



**2026 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums
Meeting of the National Planning Council**

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **EST**

Registered participants will receive an individual Zoom link for this meeting. Register [HERE](#).

60-Minute Working Agenda

In one hour, we will share key information about ATALM2026, begin defining the conference image and theme, receive nominations for Conference Chair and Honorary Chair, and establish shared direction for the work ahead.

2:00 p.m. Welcome, Susan Feller, ATALM President & CEO

- Framing of the Planning Council's role
- How the Planning Council works (committees, expectations, opportunities)
- **Chat prompt: Use the chat to share your thoughts on "What are the most urgent issues ATALM2026 should address?"**

2:05 p.m. ATALM2026 Overview, Melissa Brodt, ATALM Chief Operations Officer

- Why Spokane?
- Dates
- Hotels and Convention Center
- Programs

2:10 p.m. Conference Image & Visual Direction, Jess Cordes, ATALM Director of Programs

- What ATALM looks for when selecting a conference image
- Introduction to top six nominations
- Discussion
- Voting
- ATALM Board of Governors makes final selection based on NPC recommendations

2:25 p.m. Conference Theme Discussion, Melissa Brodt

- Past themes
- Why we have a theme
- What ATALM looks for when selecting a theme
- Discussion of 2026 Themes (Whiteboard)
- ATALM Board of Governors makes final selection based on NPC recommendations

2:40 p.m. Chair and Honorary Chair Nominations, Susan Feller

- Observations from 2025 Chair, Shana Bushyhead Condill
- Qualities and values
- Nominations for follow-up (Use whiteboard to nominate a person and your rationale. Whiteboard 1 is for Conference Chair and Whiteboard 2 is for Honorary Chair. If you agree with a nomination, add a smiley face, heart, or other symbol.)
- ATALM Board of Governors makes final selection based on NPC recommendations

2:55 p.m. Moving Forward & Next Steps, Melissa Brodt

- Future meetings
- Spokane Site Visit
- Web page

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

- After Hours: For those of you who can stay, this is a good time to introduce yourself, share your vision for ATALM2026, ask questions, and socialize.

Key Documents ([Available on the NPC web page](#))

1. Planning Council

- [Toolkit](#)
- [Committee Charters](#)
- [Roster of Members](#)
- [Committee Members](#)

2. Conference Location

- [Hotel Information](#)
 - [Davenport Grand](#), \$169/night
 - [Doubletree by Hilton](#), \$150/night
- Meeting Space
 - Summits, September 21, located at the [Davenport Grand](#)
 - Preconference Workshops and Conference Sessions, September 22-24, located at the [Spokane Convention Center](#)
- [Airport and Ground Transportation](#)
- [Local Attractions](#)

3. Programming

- [FAQ's](#)
- [Past Programs](#)
- [Session Proposal Style Guide](#)

- [Submission Form](#) (due Tuesday, February 10)

4. Meeting Materials (Includes agendas, materials, notes)

- February 2, 2026 Kick Off Meeting
- April 28, 2026 Spokane Site Visit

5. Key Dates

- Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom – Agenda
- Thursday, February 12: Program committee commences session reviews
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom
- Wednesday, March 25: Scholarship committee commences reviews
- Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Local Planning Meeting, 9:00AM-5:00PM Pacific, Spokane, WA
- Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom
- Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom
- Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom
- Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom
- Monday, September 21-Thursday, September 24: Conference
- Wednesday, September 2, 2026, 2:00 PM Eastern, Zoom