

# **2022 Alaskan Independence Party Convention**

**Where:** Soldotna, in the Heart of Alaska's fabulous Kenai Peninsula, just 3-4 scenic hours from Anchorage, Eagle River and the Mat Valley, and just 30 minutes by commuter plane.

**Location:** Soldotna Regional Sports Complex, ½ mile from K-Beach Rd & Sterling Hwy

**When:** Saturday, April 23, 2022

**Time:** 8:00 – 5:00 PM

**Registration:** \$100

**Who:** All registered members of the AIP. Non-members may gain floor speaking privileges for \$25.

**What:** 1. Normal convention business held in General Session (details upcoming). 2. Speeches by invited candidates for Governor, US Senate, US House, state offices. 3 Endorsements for statewide office, for before and after the primary. 4. Continental breakfast, catered lunch, late afternoon hors d'oeuvres.

**Needed:** A reliable count of attendees, as early as possible. This is primarily for the benefit of the convention staff and caterer. Please inform Chairman Bob Bird at [bob.bird@hotmail.com](mailto:bob.bird@hotmail.com) asap. Also, please provide a phone number and Bob will call you personally.

Our donation website is different from our Official Home Page. Aside from general contributions, you may register for the convention at the special link here:

<https://www.aipliberty.com/>

If you have not joined the AIP, you must re-register to vote online. Please see the information under "Why Join the AIP?", further below.

**Facilities:** **The Kenai River Lodge**, located at the Bridge in Soldotna, has rooms available for a 10% discount for AIP delegates. It has a lounge, superb views and is walking distance to the convention center. Restaurants of all types abound nearby, but the convention will have a continental breakfast, hot catered lunch and afternoon finger foods available.

King Bed: \$109 per night.

Queen: \$120 per night.

If going on your own, the Kenai/Soldotna area abounds in great restaurants, B & Bs, hotels, rental cars, churches, taxi service and airports with regular flights from Anchorage.

There will be limited billeting in private homes by AIP members and sympathizers.

The “Central Peninsula” encompasses the communities of Soldotna, Kenai, Sterling, Nikiski, Kasilof, Funny River and all points in between. There is constant daily traffic within this sphere with many hideaway subdivisions, mini-malls and schools, totaling a population of well over 40,000. Masks, covid mandates and other attacks on our freedom have been generally ignored since May of 2020.

The AIP held a convention in Kenai in 2010 which was well attended. Since then, conventions have been few, with the Wasilla convention of October 2020 re-igniting the party from its drift. This new vigor in the AIP came after the death of “Iron Lady” Chairman Lynette Clark in April 2020, aka “Yukon Yonda”.

We are still in recovery but ***growing in strength***. We were over 20,000 in membership until the election rolls were purged, but remain at nearly 19,000. This is fully 25% of the enrollment of the Alaska Democratic Party.

**Why join the AIP?**: Our website at [www.akip.org](http://www.akip.org) is loaded with the party’s history, platform, goals, purpose, by-laws. Many citizens, fed up with the empty and unfulfilled promises of the Republicans, join after simply viewing it.

But many have balked at joining, with the usual (and well-justified) reply, “If I join the AIP, I won’t be able to vote in the Republican Party! But my heart is with you.”

*Friends, with Ranked Choice Voting, this is no longer an issue.*

The AIP was the ***only*** party to sign on to the Ken Jacobus lawsuit that claimed that RCV was unconstitutional, and we still oppose it. “But when life gives you lemons … make lemonade!”

If your heart is with the AIP --- “Home is where the heart is.” Why wait?

The AIP concentrates on Alaskan issues, which is why our motto is *Alaska First, Alaska Always*. Of course, we are always concerned about national and international issues as they apply to us. However, we have decided not to endorse presidential candidates or out of state candidates. These issues are always debated at the convention, and might change.

The AIP, which has always been against abortion funding and even in favor of overturning *Roe v. Wade*, is now a fully prolife party, something the Libertarian Party, often an AIP ally, is not. See our resolutions from the 2020 convention.

**Please register with the AIP online** and, in order to be properly credentialed, bring your proof with you, either on your iPhone or with a print out. This will save us much paperwork and time at the door.

<https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/>

**Current Officers:**

Chairman: Bob Bird, Nikiski; bob.bird@hotmail.com

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The Offices of Vice-Chairman/South and Treasurer will be vacant soon and nominations for all party offices will be part of the convention's business.

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