

1ST ANNUAL ALASKA NATIVE SUMMIT

SPEAKER BIOS

Sheri Buretta, Chairman of the Board, Chugach Alaska Corporation



- Alaska Federation of Natives, Director, October 1997 to present
- Tatitlek Corporation Board, Board Treasurer 2005 to present
- Alaskans Standing Together Director 2010 to present
- ROSSIA Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska, Inc., President, 2002 to present
- University of Alaska Board or Regent Director March 2015 to present
- Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Director 2012-2015
- Foraker Group Governance Board, Director 2007 to 2014

-Mayor Dan Sullivan, Sister City Commission, 2013-2014

-Governor Bill Walker, Transition Team, member 2014

-Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council, Director 1999 to 2012

-ANCSA Regional Association Director, 1999 to 2012, President, 2004 to 2008

-Mayor Mark Begich, Transition Team, Co-Chair, 2003

-Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group, 1996 to 2000

Sheri was born in Anchorage, her family is from the village of Tatitlek located in Prince William Sound. Sheri graduated from the University of Alaska with an Accounting degree, and Gulf Coast Community College in Florida with a Business degree.

Sheri and her husband Gary have two beautiful children, Anastasia and Bo.

Maver Carey, President/CEO, The Kuskokwim Corporation



Maver Carey, a shareholder of TKC, has been with the company for twenty one years (since 1994), serving in a variety of positions before becoming President/CEO in 2003. Mrs. Carey is responsible for the supervision and control of business affairs of the Corporation. She also oversees and serves on the Kuskokwim Educational Foundation board of directors, a non-profit scholarship foundation benefiting shareholders and residents of the Kuskokwim region.

She has built TKC's revenue from \$1.6M revenue stream in 2004 to over \$96M through diversifying TKC's portfolio with business acquisitions, forming partnerships, hiring and overseeing the right management team, establishing 8(a) government contracting companies and operating companies. TKC went from overseeing a \$9M stock and bond portfolio and 4 real estate property partnerships to forming 2 subsidiary holding companies and 7 operating subsidiary operations throughout the U.S. over the course of 11 years.

Raised in Fairbanks and Anchorage, Maver Carey is of Yup'ik Eskimo and Athabascan Indian de-

scent, with family ties to Aniak. She is a 1985 graduate of Robert Service High School and a 1990 graduate of Gonzaga, University in Spokane Washington.

She is a Leadership Anchorage graduate, was selected as Top 40 under 40, an Athena Society Award winner in 2011, Rotarian of the Year for Anchorage Gateway Rotary in 2014 and is the current President Elect for Anchorage Gateway Rotary.

She has been married to Jay since 1996 and they have two daughters, Kasila age 17 and Brystal age 11.

Chancellor Tom Case, University of Alaska Anchorage



Tom Case has served as chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage since May 2011, focusing on UAA's core mission of serving the higher education needs of the state, its communities and its diverse peoples.

Under Case's leadership, UAA improved campus facilities for students and community including a new Health Sciences Building, the Alaska Airlines Center now home to UAA's Seawolves as well as community concerts and special events, and the new Engineering & Industry Building and a pedestrian skybridge spanning Providence Drive.

U.S. News & World Report ranked UAA in the top 20 percent of schools in its 2015 best online programs for master's degrees in education; Seawolf Debate is ranked 6th in the U.S. and 17th in the world in university debating; the College of Business and Public Policy's experimental economics program ranked in the top 10 percent worldwide by RePEc; the School of Nursing ranked #3 on www.nursejournal.org's list of *America's Best Nursing Schools in the West*, and UAA is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, one of a select number of colleges and universities to receive this recognition.

After retiring from the Air Force as a lieutenant general, Case was appointed dean of UAA's College of Business and Public Policy, where he served nearly six years before becoming president and chief operating officer of the state-owned, independently operated Alaska Aerospace Corp.

A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Case earned a Master of Science degree in systems management at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He is a graduate of the National War College, U.S. Army Command & General Staff College, Air War College and Emory University's advanced management program.

An active member of the community, Case has served on the boards of the Alaska World Affairs Council and World Trade Center Alaska and is a past president of Commonwealth North.

He recently was elected to a three-year term as a commissioner for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities—one of six regional nonprofit organizations the U.S. Department of Education recognizes for accrediting postsecondary institutions within the U.S.

Case married his wife, Susan, 46 years ago. The couple has a daughter, Donna, son-in-law, Daniel, and four grandchildren. He is an avid pilot and, of course, an enthusiastic Seawolf fan!

William (Bill) Dann, Professional Growth Systems



William (Bill) Dann is the founder and president of Professional Growth Systems, which he established in 1981. His commitment then and now is to enable individuals to achieve their full potential and fulfillment in their work, and thereby for organizations to attain a high level of performance. He and partner Doug Johnson developed a suite of tools that have proven themselves over the years to deliver on this commitment.

Bill has a BA in Political Science as well as a Masters in Health Care Management, both from Cornell University. He is the author of the book **Creating High Performers: 7 Questions to Ask Direct Reports**.

