

## Trip Report: Alaska Municipal League Annual Meeting

Dates: December 7-9, 2022

Keynote speaker was Matt Lehrman from Social Prosperity Partners. Topic was "From Conflict to Conversation", addressing the issue of civil discourse in conversation and how people can offer a platform for open and respectful dialog. He talked about the ability to agree to disagree, and to make sure that messages are heard and understood.

Sessions attended were Best Practices in Budgets, Financial Reports and Utility Rate Setting. I signed up with the Housing Task Force to address housing concerns. Attended the regional infrastructure planning sessions, dealing with broadband deployment, digital equity, cybersecurity, electric vehicle charging station implementation. Items to further research is the Rasmuson foundation broadband initiative, national cybersecurity review, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for dock grants.

I attended the membership business meeting for the Remote Sales Tax Collection committee. There have been issues with getting a quorum (majority of membership) in previous meetings, so it was proposed that a minimum of 15 representatives be present to conduct business. This will go out to public comment and return to the board for adaption in the bylaws.