



ATALM National Planning Council (NPC) March 4, 2026 Meeting Notes

I. Welcome & Announcements, Susan Feller, ATALM President & CEO

- Decisions regarding conference themes, artwork selections and committee chairs will be made at the April 28 Local Planning Meeting to allow more face-to-face discussions.
- Council members need to RSVP by April 1 for the April 28 in-person NPC meeting in Spokane using this link: [April 28th NPC Meeting RSVP](#)
- Notes will be taken during the April 28 meeting for those who are unable to attend.

II. Update on Conference Programming, Jessica Cordes, ATALM Director of Programs

- 230 session proposals were received.
- Need for additional proposals in specific areas like artificial intelligence and funding.
- The final program will be released on April 14.

III. Registration, Jessica Cordes, ATALM Director of Programs

- 221 registrations have been sold out of a maximum capacity of 1,200 and urged early registration to secure spots and save money.
- ATALM subsidizes priority registrations, offering enhanced benefits like early access to events, with only 30 enhanced registrations remaining out of 100 available.
- Enhanced registration guarantees access to field trips, with a refund offered if preferences cannot be met.

IV. Exhibitors, Advertisers, Artist Booths, Melissa Brodt, ATALM Chief of Operations

- Exhibit Booths: To date 37 exhibit booths have sold. Maximum booths available are 50. Melissa encouraged the Council to share the exhibit booth opportunity with those in their networks.
- Advertisers: The program book back and inside covers are sold. Full and half-page ad opportunities are still available. The goal is to earn \$12,000 in revenue on advertising. To date ATALM has made \$6,000.
- Art Market: As of today the art market has sold all 30 booths. There are currently 9 artists on the waitlist and Melissa is working the Convention Center staff to secure more booth locations. Melissa encouraged the Council to share the art market opportunity with local Native artists.

V. Scholarship Update, Jessica Cordes, ATALM Director of Programs

- March 23 conference scholarship deadline. Thanks to the support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, ATALM has \$100,000 available to provide scholarships for registration and lodging
- Council members should share the provided scholarship information and graphic with their networks.

VI. Pacific Islander Delegation, Susan Feller, ATALM President & CEO

The Institute of Museum and Library Services has made a three-year commitment to support the Pacific Island Cohort, strengthening long-term relationships, capacity, and collaboration among Indigenous cultural institutions across the Pacific and beyond.

- Up to 28 delegates will be selected in the fields of archives, libraries, museums and other Indigenous cultural settings in the following areas: American Samoa; Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Guam; Republic of the Marshall Islands; Palau.
- Specific programming featuring the Pacific Islands delegates and others from the area will be presented at the Specific programming including interacting with PI folks in Spokane

VII. Keynote Presenters

- Council members participated in a Whiteboard Discussion on potential Keynote presenters for the conference. The suggestions were:
 - Louie Gong, founder of 8th Generation
 - Lil Mike & FunnyBone
 - Charlene Teters, Spokane Artist
 - Theda NewBreast, Reservation Dogs actress
 - James Palmer, Kiowa, “Words From a Bear” film
 - Dougie Hall, Good Medicine Bucking Horses LLC
 - Dr. Jennifer Nez Denetdale, Professor and Chair of American Studies, Northern Arizona University

VIII. Open Discussion/Announcements from NPC Members

- Ryan Flahive provided a brief over of the Native Emerging Professionals Network (NEPN) Conference Mentorship program and encouraged Council members to serve as mentors.
- Council members suggested that there should be a set place during the conference where mentorship program participants can meet up.

NEXT MEETING: Local Planning Meeting, Davenport Grand, Spokane, WA- Tuesday, April 28