

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2018-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FROM THE COUNCIL CONTINGENCY BUDGET TO SPONSOR THE ALEUT INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Aleut International Association (AIA) was created in 1998 to address the environmental and cultural concerns of the Aleut people at the Arctic Council;

WHEREAS, the Arctic Council is an intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among Arctic States, Arctic Indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common Arctic issues, in particular issues of sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic; and

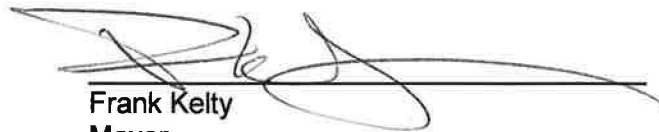
WHEREAS, AIA provides representation of the Aleut people on the Arctic Council and various Arctic Council working groups; and

WHEREAS, AIA plays an important role in advancing the needs and aspirations of the Aleut people on the international stage through their status as a Permanent Participant of the Arctic Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Unalaska has been asked to sponsor the Aleut International Association and believes this to be a worthy cause.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Unalaska City Council authorizes expenditure from the Council Contingency budget in the amount of \$1,000 to sponsor the Aleut International Association.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on December 11, 2018.


Frank Kelty
Mayor

ATTEST:


Marjie Veeder
City Clerk



MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Date: December 11, 2018
Re: Resolution 2018-70, Sponsorship of the Aleut International Association

SUMMARY: The Aleut International Association (AIA) has requested funding from the City of Unalaska.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND: The information provided by AIA is included in the Council Packet.

DISCUSSION: The available balance in Council sponsorship contingency budget is \$13,500.

ALTERNATIVES: It is Council's decision whether to provide funds, and if so, the amount. Council may also decline to sponsor AIA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: If Council decides to sponsor AIA, the funds will come from the Council Sponsorships Contingency line item of the FY19 budget.

LEGAL: Not necessary.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None, this is a Council decision.

PROPOSED MOTION: If Council chooses to sponsor, a motion will need to be made to amend the proposed resolution to add a dollar amount.

ATTACHMENTS: Information provided by AIA.



November 15, 2018

Frank Kelty
City of Unalaska
P.O. Box 610
Unalaska, AK 99685

Subject: AIA Contribution

Dear Frank,

Aleut International Association is excited to celebrate its 20th Anniversary. I am also honored to share that in July 2018, the AIA Board of Directors asked me to remain in leadership as the Executive Director.

We continue to play a crucial role in putting the needs and aspirations of Aleut people on the international stage through its well-respected work as a Permanent Participant in the Arctic Council and with governments, business leaders, scientists, and NGOs around the world. Currently, we are managing multiple projects and initiatives. These include documenting a dialect of Unangam Tunuu in Russia and another aimed at increasing dialogue and tools for Aleuts to participate more in resource management and communication with policy makers in the State and Federal Government.

In the last year, we have worked hard to involve people and organizations in our region in the Arctic Council and our projects. There are six working groups, two task forces, two expert groups, as well as bi-annual Senior Arctic Officials meetings. There are also numerous tasks forces and expert groups in the working groups. Each one of these groups benefit from having Aleut people represented at the table especially as we are seeing an increase in Arctic ship traffic and are feeling the effects of climate change. We have Aleut representatives in four of the six working groups, one representing in the Task Force on Improved Connectivity in the Arctic (TFICA), and two representatives in working group expert groups. For more information, please see the included documents about us and our projects.

We are seeking funding to continue the important work we do at the Arctic Council and to expand the projects we have begun in our region. We would be very grateful for a financial contribution of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to AIA. All contributions are tax deductible and will be recognized on our website and in our presentations that are given locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. Your contribution is imperative to ensuring that Aleut people, our communities and our culture is represented at this significant forum. If you have any questions or would like more information about AIA, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks in advance for your generous contribution.

