



# ATNI 2026 Winter Convention

Portland Hilton Downtown

February 1-5, 2026

## Sunday, February 1, 2026

11:00 AM	Volunteer Check-in & Bag Stuffing
2:00 PM	Executive Board Meeting
2:00 PM	Registration Open (until 5:00 PM)
6:30 PM	Welcome Reception (until 8:00 PM)

## Monday, February 2, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration Open Continental Breakfast	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Call To Order (Grand Ballroom)</b>	<b>Chairman Leonard Forsman (Suquamish), ATNI President</b>
	Posting of the Colors Roll Call	<b>Jeanie Louie (Coeur d'Alene), ATNI Secretary</b>
9:00 AM	<b>General Assembly</b>  ATNI Financial Report Draft Resolution List State of ATNI Legislative Update  NCAI Update  Indigenous Incarceration & Spiritual Rehabilitation  ATNI Strategic Framework & Org Updates Online Gaming and Prediction Markets: A Threat to Tribal Sovereignty ATNI Energy Program: Energy Siting Central Washington University President Introduction ATNI Water Program: Changing Currents ATNI Climate Pollution Reduction Program ATNI Climate Programs	<b>Sharon Goudy (Yakama), ATNI Treasurer</b> <b>Charlene Tillequots (Yakama), ATNI Assistant Secretary</b> <b>Chairman Leonard Forsman (Suquamish), ATNI President</b> <b>Brian Gunn (Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation), Attorney, Powers Law Firm</b> <b>Larry Wright Jr., (Ponca Tribe of Nebraska), Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians</b> <b>Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis (Isleta/Laguna), Washington State Supreme Court;</b> <b>Charles Longshore (Skokomish);</b> <b>Travis ComesLast (Assiniboine Sioux);</b> <b>Gabe Galanda (Huy/Round Valley), Galanda Broadman;</b> <b>Lyn Dennis (Lummi/Tahltan), Evergreen State College</b>  <b>Amber Schulz-Oliver (Yakama/ Wasco), ATNI Executive Director</b> <b>Chairman David Bean (Puyallup), Indian Gaming Association</b>  <b>Reuben Martinez (Makah), ATNI Energy Program Manager</b> <b>Jim Wohlpart, President, Central Washington University</b>  <b>Direlle Calica, Kanim &amp; Associates</b>  <b>Kylie Avery (Shawnee), Asst. Climate Liaison and Special Projects Manager</b> <b>Patrick Freeland (Muscogee Creek), Sr. Climate Tribal Liaison</b>
<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (Hosted)</b>	
1:15 PM	<b>Committees 1 of 5</b>  <b>Energy</b> (Grand Ballroom) <b>Natural Resources</b> (Pavilion East) <b>ICWA</b> (Pavilion West) <b>Education: K-12</b> (Broadway 1-2)	<b>Economic Development</b> (Broadway 3-4) <b>Food Sovereignty</b> (Council) <b>Gaming</b> (Forum) <b>Trust Reform</b> (Directors)
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
3:30 PM	<b>State Caucuses</b>  <b>Oregon</b> (Pavilion East) <b>Washington</b> (Grand Ballroom) <b>Idaho</b> (Pavilion West)	<b>California</b> (Broadway 1-2) <b>Montana</b> (Council) <b>Alaska</b> (Broadway 3-4)
<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	
5:15 PM	<b>Culture Night: Art Night at the Museum</b>	Portland Art Museum



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## Tuesday, February 3, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration Open Continental Breakfast	
8:30 AM	<b>Call To Order (Grand Ballroom)</b>	<b>Chairman Kristopher Peters (Squaxin Island), ATNI 1st Vice President</b>
	Invocation Roll Call Welcome	<b>Charlene Tillequots (Yakama), ATNI Assistant Secretary</b> <b>Mayor Keith Wilson, City of Portland</b>
9:00 AM	<b>General Assembly</b> National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Report Mark O' Hatfield Fellowship  AISES opportunities for Tribes and Students  NCAIED Update  IRS Regulations and what they mean for Tribes  Department of Health and Human Services ATNI-EDC Update Trade Relations & Opportunities with Canada Survey of Native Nations Report & Next Steps  USACE Northwestern Division  Bureau of Reclamation Update	<b>Jason Dropik</b> (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians), Executive Director, National Indian Education Association <b>Angela Schlappie</b> (Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde), Spirit Mountain Community Fund Program Coordinator <b>Kellie Jewett-Fernandez</b> (Cheyenne River Lakota), VP of Business Development, AISES <b>Chris James</b> (Cherokee), President and CEO of National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Moderator: <b>Brie Coyle-Jones</b> (Quileute desc), Partner, Miller Nash LLP; Panelists: <b>Chairman Ron Allen</b> (Jamestown S'Klallam), Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; <b>Tyrel Stevenson</b> , Legislative Director, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; <b>Telly Meier</b> , Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker; <b>Mark Cruz</b> (Klamath), Senior Advisor – Immediate Office of the Secretary, HHS <b>Casey Pearlman</b> (Inupiaq), Executive Director, ATNI-EDC <b>Craig Weichel</b> , Consul General of Canada <b>Phillip Gover</b> (Paiute/ Pawnee/ Comanche), Policy Fellow & Sr. Project Manager, Federal Bank of Minn Center for Indian Country Development <b>Dean Holecek</b> , Tribal Program Manager, US Army Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division <b>Roland Springer</b> , Acting Regional Director, Interior Region 9: Columbia-Pacific Northwest
12:15 PM	<b>Lunch (Hosted)</b>	<b>Breakouts:</b> <b>R-STEP and ATNI Programs</b> <b>Center for Tribal Nations</b>
1:30 PM	<b>Committees 2 of 5</b> <b>Climate Resilience</b> (Broadway 1-2) <b>Telecomms &amp; Technology</b> (Pavilion East) <b>Health</b> (Pavilion West) <b>Transportation</b> (Directors)	<b>Taxation</b> (Broadway 3-4) <b>Law &amp; Justice</b> (Council) <b>Housing</b> (Forum)
3:15 PM	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
3:30 PM	<b>Committees 3 of 5</b> <b>Energy</b> (Forum) <b>TERO</b> (Pavilion East) <b>Philanthropy</b> (Pavilion West)	<b>Education: Higher</b> (Broadway 1-2) <b>Economic Development</b> (Broadway 3-4) <b>Drug Abuse &amp; Prevention</b> (Council)
5:15 PM	<b>Adjourn</b>	
6:00 PM	<b>Portland Trail Blazers Vs. Phoenix Suns</b>	On your own



