



ATNI Midyear Convention 2026
Silver Reef Casino Resort
Ferndale, Washington
May 17 - 21, 2026
AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Pre-Conference		
9:00 AM	Youth Leadership Summit	Log Building (2522 Kwina Rd)
9:00 AM	Volunteer Check-in & Bag Stuffing	
12:00 PM	Grand Opening of ShoqweL Ya' LhooLh-ew'xw (Lummi Nation SWMS)	
2:30 PM	ATNI Executive Board Meeting	
5:00 PM	XWLEMI Youth Council - Coastal Jam	Log Building (2522 Kwina Rd)

Monday, May 18, 2026

8:30 AM	General Assembly		
	Call to Order Roll Call	Leonard Forsman (Suquamish), ATNI President Jeanie Louie (Coeur d'Alene), ATNI Secretary	
	State of ATNI	Leonard Forsman (Suquamish), ATNI President	
	BIA Northwest Regional Office Update	David Tano , BIA NWRO Acting Deputy Regional Director- Indian Services	
	ATNI Executive Director Report	Amber Schulz-Oliver (Yakama/ Wasco), ATNI Executive Director	
	Legislative Update	Brian Gunn (Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation), Attorney, Powers Law Firm	
	ShoqweL Ya’ LhaoLh-ew’xw (Lummi Nation SWMS)	Maureen Kinley , Council Member, Lummi Indian Business Council; Dr. Teresa Jackson, MD. , Medical Director, Lummi SWMS; Edna Revey , Administrative Director, Lummi SWMS	
	Kwensot Qelat Village Pallet / Tiny Homes and Health Engagement Hub	Deanna Point , Lummi Health Housing Manager; Rene Ramirez , Lummi HEH Grant Manager	
	ATNI-EDC Updates	Casey Pearlman (Inupiaq), Executive Director, ATNI-EDC	
	United Nations (UN) World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) regarding The Protection	Aaron Jones , Natural & Cultural Resources Director at Tulalip Tribes; Sue Noe , NARF Attorney	
	Drought and Climate Change: Impacts on our Water and Beyond	Caroline Mellor , Water Resources Statewide Drought Lead, Washington State Department of Ecology	
	Washington State Legal Issues Affecting Tribes	Nick Brown , Washington State Attorney General	
12:15 PM	Honoring Lunch	Mel Sheldon (Tulalip); Charlene Tillequots (Yakama); Lisa Wilson (Lummi); Jaime Martin (Snoqualmie)	
1:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions		
	State Caucuses	Washington	<i>Event Center N/S</i>
		Idaho	<i>Theater East</i>
		Oregon	<i>Theater West</i>
		Alaska, California & Montana	<i>Tower Room A</i>
3:15 PM	Afternoon Break		
3:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions		
	Committees (1 of 5)	Natural Resources	<i>Event North</i>
		ICWA	<i>Event South</i>
		Youth	<i>Theater East</i>
		Telecomms & Technology	<i>Theater West</i>
		Economic Development	<i>Tower Room A</i>
		Law & Justice	<i>Tower Room B</i>
		Philanthropy	<i>Tower Room C</i>
5:15 PM	Recess for the Day		
6:00 PM	Culture Night (Hosted by Lummi Nation)		