Enclosed

Sincerely,

Dr. Liza Mack
Executive Director

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Aleut International Association

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ABOUT ALEUT INTERNATIONAL:

- ◆ Created in 1998 to address the environmental and cultural concerns of the extended Aleut family at the Arctic Council
- ◆ Development of AIA was a joint project between the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) in the United States, and the Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Aleut District of the Kamchatka Region (ANSARKO) in the Russian Federation
- ◆ Admitted as a Permanent Participant, with full consultation rights, to the Arctic Council in 1998
- ◆ Granted Special Consultive Status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 2004
- ◆ Accredited Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with both the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- ◆ Pursues collaboration with governments, scientists, and other organizations to develop research and policies which could improve the wellbeing of the Aleut People and their environment

ABOUT THE ARCTIC COUNCIL:

The Arctic Council is the leading intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation, coordination and interaction among the Arctic States, Arctic Indigenous communities and other Arctic inhabitants on common regional issues, in particular on issues of sustainable development and environmental protection.

The following countries are members of the Arctic Council: Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sweden and the United States.

In addition, six organizations representing Arctic Indigenous peoples have status as Permanent Participants (PPs), created to provide for active participation and full consultation with the Arctic Indigenous peoples within the Council. They include: [Aleut International Association](#), the Arctic Athabaskan Council, Gwich'in Council International, the Inuit Circumpolar Council,

Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North and the Saami Council.

Council assessments and recommendations are the result of analysis and efforts of the Working Groups, and decisions are taken by consensus among the eight Arctic States, with full consultation and involvement of the PPs. The Council may also establish Task Forces or Expert Groups to carry out specific work.

The Council has also provided a forum for the negotiation of three important legally binding agreements among the Arctic States: the Agreement on Cooperation on Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue in the Arctic was signed in 2011; the Agreement on Cooperation on Marine Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response in the Arctic was signed in 2013; and the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation was signed in Fairbanks, Alaska, at the 2017 Ministerial meeting.



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ARCTIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS:

ACAP is an Arctic Council plan to address the Arctic pollution sources identified through AMAP. It became Arctic Council's sixth permanent Working Group in 2006. It acts as a strengthening and supporting mechanism to encourage national actions to reduce emissions and other releases of pollutants.

AMAP monitors and assesses the status of pollution and climate change issues in the Arctic region, and produces science-based assessments and public outreach products to inform policy and decision-making processes.

CAFF serves as a vehicle to cooperate on species and habitat management, to share information on management techniques and regulatory regimes, and to facilitate more knowledgeable decision-making.

EPPR's focus is prevention, preparedness and response to environmental emergencies in the Arctic, including the accidental release of pollutants or radionuclides, and the consequences of natural disasters.

PAME's activities are directed towards protection of the Arctic marine environment -- increasingly affected by significant climate changes, and the resulting economic activity -- through policy, and non-emergency pollution prevention related to both land and sea-based activities.

SDWG proposes and adopts steps to be taken by the Arctic States to advance sustainable development in the Arctic. This includes pursuing opportunities to protect and enhance the environment, economies, culture, and health of Indigenous peoples and the Arctic.



Aleut International Association



ONGOING PROJECTS:

Community Observation Network for

Adaptation and Security (CONAS) consists of systematic observations made by subsistence hunters, fishers, and elders from around the Bering Sea. This information is owned and controlled by the communities. It is used to generate dynamic maps and data products that both residents and policy makers can use to inform decisions for a rapidly changing Arctic. Survey efforts were recently completed in Sand Point, Gambell, Savoonga, and Togiak.

CONAS: Integrating Indigenous Values Into Planning and Policy Across the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea

The network will expand through funding support from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in collaboration with Aleutian Bering Sea Islands Landscape Conservation Cooperative and the U.S. National Park Service. Through these partnerships CONAS will add up to four new communities to the network from the Aleutian and Bering Sea Region. Partners: North Pacific Research Board (NPRB), the Alaska Native Fund (ANF), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service.



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The Indigenous Use of Heavy Fuel Oils (HFOs) Project

will conduct a survey of Indigenous Arctic Communities to assess the use of and reliance on HFOs. This will help to inform future policy recommendations by making clear the impacts on Arctic communities of banning HFOs. Partners: Ocean Conservancy with funding provided by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

Solid Waste Management in Small Arctic Communities

will examine best practices, potential actions including recycling/reusing, education & outreach, and an assessment of contaminants related to solid waste. Partners: Canada and Finland.