Over the years, Bill has worked with individual proprietorships, intermediate size businesses and national standard bearers for their respective industries. He values the fact that he has worked for non-profit, for-profit, governmental, educational and international organizations. His focus on organizational and individual performance comes through on each strategic plan, process improvement project, executive coaching session, and the like.

When not found working with clients, Bill will likely be either on the golf course or spending time with his family, including two beautiful grandchildren.

Provost Sam Gingerich, University of Alaska Anchorage



Samuel (Sam) Gingerich was appointed provost and executive vice chancellor at the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2015. From 2006-2014 he served as system vice president for academic affairs/chief academic officer for the South Dakota Board of Regents. In this position, he worked with the Board of Regents, Board staff, and institutional leaders to develop and to oversee academic policy for the state system. Prior to this he served as provost at Mississippi University for Women, as interim president and as provost at Mesa State College (now Colorado Mesa University) and he was a faculty member and administrator at Northern State University. Gingerich holds three degrees in chemistry: a Ph.D. from Montana State University, a master's degree from Cornell University, and a bachelor's degree from Goshen College.

Gerad Godfrey, Rural and Intergovernmental Affairs Senior Adviser for Governor Bill Walker



Gerad Godfrey is Alutiiq with a family lineage from the Kodiak Islands. He grew up throughout rural Alaska and spent his summers commercial fishing in the Kodiak Island Fishery. For a combined 14 years he worked on the North Slope oilfields of Alaska and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in the Port of Valdez while employed by two different Alaska Native Corporations.

From 2009-2015, he was employed by Afognak Native Corporation. There he worked in Risk and Compliance, Quality Assurance/Control and as the Director of Corporate Affairs. As Director of Corporate Affairs he was responsible for Afognak's government, media, and public relations and also had responsibilities in the area of marketing and business development. In his Government Affairs role Gerad was responsible for the strategic direction of Afognak in its social, cultural and economic interests pertaining to policy makers in Washington DC and Juneau as well as the Borough and Village levels of government. He also had responsibilities interfacing with Afognak's two federally recognized tribes.

Gerad left Afognak in March of 2015 to assume a senior cabinet appointment with Governor Walker where he serves as the Governor's Senior Advisor on Rural Business and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Gerad Chairs Alaska's Violent Crimes Compensation Board wherein this capacity he also serves as a volunteer lobbyist on crime victims' rights legislation for which he received the Advocacy Award from Victims for Justice. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors for RuralCAP, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and the Advisory Board to the Chancellor of the UAF. Gerad is an Alaska Representative on FirstNet's Tribal Working Group based out of Washington DC.

He has formerly held seats on the Alaska Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Alaska Native Village CEO Association's Legislative Committee, Alaska Federation of Natives Media & Elections Committee, Municipality of Anchorage's ad hoc Emergency 911 Oversight Task Force, and the Economic Development Corporation Board of the Village of Port Lions. Gerad also held a seat on the Native American Contractors Association Board of Directors based out of Washington DC.

Gerad holds a Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctorate of Law Degree as well as an Alaska Native Executive Leadership Program Certificate.

Dr. William Iggiagruk Hensley



Willie Hensley is the Distinguished Visiting Professor in the College of Business and Public Policy at UAA. He retired from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company where he served as Manager of Federal Government Relations in Washington, DC for nine years.

Prior to his employment with Alyeska, Mr. Hensley was appointed Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development by Governor Tony Knowles. As Commerce Commissioner, Hensley was responsible for state involvement in tourism and seafood marketing, international trade, insurance, banking and securities as well as occupational licensing. He also served on the Oil and Gas Policy Council, the Board of directors of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, the Alaska Railroad and the Alaska Industrial Development Authority.

Hensley was born in Kotzebue, lived with his parents John and Priscilla Hensley and their large family in the Noatak delta area as a boy. He attended a boarding school in Tennessee where he received his high school diploma, attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and graduated with a degree in Political Science from George Washington University in Washington, DC. He was elected to the House of Representatives just months after graduation, representing the Kotzebue/Barrow areas. He then ran for the Senate and served a full four year term. Governor Steve Cowper appointed him to serve out the remaining two year term of Sen. Frank Ferguson following his stroke.

He served as a director of NANA for 20 years, became the president of NANA Development Corporation and finally President of NANA Regional Corporation. He was a founder of AFN in 1966 and served as a director, executive director, President and co-Chair.

Willie and his wife Abbe have a total of six children and twelve grandchildren.

Sharon Guenther Lind, Term Assistant Professor, College of Business and Public Policy, UAA



Sharon Guenther Lind is a Term Assistant Professor teaching in the College of Business and Public Policy. Lind was born and raised in Kenai, Alaska to Bob and Angelina (*Snigaroff*) Guenther. She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in management and a minor in mathematics at Warner Pacific College in Portland, Oregon. She acquired her master's in business administration at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). Currently Lind is pursuing her PhD at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Lind is developing and teaching courses on Alaska Native Corporation Business Management. This is a new direction for UAA's College of Business and Public Policy. The first minor in UAA's College of Business, titled Alaska Native Business Management minor, was approved Fall 2014 and is fully accredited. Classes in this new area are continuing this Fall 2015.

Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott



Byron Mallott's history of public service began in his ancestral home of Yakutat, Alaska, when he was elected mayor at the age of 22. He later went on to serve as mayor of Juneau. Byron's early start in public leadership has grown into a deep unique knowledge of all aspects of Alaskan life, including commercial fishing, aviation, timber, communications, banking, Alaska Native Corporations and investments. He has served as the president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, executive director of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, co-chair of the Commission on Rural Governance and Empowerment, chair of the Nature Conservancy of Alaska and president and CEO of First Alaskans Institute and Sealaska Corporation.

Byron and Toni have five children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Carl Marrs, CEO, Old Harbor Native Corporation



Mr. Marrs joined Old Harbor Native Corporation as Chief Executive Officer August 2010. Carl has been working with Old Harbor Native Corporation since 2005 as an advocate in Juneau and Washington DC on various projects.

Carl was born and raised in Seldovia, Alaska and is an Alutiiq from the South Central Region of Alaska. He grew up as a commercial fisherman and attended school in Kodiak. He later spent two years in the Marine Corps before returning to commercial fishing. Carl had an extensive career at Cook Inlet Region Inc. (CIRI) working in various capacities from 1973 thru 2004. In December 2004, Marrs stepped down as the company's president and CEO. He left behind an organization that in his tenure provided record dividend pay-outs to shareholders, and fulfilled its commitment to enhancing the social welfare of its people. In addition, he previously worked successfully as owner and operator of Marrs & Company from 2005 thru 2010 which was an investment and consulting company.

Marrs was awarded an honorary degree of Public Service from Alaska Pacific University. He has volunteered his time to a number of community organizations, including Alaska Pacific University, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Boys and Girls Club. Marrs has served as a Board Member for the Fiscal Policy Council of Alaska, Alaska Railroad Corporation, Key Bank of Alaska, ANCSA Regional Association, Alaska State Chamber, United Way of Anchorage, Alaska SeaLife Center, Alaska Oil & Gas Association, Board of Regents for the University of Alaska and the Koahinic Broadcasting Corporation.

For all of his accomplishments, Marrs was given the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 2001 William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan Award and the 2001 Alaska Federation of Natives Citizen of the Year Award.

Jason Metrokin, President and CEO, Bristol Bay Native Corporation



Jason Metrokin was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and his MBA from Alaska Pacific University. After serving for 5 years on the board of directors, and as director of shareholder & corporate relations for Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC), he was named as President and Chief Executive Officer in January 2009. His family hails from Kodiak Island and Bristol Bay Alaska as well as Massachusetts. As a beneficiary of his late grandfather's shares in BBNC, Jason is a Bristol Bay descendant and is the first non-original shareholder of an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) regional corporation to become President/CEO. He also currently serves as Chairman of the ANCSA Regional Association; an organization representing the CEOs of each of the 12 Alaska Native regional corporations.

Mr. Metrokin previously worked as vice president and development director at First Alaskans Institute, a statewide, Alaska Native leadership development and public policy organization and as a vice president and commercial relationship manager at Wells Fargo Bank (formerly National Bank of Alaska). In addition, Mr. Metrokin has served on a number of corporate and non-profit boards of directors including BBNC subsidiary companies, United Way of Anchorage, the Alaska Community Foundation, Alaska Regional Hospital, Alaska Pacific University and the Alaska Native Professional Association. In 2000, he was chosen as a Top 40 Business person under 40 and has graduated from programs such as *Leadership Anchorage* and BBNC's *Training Without Walls*. Jason lives in Anchorage with his wife Shannon and their two sons. He enjoys the outdoors, plays hockey and continues to volunteer in the community.

Dr. Rashmi Prasad, Dean, College of Business and Public Policy, University of Alaska Anchorage



Dr. Rashmi Prasad is Dean of the College of Business and Public Policy at the University of Alaska Anchorage. In leading the largest college of professional studies in the state of Alaska, Dr. Prasad has helped to build a dynamic group of faculty and staff to deliver the highest quality teaching, research and service to further the well-being and prosperity of Alaska. Prior to becoming Dean, Dr. Prasad was a faculty member at the University of Alaska Anchorage for the eleven years and currently holds the rank of Professor of Business Administration.

Dr. Prasad has lived in many countries, but spent his formative years in the Midwest, where he studied at the University of Michigan and University of Illinois, before completing his PhD at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Dr. Prasad is a dedicated teacher, frequently honored by students, peers and alumni for the quality of his teaching and student advising. Deeply committed to scholarship, Dr. Prasad has wide ranging research interests, with a principal focus on business ethics, inter-cultural management, and health systems administration. A productive scholar, he has contributed chapters to numerous books and published articles in notable journals such as *Business and Politics*, *Governance*, and *The Journal of Business Ethics*. Dr. Prasad has frequently negotiated the boundaries of culture and institutions in his academic life, engaging in significant academic work related to Russia, India and China, while also remaining active in consulting with numerous businesses, non-profits and government agencies.