

## **The AIP Re-Ignites!**

The Alaskan Independence Party re-lit some fires in Wasilla on Saturday, October 17 at the Mat-Su Resort with a fascinating --- and inspiring --- group of candidates and speakers that dealt with the current social-political crisis and the reasons why they moved to the AIP.

The turnout was typical of recent AIP conventions since the 21<sup>st</sup> century began, with about 20 voting delegates. This does not discourage us!

There are now well over 18,000 AIP registered voters statewide. We are rich with ideas and principles but modest in our means. In a state the size of ours, it is difficult to travel. It is a 400 mile round trip from the Kenai Peninsula and 600 miles from Fairbanks yet delegates came from there and naturally from beleaguered Anchorage and the Mat Valley.

Our convention also contained sympathetic observers who for a modest fee gained commentary privileges --- but no vote --- on the issues being discussed.

We are still balancing the books from the convention and are short of funds, not only to pay our bills but also to boost our excellent and thoughtful candidates.

1. John Wayne Howe for US Senate
2. Greg Madden for State Senate, Dist P --- Kodiak and southern Kenai.
3. Tim Huit, Dist. 23
4. Dan Nees, Dist. 22

Many of you reading this website could not attend and would like to help. May I suggest that you first and foremost make a contribution to the candidates by visiting their websites and then please help the AIP?

We are not going away and will not go into hibernation after this election.

I will make numerous summaries of the convention for posting on the AIP website so please keep looking for them. The resolutions, by-laws and platform were well discussed by the "Committee of the Whole". I will characterize the message of the speakers as best I can. I will also discuss our balance sheet and how contributions can be made.

Most party expenses are being met on an ad hoc basis out of our own pockets until we can get a new account established and the older one released by the bank to the control of the new leadership.

Right now we have not yet established an online “Click-and Give”. For now you can make checks out to the “AIP” and send them to 50615 Shemya Way, Kenai, AK, 99611.

Here is the link to *The Alaska Watchman*, the fastest-growing and high-quality news blog in the state: <https://alaskawatchman.com/2020/10/19/alaska-independence-party-convention-makes-pitch-for-disaffected-voters/>

And you can read the fair and accurate reporting done by James Brooks of the *ADN* here:

<https://www.adn.com/politics/2020/10/18/promoting-god-family-and-country-alaskan-independence-party-reorganizes-ahead-of-election/>

We are also in need of party officers. We are functioning with a bare minimum right now. Yours truly, Bob Bird has been duly elected Chairman. It is a very serious responsibility. I did not seek it. I believe it is God’s will. I will live with the risks and ask for your prayers.

Andrew Bosela was elected Treasurer. Allow me to tell you about this man and his equally inspiring wife, Willow.

His election as Treasurer was not planned by anyone. He came to the convention with enthusiasm from Sterling and is thirty-ish.

Although we are Peninsula neighbors and have known each other well for many years, I did not invite him to the convention. When he heard about it, he acted on his own judgment and naturally I was glad when he told me he planned to attend. The convention attendees saw his worth, especially when he introduced a resolution about a gold and silver standard.

Andrew wanted to enter the priesthood a few years ago and I even wrote a letter of recommendation on his request. But God had other plans. He has been working with the family business of insulation subcontracting.

Willow had been a home-school student of mine. She is drop-dead beautiful and is a crack shot on the skeet range. She is a dental professional and has the Fire of Faith in her soul. She was raised by a great family in a rural setting in Kasilof.

Their courtship will rank as the most inspiring example of propriety that can only be found in old movies.

Please note: They and another young couple --- the Blankenships of Wasilla --- are the future of the AIP. I will also add Ian Patten, Chris Kinney, Pat Martin and my son Mario to that list.

I believe that events like this are *not* coincidences. As young adults they will observe, learn and grow, bring their own ideas to add to the two most important Gifts from God: the defense of our lives and our liberties, which must always be the purpose of the AIP.

Pray and then act. Life is a risk. We were created to take it.

More to come,

Bob Bird  
Chairman, Alaskan Independence Party