

Association of Village Council Presidents
62nd Annual Convention
Yupit Piciryarait Cultural Center
Bethel, Alaska
August 26-27, 2026



“Stronger Together”
“Ilakluta Pininruukut”

August 26, 2026 – EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS TO THE MEMBERS

- 7:30 AM** **Registration of Delegates**
- 8:30 AM** **Opening: Purification Ceremony:** Nels Alexie, Traditional Chief & John McIntyre, Cultural Traditional Knowledge Liason
Presentation of Colors: James Wyckoff & Buck Bukowski, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 10041
Pledge of Allegiance & Yuraq – Ayaprun Elitnaurvik
Moment of Silence – *In memory of those who passed on:* Thaddeus Tikiun Jr., Chairman
Invocation: Nels Alexie, Traditional Chief
Guidelines to an Orderly Discussion: Thaddeus Tikiun Jr., Chairman
Sergeant-at-Arms: Shawn Kamkahpak, Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Manager & Regional Public Safety Officers John Pleasant and Wassillie Gilila
Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Crystal Samuelson, Tribal Services Director
Introduction of Parliamentarian & Rules of Convention: John Neeleman
- 8:55 AM** **Safety Moment:** VPSO Manager Shawn Kamkahpak
- 9:00 AM** **Additions to Agenda**
- 9:15 AM** **Welcome Address:**
- Louie Andrew, Orutsararmiut Native Council Chief
 - Nels Alexie., Traditional Chief
 - Thaddeus Tikiun Jr., Chairman
- 9:45 AM** **Executive Board Introductions**
- 10:15 AM** **Keynote Speaker:** Major General Torrence W. Saxe, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard & Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- 10:25 AM** **Chief Executive Officer’s Welcome Address:** Vivian Korthuis
- 10:40 AM** **Approval of:**
- August 2025 Annual Convention Minutes
- 10:50 AM** **Administrative Reports:**
- AVCP Audits & Financial Reporting – Internal Committee
 - BDO
 - Administration Reports – Internal Committee
 - Legal & Litigation Report – Internal Committee
 - Delegate Questions
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:30 PM** **Administrative Reports:**
- Program Reports – External Committee with Advocacy Priorities
 - Subsistence Committee Reporting
 - Delegate Questions
- 4:15 PM** **Voting Tool Orientation**
- 4:45 PM** **Recess**

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August 27, 2026 – MEMBER BUSINESS

- 8:30 AM** **Reconvene**
Roll Call/Quorum
- 8:50 AM** **Safety Moment:** Shawn Kamkahpak, VPSO Manager
- 9:00 AM** **Keynote Speaker:** Jolene John, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Regional Director
- 9:10 AM** **2025 AVCP Convention Resolutions Report** – Resolutions Committee
- 9:25 AM** **2026 AVCP Convention Resolutions Review & Approval** – Resolutions Committee
- 10:25 AM** **Unit Caucus & Voting:**
- Unit Representatives (*Units 1, 3, 10, 13*)
 - Date & Site of 2027 Convention (*nominations*)
- 10:45 AM** **Announcement of Unit Representatives & Date and Site of 2027 Convention**
- 10:55 AM** **At-Large/Chairman Voting:**
- At-Large Nominations
 - At-Large Nomination Speeches
 - Voting
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:30 PM** **AVCP Tribal Member Awards**
- 2:00 PM** **Bering Sea Elders Group**
- Jerry Ivanoff, Chairman
 - Jaylene Wheeler, Executive Director
- 2:10 PM** **Legislative Update/Response:**
- Moderator: Thaddeus Tikiun Jr., Chairman
 - Senator Lyman Hoffinan
 - Representative Nellie Unangiq Jimmie
 - Representative Bryce Edgmon
 - Representative Neal Foster *
 - Senator Lisa Murkowski *
 - Senator Dan Sullivan *
- 3:15 PM** • Congressman Nicholas Begich *
- Adjourn/Closing Benediction** Nels Alexie, Traditional Chief

* Pre-Recorded Video