



ATALM2026 Local Planning Council

Shaping the Spokane Experience

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Davenport Grand Hotel, Meeting Room 10 | Spokane, Washington

A G E N D A

Meeting Purpose: To guide the ATALM2026 Spokane experience, especially cultural elements, local engagement, and how this gathering can best reflect the region from an Indigenous perspective.

8:30 – 9:00 AM | Big Ideas Breakfast

Join us for a light breakfast and an opportunity to meet team members while contributing to 10 planning boards. Each board is grounded in the responsibility of *what must conference attendees feel, learn, and carry with them after the conference?*

Planning Boards:

1. The Best of Spokane

What are “not to be missed” experiences. Include hidden gems, favorite coffee shops and bars, Indigenous-focused stores, sites, and anything you believe makes Spokane special.

2. The Gold Standard of Indigenous Gatherings

What moments from past gatherings (not just ATALM) made you feel truly seen, respected, and at home?

3. Tribal Authority & Regional Leadership

How do we ensure the Spokane Tribe and regional tribal voices are honored and at the forefront?

4. Local Sponsors, Organizational Support & Volunteers

What local groups will help bring the conference to life and how do we bring them in? Who can we rely on to help with conference prep and local hospitality? What sponsors may step up to help subsidize the cost of events?

5. Conference Theme

Vote on the theme that best reflects ATALM2026 and Spokane.

6. Conference Artwork

Vote on the George Flett image that most powerfully asserts the conference goals.

7. Unforgettable Evenings

What cultural experiences, foods, and protocols should be present at the two evening events?

8. Opening & Closing as Ceremony

What should be included in opening and closing moments (speakers, protocols, cultural elements)?

9. Pacific Island Delegation: Spokane Connections & Experiences

What local resources, places, and experiences should we be aware of to meaningfully welcome and support Pacific Island participants?

10. Big Ideas/Random Thoughts

What will make this conference stand out? What have we not covered?

9:00 - 9:10 AM | Welcome & Goals

- Overview of Conference
- Goals for the Meeting
- Introductions (name + where you're from + one thing you love about Spokane or ATALM)

9:10 – 10:10 AM | Planning Boards Discussion (Part 1)

- **Board 1: Spokane Experiences**
What should we highlight for attendees?
- **Board 2: What Works**
What should we repeat from past conferences or from other conferences?
- **Board 3: Tribal Presence**
How do we ensure local tribes are recognized and honored?
- **Board 4: Local Sponsors, Organizational Support & Volunteers**
Who can we count on?
- **Board 5: Conference Theme**
Discuss and select final theme
- **Outcome:**
Clear direction + decisions (especially theme)

10:10 – 10:25 AM | Break (15 minutes)

10:25 – 11:25 AM | Planning Boards Discussion (Part 2)

- **Board 6: Artwork**
Select George Flett image
- **Board 7: Evening Events**
What should the cultural celebration and evening events include?
- **Board 8: Opening & Closing**
Key elements for opening and closing moments
- **Board 9: Pacific Islands Delegation**

How can we engage the local PI community?

- **Board 10: Big Ideas**
What will make this conference stand out?
- **Outcome:**
Selections made + top priorities identified

11:25 – 11:55 AM | Final Reflections/Round Robin

Action:

- Go around the room for quick responses (participants may say “skip” if they have nothing to add)
- Facilitator captures key ideas

Discussion:

- What’s one thing we absolutely must include?
- What is missing?
- Additional thoughts?

Outcome:

- Final priorities surfaced
- Gaps identified before moving forward

12:00 PM | Lunch & Walkthrough of Convention Center (optional)

- Lunch will feature menu items under consideration for lunches during the conference. Provide your input on final selections.
- Following lunch, we will walk through the Convention Center to identify where things will happen. We are looking for ideas on how the space can be used to maximize the Indigenous experience.