Mednij Island Aleut Language Project

researches Aleut language adaptation related to the Mednij Island dialect through Aleut experts from Alaska and Russia. They are analyzing the nearly extinct dialect, a unique mixed language spoken only by a handful of elders. This research will gather the last available knowledge of Mednij Aleut and is exploring the historical background of the dialect with a special emphasis on language adaptation. Audio and video recordings will be archived in multiple locations, and the communities control the final products and their distribution. Partners: Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA), the Exchange for Local Observations and Knowledge of the Arctic (ELOKA), University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), St. Petersburg University, Russian Federation, with funding provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The Black Carbon Project

will use data, self-assessment tools and instruments to collect information about black carbon pollutants. This project will encourage identification, mitigation and community awareness about black carbon pollutants in Alaska and Russia. Partners: University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA), University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), Naturvårdsverket (Swedish Environmental Protection Agency), Arctic Alliance, the Alaska Native Science Commission (ANSC)

AIA'S PROJECTS AND PEOPLE AT THE ARCTIC COUNCIL:

Arctic Contaminants Action Program:



AIA's Black Carbon Project is an ACAP approved project, and has been selected for funding support through the Arctic Council Project Support Instrument.

AIA's ACAP Representative: Aleut International's Executive Director, Dr. Liza Mack, currently represents AIA in ACAP and is also the chair for IPCAP.

Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Plan:



Aleut International does not currently have any projects with the AMAP working group.

AIA's AMAP Representative: This position is open.

Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment:



AIA's PAME Representative: Chantae Kochuten of Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association represents AIA at PAME meetings. Dr.

Lauren Divine of the Tribal Government of St. Paul Island serves as Co-Chair of PAME's Marine Litter Expert Group.

Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna:



Aleut International's Community Observation Network on Adaptation & Security (CONAS) project is a CAFF-approved project.

AIA's CAFF Representative: Nadine Kochuten, of King Cove, represents AIA at CAFF meetings. Bruce Wright, senior scientist at APIA, represents AIA at CAFF and PAME's Arctic Invasive Alien Species Strategy and Action Plan.

TASK FORCES:

Arctic Marine Cooperation (TFAMC):

The mandate is to consider future needs for strengthened cooperation on Arctic marine areas, as well as mechanisms to meet these needs, and to make recommendations on the nature and scope of any such mechanisms.

Improved Connectivity in the Arctic (TFICA):

The task force will compare the needs of those who live, operate, and work in the Arctic with available infrastructure, and work with the telecommunications industry and the Arctic Economic Council.

AIA's Representative: Jenifer Nelson

Sustainable Development Working Group:



The Arctic Solid Waste Project and Indigenous Use of Heavy Fuel Oils Project has been approved at SDWG. AIA is co-leads along with the United States and Canada.

AIA's SDWG Representatives: Aleut International's Director, Dr. Liza Mack, is the Head of Delegation to the SDWG, and participates on the Social, Economic, and Cultural Expert Group (SECEG).

Emergency Preparedness, Prevention & Response:



Aleut International is currently co-lead on the Small Communities Preparedness and Response Project.

AIA's EPPR Representative: Karen Pletnikoff is the Environmental and Safety Program Manager for APIA, and represents AIA at the EPPR meetings.

The Permanent Participants' Algu Fund:



The Algu Fund is an endowment and project support mechanism created to provide stable, reliable, and predictable funding to support Permanent Participants, and their Arctic Council activities.

AIA's Algu Fund Representative: Aleut International is a participating organization of the Algu Fund, with Dr. Mack acting as the chair.

EXPERT GROUPS:

Expert Group on Black Carbon and Methane:

This group's objective is to periodically assess progress of the implementation of the Arctic Council's Framework for Action on Black Carbon and Methane, and to inform policy makers.

Ecosystem-Based Management Expert Group:

Policy commitment, a definition of principles for implementation, and high-priority activities for ecosystem-based management in the Arctic, were developed by this expert group.