



Agenda Subject to Change
6/09/2025

Tuesday – August 12

Time	Event
12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Attendee Registration
12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibitor Move-In
4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	AMERIND Member Regional Caucus Meetings

Wednesday – August 13

Time	Event
7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Attendee Registration
7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Networking Breakfast
8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	GENERAL SESSION
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 1
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter(s)
Human Resources Cancun	Protect Your Organization by Creating and Maintaining Organization Records Presenters: Denise Zuni, Attorney, Owner Sh’eh Wheef Law Gina Kallestewa, HR Director, Zuni Housing Authority
Legal Baja	Anatomy of a Claim: What Tribal Insureds Need to Know Presenter: Jana Simmons, Partner, Ropers Majeski PC
Tribal Development Acapulco	Panel: Fuel, Fire & The Future: Proactive Wildland Fire Prevention in Indian Country Moderator: Austin Dingledine, Risk Control Specialist, AMERIND

Technology Coronado M	Utilizing Data to Efficiently Manage Tribal Property and Streamline Your Policy Renewal Inventory Process Presenters: James Gutierrez, Sr. Account Manager, Kansa Software Doug Chapiewsky, CEO, Kansa Software
Risk Management Coronado N	Risk Realities: Navigating the Top Insurance Challenges for Tribal Sovereignty Presenter: Tim Chace, Sr. Risk Consultant, Gallagher
2:15 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 2
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Human Resources Acapulco	Your HR Wish Granted: Practical Tools for Tribal Communities Presenter: Azadeh Tavakoli, Director of Development, NNAHRA Foundation
Leadership Cancun	The Power of AMERIND Presenter: Derek Valdo, CEO, AMERIND
Tribal Development Baja	Panel: What to do After a Loss - Procurement Challenges and Solutions Moderator: Todd Albright, Area Sr. Vice President, Gallagher
Risk Management Coronado N	Loss Trends in Indian Country Presenter: Nick Schneider, Manager, Risk Control, AMERIND
Legal Issues Coronado M	What Do All These Legal Letters Mean and What Should You Do with Them? Presenter: Thomas Diaz, Member, Liskow & Lewis
3:15 P.M – 3:30 P.M. Coronado L	Snack Break
3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 3
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Risk Management Coronado M	Leveraging Commercial Insurance for Tribal Citizens Presenter: Edgar Duran, CEO, Duran Insurance Inc.
Tribal Development Baja	The Enhancing and Implementing Homeownership Programs in Native Communities Presenters: Jeff Ackley Jr. & Jeremiah Powless, Enterprise Community Partners
Human Resources Acapulco	Panel: Maximizing Your Employee Benefit Options Moderator: Azadeh Tavakoli, Director of Development, NNAHRA Foundation
Legal Issues Cancun	Panel: Legal Issues in Obtaining Insurance Coverage Moderator: Ryan Bradley, Sr. Sales Executive, USI Insurance Services
Risk Management Coronado N & P	Navigating Grants in the Trump Era: Tribal Strategy Insights Presenter: Keith Weber, President, Civicus Group
4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.	AMERIND Member Regional Caucus Meetings
6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.	WELCOME RECEPTION - TBD

Thursday, August 14

Time	Event
7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Attendee Registration
7:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Networking Breakfast
8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	AMERIND Member Business Meeting
9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 4
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Leadership Acapulco	Accessing the Global Insurance Market Presenter: Derek Wortman, Managing Director, Guy Carpenter
Finance Cancun	Preparing for a Financial Audit Presenter: Rochelle Alcon, Partner, Beasley Mitchell & Co.
Technology Baja	Cyber Security Risk Management and the Impact of AI Presenter: Susan Doucette, Director Program Underwriting, Cyber and Professional Lines Group, Tokio Marine HCC
10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 5
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Risk Management Cancun	Getting the Best Rates and Keeping Them: Practical Solutions Presenter: Michael Neff, Loss Control Consultant, Berkley Risk
Technology Baja	Lithium Batteries: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and the Big Boom!!!! Presenters: Mike Adams, Sr. Fire Investigator, EFI
Finance Acapulco	Finding Opportunities in Alternative Investments Presenter: John Ulrich, President, Ulrich Investment Consultants
11:45 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 6
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Leadership Acapulco	Accessing the Global Insurance Market Presenter: Derek Wortman, Managing Director, Guy Carpenter
Technology Baja	Lithium Batteries: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly, and the Big Boom!!!! Presenters: Mike Adams, Sr. Fire Investigator, EFI
Risk Management Cancun	Getting the Best Rates and Keeping Them: Practical Solutions Presenter: Michael Neff, Loss Control Consultant, Berkley Risk
Technology Coronado S & T	Cyber Security Risk Management and the Impact of AI Presenter: Susan Doucette, Director Program Underwriting, Cyber and Professional Lines Group, Tokio Marine HCC
Finance Coronado Q & R	Preparing for a Financial Audit Presenter: Rochelle Alcon, Partner, Beasley Mitchell & Co.

Human Resources Durango 2	Building a Strong Finance Team Presenter: James Davis, Audit Sr. Manager, Larson & Co, LLC
2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Networking Mixer
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Exhibitor Move-Out

Friday, August 15

Time	Event
8:30 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Continental Breakfast
9:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 7
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Tribal Development Coronado N & P	Building Strong Tribal Communities Through Successful Grant Writing Presenter: Monica Braine, Project Specialist, AMERIND
Human Resources Coronado S & T	Once Upon a Claim: A Fairytale Guide to Workers' Comp Coverage Presenter: Mike Melchior, Manager Tribal Workers' Comp, AMERIND
Risk Management Cornado Q & R	Sovereignty and Safety: Building Emergency Preparedness for Active Shooter Threats in Indian Country Presenter: Santiago Morales, Risk Control Specialist, AMERIND
10:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.	Breakout Sessions - Block 8
Session Track Location	Session Title Presenter (s)
Risk Management Coronado Q & R	Anatomy of a Loss: The Ripple Effects of a Single Claim Presenter: Austin Dingledine, Risk Control Specialist, AMERIND
Human Resources Coronado S & T	Hakuna Matata.....Did You Say Workers' Compensation? Presenter: Pattie Perez, Senior Tribal Workers' Comp Representative, AMERIND
FUN! Coronado N & P	AMERIND Feud Gameshow Host: Alan Romero, Claims Director, AMERIND