

## Upcoming Conference News

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### Conference Planning Committee Update

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CPC members have been busy getting ready for the NASIG 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Spokane, Washington! General information about the conference, including a [registration](#) link, is available on the NASIG website. If you are a baseball fan NASIG has tickets available to see the Spokane Indians vs Hillsboro Hops on June 6, 2024. Information including a [registration](#) link, is available on the NASIG Website.

Once you have registered you will be able to reserve a room at the Davenport Grand Hotel for the conference rate of \$179/per night plus a Tourism Promotion and Assessment fee and 12% local and state taxes at the time of checkout. The reservation link is provided in the conference registration confirmation email. The spacious rooms feature king beds and beautiful views of downtown Spokane and Riverfront Park.

Spokane has much to see such as the Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture, Spokane Falls, River Park Square, and much more. If fine dining is what interests you, Spokane has a diverse choice of restaurants. The Opening Session Speakers Jack Nisbet, local author, and tribal historian Warren Seyler will discuss the relationship of people with the Spokane River before, during, and after the creation of the city we know today as Spokane.

If a cruise to Alaska has been on your bucket list here is your opportunity! NASIG is offering a group booking of a 7-day Alaska cruise departing from Seattle on

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Saturday, June 8, 2024 (the day after the conference ends on June 7th) for attendees, families, and friends. This group would not be an official conference event but the advantage of arranging a group is the ability to lock in fares at the prevailing rate with the addition of some form of complementary amenities. Seattle is a short (one-hour) flight from Spokane with 17 non-stop flights daily. There is no cost to the organization for the event.



*Opening Session Speaker Jack Nesbit,  
photo courtesy of John Stuart.*

Especially for attendees coming from other areas of the country, this cruise can provide a convenient, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a stunningly beautiful and culturally unique “bucket list” adventure. Alaska in June is the best time to visit. Long days provide more time to enjoy the views of glaciers calving, wildlife, and gorgeous scenery. The sailing will depart from Seattle on June 8th and will include a glacier viewing day, port stops in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Victoria, BC, and (depending on the itinerary) an

additional stop in Skagway, Sitka or Icy Strait Point. All cruises return to Seattle on the morning of June 15th, providing plenty of time to make afternoon flights home.

For any general conference related questions, please contact CPC [conf-plan@nasig.org](mailto:conf-plan@nasig.org). For general registration questions, please contact [registrar@nasig.org](mailto:registrar@nasig.org).



*Opening Session Speaker Warren Seyler,  
photo courtesy of Cindy Altick Aden.*

At this point, NASIG is gauging interest in this post-conference experience to know whether to go forward with working with a cruise line to establish a group. If you have any questions or interest, please submit [this short survey](#) and Steve Shadle (Conference Planning) will get back to you.