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8:30 AM	General Assembly	
	Call to Order Roll Call	Kristopher Peters (Squaxin Island), ATNI 1st Vice President ATNI Assistant Secretary
	ATNI and CPRG	Kylie Avery (Shawnee), Asst. Climate Liaison and Special Projects Manager
	Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty: Resources for Tribes	Ricki McCarrol , NUNA Consulting (Moderator); Brian Gunn (Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation), Attorney, Powers Law Firm; Amber Schulz-Oliver (Yakama/ Wasco), ATNI Executive Director
	ATNI Energy Siting Project	Reuben Martinez (Makah), ATNI Energy Program Manager
	Potential Impacts of the Office of Legal Counsel Slip Opinion	Brian Gunn (Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation), Attorney, Powers Law Firm
	Threats to Voting Access	Jacqueline De Leon (Isleta Pueblo), Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
	Artificial Intelligence & Data Centers: Opportunities, Ethics, and Cautionary Tales	Donald Williams (Umatilla), ATNI Energy Committee Co-Chair and CTUIR ECDC Vice-ChairFrom the Light Consulting (moderator); Jeremy Takala (Yakama), Yakama Tribal Council; Kiko Pausch (Navajo), Cayuse Technologies; Kate Valdez , Environmental Coordinator, Yakama Nation Fisheries
	ATNI Water Program	Direlle Calica (Warm Springs), Kanim & Associates
	ATNI Climate Program	Patrick Freeland (MuscogeeMuscogee Nation of Oklahoma), Sr. Tribal Climate Liaison
	Lummi Housing Association Schelangen Village	Diana Phair (Lummi), Director, Lummi Nation Housing Authority
	Words from Henry Strom	Henry Strom , Assistant Superintendent, Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
12:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	Committees (2 of 5)	Health <i>Event North</i>
		Energy <i>Event South</i>
		Education: K-12 <i>Theater East</i>
		Climate Resiliency <i>Theater West</i>
		Taxation <i>Tower Room A</i>
		Food Sovereignty <i>Tower Room B</i>
		Transportation <i>Tower Room C</i>
3:15 PM	Afternoon Break	
3:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	Committees (3 of 5)	Natural Resources <i>Event North</i>
		ICWA <i>Event South</i>
		Education: Higher Education <i>Theater</i>
		Economic Development <i>Tower Room A</i>
		Drug Abuse & Prevention <i>Tower Room B</i>
		TERO <i>Tower Room C</i>
		Native Vote <i>Hospitality Suite</i>
5:15 PM	Recess for the Day	
5:30 PM	Native Vote Reception	



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Wednesday, May 20, 2026

8:30 AM	General Assembly	
	Call to Order Roll Call	Caj Matheson (Coeur d'Alene), ATNI 2nd Vice President Jeanie Louie (Coeur d'Alene), ATNI Secretary
8:35 AM	Concurrent Sessions	
	Committees (4 of 5)	Health <i>Event Center (North / South)</i> Data Center Breakouts <i>Theater East</i> Telecomms & Technology <i>Theater West</i> Culture & Elders <i>Tower Room A</i> Human Resources <i>Tower Room B</i> Gaming <i>Tower Room C</i>
10:30 AM	Morning Break	
10:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions	
	Committees (5 of 5)	Energy <i>Event Center (North / South)</i> MMIWP <i>Theater East</i> Trust Reform <i>Theater West</i> Veteran Affairs <i>Tower Room A</i> International Affairs <i>Tower Room B</i> Housing <i>Tower Room C</i>
12:30 PM	Lunch	Breakout Presentation: ATNI Energy Siting Project
1:30 AM	General Assembly	
	Survey of Native Nations	Phillip Gover (Paiute/ Pawnee/ Comanche), Policy Fellow & Sr. Project Manager, Federal Bank of Minn Center for Indian Country Development
	Top Issues in Health	Aaron Hines (Umatilla), CEO, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center (Moderator); Anthony Hillaire , Chairman, Lummi Indian Business Council; Geoffrey Strommer , Managing Partner, Hobbs Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
	Native American Contracting	Josh Jackson , Legislative Director, Native American Contractors Association; Jonas Moses , Executive Managing Director, Cayuse Government Operations
3:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions	
	- Tribal Leader Policy Roundtable	<i>Tower Room (North Tower)</i>
	- Tribal Liaison Convening	<i>Event Center</i>
5:15 PM	Recess for the Day	
5:30 PM	Documentary: Native Transformations: Stories of Strength in a Public Health Crisis	

Thursday, May 21, 2026

8:30 AM	General Assembly	
	Call to Order Roll Call	Cindy Marchand (Colville), ATNI 3rd Vice President ATNI Assistant Secretary
	Committee Reports & ATNI Resolutions	
12:00 PM	Adjourn Convention	
12:15 PM	ATNI Executive Board Meeting	