor, City of Unalaska
Municipal – Aleutians/Pribilofs

Mr. Darren Muller

Spruce Island Development Corp.
Associate – Kodiak

Mr. Glen Gardner, Jr.

Associate – At-Large Seat A
**Up for election*

Mr. Steve Minor

Associate – At-Large Seat B



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FY23 SWAMC Members

Municipal

Aleutians:

- ❖ Aleutians East Borough
- ❖ City of Adak
- ❖ City of Akutan
- ❖ City of Cold Bay
- ❖ City of False Pass
- ❖ City of King Cove
- ❖ City of Saint Paul
- ❖ City of Unalaska

Bristol Bay:

- ❖ Lake and Peninsula Borough
- ❖ City of Clark's Point
- ❖ City of Dillingham
- ❖ City of Pilot Point

Kodiak:

- ❖ Kodiak Island Borough
- ❖ City of Kodiak

Associate: For-Profit

- ❖ Alaska Airlines
- ❖ Alaska Commercial Fishing & Agriculture Bank
- ❖ Aleutian Expeditors
- ❖ Alaskan Observers, Inc.
- ❖ The Aleut Corporation
- ❖ Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- ❖ Chandler, Falconer, Munson & Cacciola, LLP
- ❖ Information Insights
- ❖ Kelty & Associates
- ❖ Moffatt & Nichol
- ❖ Old Harbor Native Corporation
- ❖ Ounalashka Corporation
- ❖ Peter Pan Seafood Company
- ❖ Samson Tug & Barge
- ❖ Shumagin Corporation
- ❖ Trident Seafoods Corporation

Associate: Non-Profit

- ❖ Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association
- ❖ Bristol Bay Borough Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation
- ❖ Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association
- ❖ Bristol Bay Housing Authority
- ❖ Bristol Bay Native Association
- ❖ Eastern Aleutian Tribes
- ❖ Groundfish Forum
- ❖ Karluk Tribal Council
- ❖ Kodiak Economic Development Corporation
- ❖ Northwest TAAC
- ❖ Pacific Seafood Processors Association
- ❖ Unalaska Visitor's Bureau

Thank you for your membership!