

SARAH E. OBED



Qualifications:

Supervisory, strategic planning, program management, department-lead, and board experience.

Skilled in facilitating groups, conferences, and public meetings with experience in conference and event planning.

Experienced and effective communicator: in writing, digital media, press relations, public speaking and presentations, use of websites, e-news and print newsletters, social media, stakeholder engagement, and crisis communications.

Financial management skills include grant-making, budget development, portfolio review, and program, department, and organizational management.

Qualified in research, data gathering, and analysis including surveys and focus groups.

Experience in governance, Tribal and Alaska Native issues, energy policy, health policy, land management policy, and voter participation and engagement, shareholder relations & benefits, and cultural stewardship.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy

Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Public Policy

2009 - 2011

University of Washington

Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts, American Indian Studies

1997 - 2001

EXPERIENCE

Doyon, Limited

Fairbanks, Alaska

Senior Vice President, External Affairs

2019 - Present

Vice President of External Affairs

2013 - 2019

Director of Government Relations

2011 - 2013

- Oversee Doyon's communications strategies, village outreach efforts, shareholder communications, and public relations.
- Represents Doyon, Limited on a wide range of matters before federal, state, and local governments.
- Responsible for analyzing, monitoring, and advocating regulatory and legislative issues and keeping board and management informed of pending government developments. Includes creating and implementing advocacy action plans and strategies.
- Oversee corporate communications, including the website, newsletters, social media, press relations, and annual shareholder reporting.

Sampling of Major Projects:

- Redistricting (2020-2023)
- Heat and Electrical Upgrades at Fort Wainright (2019 - 2025)
- Doyon website redesign (2020)
- Development of the Doyon Annual Report to Shareholders (2019 - present)
- Advocacy for President Obama's Declaration of a National Disaster Declaration - flooding of Interior Region (2013)
- Advocacy Passage of the Denali National Park Improvement Act (2013)
- Participation in the Developments in the Ambler Road (2011 - Present)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

US Peace Corps

Republic of Vanuatu

Community Health Facilitator

2007 - 2009

- Facilitated management training for the island-wide health and water committee.
- Secured, with the committee, \$225,000 in grant funding for eleven new water tanks, rain-water catchment tank repair, and thirty-five new ventilated improved pit toilets for five villages.
- Taught germ theory and healthy habits, first aid, and adolescent reproductive health to 100 students.
- Built a first-grade classroom with community support through Peace Corps Partnership funding.
- Co-developed and piloted a provincial-wide community health survey for the Vanuatu Ministry of Health.
- Coordinated eye-specialist visits and distribution of eyewear to Islanders.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

First Alaskans Institute

Anchorage, AK

Program Officer

2003 – 2006

- Conducted focus groups, presented findings, and assisted in writing the “Our Choices, Our Future: Analysis of the Status of Alaska Natives Report 2004,” a data research and analysis project focused on health, education, demographic and economic status indicators of Alaska Native people.
- Co-edited the “Alaska Literacy Report,” identifying Pre-K through third-grade literacy programs.
- Implemented and coordinated the First Alaskans Institute Internship Program, which places undergraduate and graduate students with partnering organizations towards leadership development annually, placing 30-32 interns in partnering organizations around Alaska.
- Coordinated the AFN/First Alaskans Elders & Youth Conference, a statewide gathering of high school students and elders to address issues relevant to Alaska Native people.

Alaska Native Heritage Center

Anchorage, AK

Rose Urban Rural Exchange Coordinator

2001 – 2002

- Facilitated orientation and cross-cultural awareness workshops for the Rose Urban Rural Exchange Program participants.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE SERVICE

ANCSA Regional Association

*Legislative and Strategy Committee**Chair*

Statewide

2015 – Present

2025 – Present

Commonwealth North

Board of Directors

Statewide

2023 – Present

Resource Development Council of Alaska

Board of Directors

Statewide

2023 – Present

Fairbanks Native Association

Board of Directors

Fairbanks, AK

2016 – 2019

Alaska Public Media

Board of Directors

Anchorage, AK

2013 – 2016

Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce

Government Relations Committee

Fairbanks, AK

2011 – 2020

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

Board of Directors

Anchorage, AK

2021 – Present

Legislative Affairs Committee

2012 – Present

Doyon Foundation

Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Fairbanks, AK

2004 – 2007

State of Alaska

Delegate, Conference of Alaskans

Fairbanks, AK

February 9-11, 2004