



**American Indian/Alaska Native Employee Association
Asian Pacific Islander Organization
Annual Training Conference
August 14 – 18, 2006
Anchorage, Alaska
Agenda as of 7/27/06**



* Please see NEDC course listing at the end of the agenda

Monday August 14, 2006

Travel Day

SEPM TRAINING

2:00 – 6:00 P.M.

Registration

8:00 – 4:30 P.M.

Special Emphasis Program Manager Training

Virginia Lewis, Asian American/Pacific Islander Emphasis Program Manager

Gerald Rouse, American Indian/Alaska Native Emphasis Program Manager

4:00 – 5:00 P.M.

AIANEA Elders Council Meeting

4:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Moderator Training – Manny Wei

7:00 – 10:00 P.M.

Networking Session

Tuesday August 15, 2006

7:00 – 12:00 P.M.

Registration

1:30 – 5:00 P.M.

8:00 - 06:00 P.M.

Auction Item Viewing

8:00 – 09:00 A.M.

Opening Ceremony

Moderator: **Blythe Koyiyumtewa**

Drum Group/Presentation of Colors:

Yupik Dancers, Marie Meade

Opening Prayer

9:00 – 10:05 A.M.

Welcoming Remarks

Welcome by Dorothy Cook, Native Village of Eklutna

Pooh Vongkhamdy, President APIO

Crystal Leonetti, President AIANEA

Bob Jones, State Conservationist, Alaska

Sarah Braasch, Assistant Chief, West Region

10:05 – 10:30 A.M.

Break/Poster Viewing

10:30 – 11:15 A.M.

General Session # 1

Moderator: **Rattana Kittitornsup**

Topic: **Alaska Geography**

Speaker: **Joe Moore, State Soil Scientist**

Tuesday August 15, 2006

11:15 – 12:00 A.M. **General Session # 2**
 Topic: **Conservation in Alaska**
 Speaker: **Mark Kinney, District Conservationist Homer**

12:00 – 1:00 P.M. **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Workshops

1:00 –5:00 P.M.	Workshop 1 Salon A Moderator: Deb Clairmont	Workshop 2 Salon B Moderator: Jewel McKenzie	Workshop 3 Salon C Moderator: Sam Ly
With 30 minute break	Career Training -Workforce of the future -NRCS Career Paths -Mentoring -Career choices & Retirement	DISC- Personal Profile System Dana Snyder, NEDC	Outreach Strategies for Success-Kim Bradford Working with cultural and Ethnic Differences- Mike Johnson

5:10 – 6:00 P.M. **General Session # 3 (optional)**
 Moderator: Sarah Braasch
 Topic: **Networking with NRCS State Conservationists**
 Speaker: **State Conservationists and Regional Assistant Chiefs**

7:00 P.M. **AIANEA Business Meeting (optional)**
APIO Business Meeting (optional)

8:00 P.M. **Networking/ Hospitality** **Hospitality Suite**

Wednesday August 16, 2006

7:00 – 7:50 AM **Mentoring Breakfast (optional)**
 Moderator: **Pooh Vongkhamdy**
 Speaker: **Denise Doetzer, Virginia State Conservationists**
Sharon Nance, California Resource Conservationist

8:00 –12:00 AM **Registration**

7:50 –8:00 A.M. **Drum Group** Moderator: **Ivan Dozier**

8:00 –8:10 A.M. **Opening Prayer**

8:10 – 8:20 AM **Special Remarks** Moderator: **Angela Biggs**
By Annabelle Romero
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, USDA

8:20 – 9:10 AM **Special Remarks**
By Dana York, Associate Chief, NRCS

Wednesday August 16, 2006

- 9:10 – 9:30 A.M. **NRCS Employees Organizations Presidents**
The Organization – Charles Adams
NOPHNRCSE – Carlos Suarez
- 9:30 – 9:40 AM **Special Remarks**
By Edith Morigeau
National Tribal Relations Coordinator, NRCS
- 9:40– 9:55 A.M. **General Session # 4**
Topic: **AAPI and AI Workforce NRCS vs USDA**
Speaker: **Versha Kumar**
- 9:55– 10:10 A.M. **General Session # 5**
Topic: **NASS/NRCS MOU Signing Ceremony**
Speaker: Dana York and Mr. Bosecker
- 10:10 – 10:40 A.M. **Break**
- 10:40– 11:10 A.M. **General Session # 6** Moderator: **Athena Pratt**
Topic: **RC&D**
Speaker: **Shiraz Vira**
- 11:10– 11:30 A.M. **General Session # 7**
Topic: **Farmer’s Market in Stockton, California**
Speaker: **Terry Wang, NRCS SCT**
- 11:30– 12:00 A.M. **General Session # 8**
Topic: **National Civil Rights Committee Presentation**
Speaker: **Joyce Swartzendruber, NCRC Chair**
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Workshops

1:00 –5:00 P.M. With 30 minute break	Workshop 4 Salon A Moderator: Hope Tran	Workshop 5 Salon B Moderator: Jocelyn Bamba	Workshop 6 Salon C Moderator: Cloyce Smith
	Achieving Balance In The Information Age Karen Kirk-Synergistic Solutions	Innovative RC&D Project Ideas for Implementation	New technologies in NRCS Engineering

- 5:30 P.M. **Greeting Circle**
- 7:00 – 10:00 P.M. **Live Auction/Silent Auction/Social**
With Cash Bar

Thursday August 17, 2006

7:50 –8:00 A.M.	Drum group	Moderator: Darryl Turcotte Misty Hirsch
8:00 –8:10 A.M.	Opening Prayer	
8:10 – 9:00 AM	Elder’s Panel	
9:00 – 12:00 AM	General Session # 9 Topic: Cross Cultural Communications Speaker: Father Michael Oleksa	

Afternoon Workshops

1:00 –5:00 P.M. With 30 minute break	Workshop 7 Salon A Moderator: Kim Lary	Workshop 8 Salon B Moderator: Pat Broyles Liu Chuang	Workshop 9 Salon C Moderator: Winnie Chen
	Career Training -Workforce of the future -NRCS Career Paths -Mentoring -Career choices & Retirement	Alaska’ Environmental Changes. Charles Wohlforth Kenneth Toovak NRCS Soil Scientists Mark Clark and Mike Mungoven NRCS Engineer Brett Nelson	Grants & Agreements -Grants Sharon Nance -Cooperative & Contribution Agreements Cassie Storms

6:30 P.M.	Social with Cash Bar
7:00 PM	Joint Awards Banquet Moderator: Pat Broyles and Angela Biggs Dinner Entertainment: Philippine Dance Group Awards Presentations Scholarship Presentations Closing Remark – Adjourn Conference

Friday August 18, 2006

CONSERVATION TOUR

Morning Tour

8:00 A.M. **WHIP Salmon Habitat Restoration**

9:00 A.M. **Alaska Native Heritage Center**

12:00 **Lunch – at Alaska Native Heritage Center**

Afternoon Tour

1:00 P.M. **Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center**

There shall be an additional lunch fee of \$20.00 for the conservation tour. Participants could attend the morning or afternoon tours or both.

OFFICIAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT CENTER (NEDC) TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE

August 9 - 11, 2006

NEDC Training Course
- Instructor Training (Application)

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Monday August 14, 2006

NEDC Training Course
- Instructor Training (Introduction)

Friday August 18, 2006

NEDC Training Course
- Platform Skills

August 21 - 23, 2006

NEDC Training Course
- Managing for Excellence