



## **ANB GRAND PRESIDENT**

**Sasha I. Soboleff** 

### **Activities for 2016-2017**

#### **October 2016**

Installed Sitka ANS Camp 4 Newly elected Officers.

Attended SEARCH Board of Directors meeting in Juneau. Was welcomed to the meeting and had an opportunity to share our history & goals with the directors. Requested to be in attendance at future meetings.

#### **November 2016**

Attended SE Veterans meeting at Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

Installed Sitka ANB Camp 1 Newly elected Officers.

Had a meeting in Ketchikan Hosted by Ketchikan ANB/ANS Camp 14 of Grand President Emeritus, ANB/ANS Grand Presidents to initiate the process of planning the short/long term future of the organizations.

#### **December 2016**

Planned to install ANB Camp 49 newly elected officers at Portland, Oregon. However the winter weather in Seattle prevented those plans to take place.

Met with the USFS Tribal Designee here in Juneau to begin planning how our organizations can work together.

### **January 2017**

Presented a brief history of the ANB/ANS before the congregation of Chapel By The Lake in Auke Bay. This was a first opportunity for a different setting before a group of Presbyterian people to hear "first hand" our history & goals.

Met with Grand Camp Officers to bring updates regarding the 2017 Convention Planning Panel Process.

### **February 2017**

Attended a meeting in Ketchikan hosted by ANB/ANS Camp 14 to dedicate the USFS "Elizabeth Peratrovich Theatre." This was an exceptional & wonderful opportunity to put our ANB/ANS Organizations front and center on a public stage.

Signed the Presidents' Proclamation setting this day of dedication of the newly named "Elizabeth Peratrovich Theatre" as official.

### **March 2017**

Met with Alaska Governor & Lt. Governor to present our data and review with them our positions on several issues.

Met with the monthly Convention Planning Panel to continue the planning process for the 2017 Convention in Portland, Oregon.

### **April 2017**

Continued meeting with established Convention Pre-Planning Panel regarding the Convention Agenda formation.

Worked with the ANB Grand Treasurer on the ordering of an "ANB/ANS Convention Coin."

Installed Camp 70 ceremonies of newly elected officers in Juneau.

### **May 2017**

Participated in the 2 meetings of the Convention Pre-Planning Panel.

Planned & lead the annual Frank & Elizabeth Peratrovich memorial at the Juneau Evergreen Cemetery

Met with the Convention Pre-Planning Panel at 2 monthly meetings regarding the Portland, Oregon Convention for 2017

### **June 2017**

Met twice this month with the Convention Pre-Planning Panel.

Had my right knee replaced (again the first was in 2013) this time was due to an infection stemming from my bridge work in my mouth. Wow! It was an experience again, but things are healing up well.

### **July 2017**

Attended Willis Cavanaugh Memorial in Juneau. Represented ANB and spoke briefly at the services.

Had an interview with KTOO regarding the Elizabeth Peratrovich dollar bill.

Attended the monthly Convention Pre-Planning Panel meeting which met 3 times about the convention agenda details, etc.

### **August 2017**

Met with Grand Presidents Emeritus & Grand Presidents in Ketchikan on a planning and introduction to the "live streaming" tools to be used in Portland, Oregon.

Met twice with the Convention Pre-Planning Panel on completing of the agenda.

### **Summary & comments:**

Some food for thought; I have met with a couple of local camps during the winter. Some common factors have begun to surface in these conversations. Many camps are experiencing a change in leadership. In fact, more often than not, the new members have been faced with just how to begin the work of the local camp. It is truly a generational experience. We have already experienced the changes at the grand camp level with many of our leaders moving on.

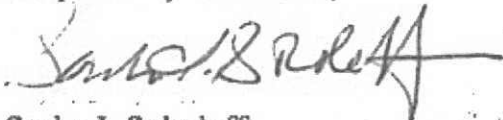
Our task is plain & simple. We must change how we do the business of serving our people in this 21<sup>st</sup> century. At the core of our belief is "as a family, we must find how to put 'food on the table', and 'how to address the other facets of our culture'

in today's world. So, we are our masters of our future. Technology is everywhere at our disposal and it links everyone together. To reshape our goals and practices will be the challenge for us. Beginning with our families, our clans, our tribes, our children will need to be positively encouraged and upheld. Believe me, in this modern world, **there are no voices but our own** to take up this newly revised task of making our beloved ANB/ANS organization become an effective working tool for our future. So change we must. The change will touch every facet of our daily lives and our response must continue to happen.

We do not step away from our history and the many land mark decisions which were done. We must gather ourselves and renew how to relate to our surroundings. This will require new ways of expression, new vehicles of operations for the organization, new "native thinking" to tie our daily lives to the new steps of success.

Join me and other local ANB ANS camps in re-establishing our connection with one another. Our beloved organizations have a very unique status. We are the local tie to our land. We are composed of members who do live with our successes and short comings. We are the voice which needs to be heard. Our songs, oral traditions, our foods, our dances, our languages, our art, our stories have carried this information for centuries. Let us proceed with the change.

Respectfully submitted,



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