



Alaska Native Organizational Management



Boardroom Best Practices Panel

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Koniag, Inc. Chairman Ron Unger recently participated in a Chairman's Panel at the College of Business and Public Policy at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). The Chairman's Panel was a key part of BA A403 "Inside the Boardroom of an Alaska Native Organization," a one-credit class included in the new minor program, Alaska Native Business Management. In this course, and in the minor, UAA is working to build a foundation of knowledge that will allow future leaders to understand the inner workings and the significance of Alaska Native corporations and organizations. In particular, BA A403 offers a new approach to boardroom training where the 12 Alaska Native Regional Corporation chairs were invited to participate in a panel session on the final day of the class. A total of eight regional chairs were able to participate and what resulted was truly a powerful session.

Students prepared presentations for a mock board meeting and offered arguments in support of and against the politi-

The Chairman's Panel shown with Students—From L-R, bottom row, Sharon Guenther Lind, Term Assistant Professor- UAA CBPP, The Chair's: Joseph Chythlook-Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Joe Nelson-Sealaska Corporation, Margaret Pohjola-Calista Corporation, Sheri Buretta-Chugach Alaska Corporation, the row above L-R, Ron Unger-Koniag, Incorporated, Crawford Patkotak-Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, Dick Jacobsen-The Aleut Corporation, and Thomas Huhndorf-Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated.

cally charged topics of "Indian Country in Alaska" and "Open Enrollment." Panelists acted as board members, and modeled best practices and offered feedback to the presenters in real time. Course participant and Afognak Native Corporation Chair Denise May noted that she especially enjoyed this opportunity to talk about "the most current issues facing us as Alaska Native Corporations."

Chairman Unger was impressed by the student demographic, which included a diverse group of undergraduates, accomplished business professionals, and other Native organization leaders. All were clearly engaged and excited to learn about ANCSA board governance. Unger equally appreciated the opportunity to gather with his fellow regional ANCSA chairs; no one present could recall the Regional chairs coming together in recent times. Event leader and UAA Assistant Professor Sharon Lind expressed her appreciation that so many leaders were able to take time away from their responsibilities and help students learn best practices.

Professor Lind promised that the remarkable Chairman's Panel is a session she plans to hold every year.

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You can now declare the Alaska Native Business Management minor using UAA's Declaration of Minor Form.



If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring or participating in this new area, please contact Sharon Guenther Lind at UAA CBPP.

Fall 2016

- ⇒ BA A201 Intro to Alaska Native Business
- ⇒ BA A401 Alaska Native Corporation Business Management
- ⇒ BA A490B ANCSA Land
Course details on Page 2.

To learn more about this course and the minor in Alaska Native Business Management, contact Sharon Lind at sglind@uaa.alaska.edu.

Alaska Native Business Management Minor Fall 2016 Classes:

- **BA A201 Intro to Alaska Native Business** – 1 credit, meets on Friday October 28 and Friday November 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Course Reference Number 70358
- **BA A401 Alaska Native Corp. Business Management** – 3 credits, meets Friday's, 5:30 – 8:15 p.m., Course Reference Number 70389
- **BA A490B ANCSA Land** – 1 credit, meets on Friday November 11 and Friday November 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. Course Reference Number 76899.



BA A201 Fall 2015 Class

Intro. to Alaska Native Business—BA A201 is offered every fall. This class provides students with an introduction to ANCSA and the Alaska Native corporation. It includes a variety of guests from various Alaska Native organiza-

tions. It will be offered again Fall 2016 on October 28 and November 4. This course is team taught and designed through a partnership with KPMG LLP.

Pictured above: 2015 students with Sam Cole, President of Aleut Management Services.

Attention MBA and MPA Students:

Did you know that a portion of your elective credit requirements can be met with 400 level courses? Consider taking **BA A401 Alaska Native Corporation Business management** in the Fall or **A402 Indigenous Leadership** and **BA A403 Inside the Boardroom of an Alaska Native Organization** in the spring to meet your elective requirements. Be sure to talk with your advisor about your individual program needs.

Other Students:

BBA students must meet upper-division standing to register for BA A401, 402 and 403. Non-BBA students, including non-degree seeking can have the pre-requisite requirement waived.

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Below: Bruce Anders, VP & General Counsel, Cook Inlet Region, Inc. discusses corporate governance with students.



Watch for Details...

The **2nd Annual Alaska Native Business Summit** will take place in December 2016.

The 2015 Summit had over 130 participants from a variety of organizations—ANC's, as well as State and Federal organizations.

Details coming soon on this event.

A New Spring 2016 Class

Watch our Spring roster for our new 1 credit elective on **Alaska Native Tribes**. This will be an important class for anyone working for or with Alaska Native tribes. This course is being offered in partnership with the **Bureau of Indian Affairs Alaska Regional Office**

CBPP Alaska Native Organizational Management Advisory Committee:

- Kathryn A. Black - Attorney - Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot
- Michael Bourdukofsky, - COO - UAA Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program
- Sheri D. Buretta - Chairman of the Board - Chugach Alaska Corporation
- Annette Evans-Smith - President and CEO - Alaska Native Heritage Center
- Sarah Lukin - Chief of Staff - Pt Capital
- Daniel J. Mitchell - Managing Director and Primary Recruiter - KPMG LLP
- Kim Reitmeier - Executive Director - ANCSA Regional Association

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