



Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council

ESTABLISHED:
2012

DEPARTMENT
Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FUNCTION:
The council shall advise both the Governor and Legislature on programs, policies, and projects to provide for the cost-effective preservation, restoration, and revitalization of Alaska Native languages in the state; and prepare reports of its findings and recommendations for the governor's and the legislature's consideration on or before January 1 of each even numbered year. The first report is due on or before July 1, 2014.

COUNCIL MEMBERS
The council consists of five voting members who are professional language experts and who represent diverse regions of the state. In addition, one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve on the council as nonvoting members. In appointing the nonvoting members of the council, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the bush caucus, if a bush caucus exists. ("Bush caucus" means a group of legislators that represents rural areas of the state). The members appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

		Date appointed	Term Expires		
Senator Donald Olson		28 th Legislature		<i>Inupiaq</i>	Sen. Donald Olson <i>(Inupiaq)</i>
Rep. Benjamin Nageak		28 th Legislature		<i>Iñupiaq</i>	Rep. Benjamin Nageak <i>(Iñupiaq)</i>
Annette Evans Smith	Chair	10/4/2013	9/1/2016	<i>Alutiiq, Athabascan, Yup'ik</i>	
April Laktonen	Vice	10/18/2012	9/1/2014	<i>Alutiiq</i>	Annette Evans Smith, Chair <i>(Athabascan, Alutiiq, Yup'ik)</i>
Counciller	Chair				
Delores Churchill		10/18/2012	9/1/2014	<i>Haida</i>	
Bernadette Yaayuk		10/4/2013	9/1/2016	<i>Inupiaq</i>	April Counciller, Vice-Chair <i>(Alutiiq)</i>
Alvanna-Stimpfle					
Walkie Charles		10/18/2012	9/1/2015	<i>Yup'ik</i>	Delores Churchill <i>(Haida)</i>
Chair: Selected by council, for a one year term					
Compensation: Standard Travel and Per Diem					Bernadette Yaayuk Alvanna-Stimpfle <i>(Inupiaq)</i>

The mission of the Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council is to advocate for the survival and revitalization of Alaska Native languages through collaboration and sharing for all.

Walkie Charles
(Yup'ik)