

# **AFN Constitution Fails Concept: Mallott**

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Dear Emil:

Over the course of the summer I have had the opportunity to speak with a great number of the leaders of various regional Native associations. Almost unanimously they have felt the need for the upcoming October conference of the Alaska Federation of Natives to be a Constitutional Convention.

From what I have been able to ascertain in my conversations with these statewide Native leaders a Constitutional Convention is necessary for several reasons. These being:

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# AFN CONSTITUTION . . .

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1. The present Constitution does not fit the concept of a statewide Native federation as embodied in the unanimous motion adopted at the October 1966 Anchorage Native Conference.
2. At the time of the adoption of the present Alaska Federation of Natives Constitution the several regional associations which represent the majority of the Native people of Alaska were not present to make their views known.
3. Revisions must be made to accommodate the needs of the regional associations if we are to develop a strongly supported Statewide Association.

As an officer of the Alaska Federation of Natives, I feel an obligation to make these views known to you and to the Native people of Alaska. I therefore urge you to direct that the up-coming October Conference be a Constitutional Convention.

Notice should be given to all Native associations and villages immediately so that preparation can be made at the local level for the presentation of their views at the Convention.

I feel also that after revising the Alaska Federation of Natives Constitution we need to set aside time to develop plans in regard to the hearings to be held by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on Alaska's Land Claims.

Sincerely,  
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