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## Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration Open Continental Breakfast	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Call To Order (Grand Ballroom)</b>	<b>Caj Matheson (Coeur d'Alene), ATNI 2nd Vice President</b>
	Invocation Roll Call	<b>Jeanie Louie (Coeur d'Alene), ATNI Secretary</b>
8:50 AM	<b>Committees 4 of 5</b> <b>Telecomms &amp; Technology</b> (Council) <b>Health</b> (Pavilion West) <b>Youth</b> (Broadway 1-2)	<b>ICWA</b> (Broadway 3-4) <b>Human Resources</b> (Forum) <b>Culture &amp; Elders</b> (Directors)
<b>10:35 AM</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>	
10:50 AM	<b>Committees 5 of 5</b> <b>Offshore Wind</b> (Forum) <b>Realty Roundtable</b> (Pavilion West) <b>MMIWP</b> (Broadway 1-2)	<b>Veterans Affairs</b> (Broadway 3-4) <b>International Affairs</b> (Council) <b>Transportation</b> (Directors)
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (Hosted)</b>	
1:30 AM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> Tribal Leader Roundtable Tribal Liaison Convening	Room: Pavillion East & West Room: Grand Ballroom
<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
3:30 PM	<b>General Assembly</b> Introduction of AS-IA (Billy) Kirkland BIA Director Update BIA NWRO Update Washington Office of Independent	<b>William (Billy) Kirkland</b> (Navajo), DOI Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs <b>Bryan Mercier</b> (Grand Ronde), Director DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs <b>Kurt Fredenburg</b> , Acting Director BIA Northwest Region Office <b>Michelle Charles</b> , Tribal Liaison, Washington State Office of Independent
	<b>State Reports</b> Oregon Washington Idaho	California Montana Alaska
<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## Thursday, February 5, 2026

8:00 AM	Registration Open Full Breakfast	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Call To Order (Grand Ballroom)</b>	<b>Cindy Marchand (Colville), ATNI 3rd Vice President</b>
	Invocation Roll Call	<b>Charlene Tillequots</b> (Yakama), ATNI Assistant Secretary
8:45 AM	<b>Committee Reports &amp; ATNI Resolutions</b>	<b>Sharon Goudy</b> (Yakama), Treasurer
11:40 AM	Closing Remarks	<b>Chairman Leonard Forsman</b> (Suquamish), ATNI President
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	
12:15 PM	ATNI Executive Board Meeting	



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Committee & Breakout Schedule

		Monday, February 2		Tuesday, February 3		Wednesday, February 4	
		Committee Breakout 1	State Caucuses	Committee Breakout 2	Committee Breakout 3	Committee Breakout 4	Committee Breakout 5
FLR	Room	1:15 - 3:15 PM	3:30 - 5:15 PM	1:30 - 3:15 PM	3:30 - 5:15 PM	8:45 - 10:30 AM	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM
Ball-room	Grand Ballroom	Energy'	Washington				
Plaza Level (2nd Floor)	Pavilion East	Natural Resources	Oregon	Telecomms & Technology	TERO	<i>Room not available</i>	<i>Room not available</i>
	Pavilion West	ICWA	Idaho	Health	Philanthropy	Health	Realty Roundtable
	Broadway 1-2	K-12 Education	California	Climate Resilience	Higher Education	Youth	MMIWP Task Force
	Broadway 3-4	Economic Development	Alaska	Taxation	Economic Development	ICWA	Veteran Affairs
Conference Level (3rd Floor)	Council	Food Sovereignty	Montana	Law & Justice	Drug Abuse & Prevention	Telecomms & Technology	International Affairs
	Forum	Gaming		Housing	Energy	Human Resources	Offshore Wind Task Force
	Directors	Trust Reform		Transportation		Culture & Elders	Transportation