

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**81<sup>st</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly**  
**Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska**  
**April 20-22, 2016**  
**Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall**  
**Juneau, Alaska**

*"Prosperity Through Sovereignty"*

**Day 1: Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans followed by the Has Du Eeteex' X'aakeidix Haa Sitee Dance Group.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Peterson called the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:22 am., Wednesday, April 20, 2016.

President Peterson asked for suspension of the rules to allow the youth delegates to be seated with their delegation and to include a (Word of the Day) as an item on the agenda without objection.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was provided by Jerry Bennett, Sr., Juneau Delegate.

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN**

Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus, was appointed Parliamentarian without objection.

**APPOINTMENT OF SARGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Jason Wilson and William Ware were appointed Sargeant-at-Arms without objection.

**INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOSTESS / HOST**

Lavina Boe, Tribal Hostess, was introduced by Robert Sanderson, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Rob relayed Lavina's appreciation to the assembly as tribal hostess.

Harold Martin, Tribal Host, was introduced by Marvin Adams, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President. Harold addressed the delegation expressing his appreciation as tribal host.

**APPOINT SESSION CHAIR**

Will Micklin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President was appointed and assumed the Chair without objection.

## **WELCOME DELEGATES**

The following officials welcomed the delegates to Juneau:

- Bill Walker, Governor, State of Alaska
- Byron Mallott, Lt. Governor, State of Alaska
- Ken Koelsch, Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau
- Harold Houston, Sr., President, Juneau T&H Community Council
- Sasha Soboleff, President, ANB Grand Camp
- Paulette Moreno, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, ANS Grand Camp

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee presented the Credentials Report.

Number of delegates authorized: 107  
Total Number Registered: 102  
Total Number for Quorum Set: 52

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Session Chair, Will Micklin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, declared a quorum present.

## **SWEAR IN DELEGATES**

Debra O’Gara, Tribal Court Judge, swore in all the delegates present at Tribal Assembly.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**

M/S Ron Mallott/Laverne Wise moved to adopt the agenda. Amendment was made to add James Jack, Juneau Delegate and Chairman of the Finance Committee to present the Budget report on Friday. M/C.

## **ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2015**

M/S Jerry Hope/Marvin Adams moved to adopt the minutes of April 17, 2015. M/C

## **RULES OF ORDER**

M/S Laverne Wise moved to approve the Standing Rules of Order as amended. Amendment M/S Walter Johnson moved to postpone the vote on the Standing Rules of Order until after lunch 1-1:15 pm. M/C.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

Will Micklin, session chair, announced the Chairpersons of the committees.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice Presidents, Will Micklin and Robert Sanderson, Jr., explained the consent agenda process, to address resolutions in lieu of less meeting days designated for Tribal Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee and the Committee-On-Committee committees reviewed and identified fourteen (14) resolutions that met the criteria of being adopted without debate. All other resolutions submitted will go through the regular process for action by the Tribal Assembly; however, any delegate who wants to remove a resolution to be addressed through the regular process can do so by voicing the resolution number.

### **Resolutions Removed from the Consent Agenda**

Resolution No. 16-14, “*Encourage EPA to Utilize its Administrative Authority to Update Alaska’s Human Health Criteria*”, requested by Morgan Howard, Seattle Delegate.

Resolution No. 16-04, “*Direct Judiciary Committee to Recommend Constitutional Amendments to Maximize Civil & Criminal Jurisdiction and Advocate for Changes to Other Federal Laws*”, requested by Lowell Halverson, Seattle Delegate.

M/S Candace Williams/Marvin Adams moved to adopt the revised resolutions list under the consent agenda. M/C.

## **STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS**

Richard Peterson, President, Central Council Tlingit & Haida, provided the State of the Tribe Address followed by a question and answer period from the delegates.

M/S Albert Hinchman moved the delegate’s incur a \$5 charge whenever their cell phone goes off during Tribal Assembly to go towards Jolene Edenshaw’s family. M/C

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess.

The session Chair called the meeting back to order at 12:30 p.m.

## **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICERS (COO) REPORT**

Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer, presented the COO Report.

There was no objection from the floor to hear the audit report before the CFO report.

## **AUDIT REPORT**

Catherine Edwards, Chair, Audit Committee, introduced Max Mertz, of Elgee, Rehfeld, and Mertz, LLC, who provided the 2015 audit report. There were no audit findings.

M/S Cecilia Tavoliero/Kara Peele moved to approve the 2015 audit. Motion carries unanimously.

### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S (CFO) REPORT**

Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the CFO Report.

### **TLINGIT AND HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION REPORT**

Richard Rinehart, CEO, Tlingit & Haida Tribal Business Corporation (THTBC), provided the report followed by Myrna Gardner, Manager, Business & Economic Development who provided a report on the plans for the Tlingit & Haida Immersion Park. A question and answer period followed.

### **WASHINGTON, DC UPDATE**

Phil Baker-Shenk, Holland & Knight, provided an update on current legislative and governmental affairs happening in Washington, DC that affect the Tribe.

The chair declared a 10-minute break. The chair called the meeting back to order at 3:10 p.m.

### **WORD OF THE DAY**

Shirley Kendall, Anchorage Delegate, led the delegation on how to say (thank you) in Tlingit.

Lisa Lang, Hydaburg Delegate, led the delegation on how to say (respect) in Haida.

Alfie Price, T&H staff, led the delegation on how to say (I am bound to you or thank you) in Sm' algyax (Tsimshian).

### **STANDING RULES OF ORDER**

The proposed changes made to the Standing Rules of Order was reviewed by the delegates.

M/S Gerry Hope moved to bring the consideration of the Standing Rules of Order back from the table. M/C.

M/S Walter Johnson moved to adopt the revised Standing Rules of Order. Amendment: M/S Gerry Hope/Tasha Hotch moved to delete the last four (4) words in the introductory paragraph (Section Article 7) "by the seated delegate" M/C. Vote on main motion. Grammatical recommendations, page 7, new section F, second to the last word in the last line strike the word "the". Same paragraph, strike the "along with followed by" in the last line. No objection for grammatical wording. On new section H, replace the word "the" to "they" in the first sentence. No objection. M/C.

## **APPOINTMENT OF SESSION CHAIR**

Marvin Adams, 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President, assumed the session chair without objection.

## **ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus and this year's Parliamentarian reviewed highlights of the Roberts Rules of Order with the delegates.

Edward and Cathy Thomas presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 towards the Alumni Scholarship Salmon Derby.

## **DECLARATION AND NOMINATIONS**

Janet Peele, Chair, Election Committee announced the names of those who submitted their names as a candidate for the nomination for the Office of President and Vice President.

### **Nominations for Office of President**

- Richard J. Peterson

### **Nominations for Office of Vice President**

- Ralph Wolfe
- Will Micklin
- Robert Sanderson
- Karen Elliott
- Marvin Adams
- Catherine Edwards
- Edward K. Thomas, Jr.
- Tasha Hotch
- Jacqueline Pata
- Gerry Hope

Bill Martin moved and asked for unanimous consent to accept the names of nominations for President and Vice President. No objection. M/C.

Bill Martin asked for unanimous consent for the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Richard Peterson as President. No objection. M/C.

Richard Peterson is elected as President of Central Council and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska who addressed the delegates in appreciation of his election.

Nominations were made for the following categories:

## **Emerging Leaders**

- Lisa Lang nominated Keenan Sanderson
- Joey Ketah nominated Miciansia Hutcherson
- Tasha Hotch nominated Dakota Siebert
- James Jack nominated De'Andre King, Jr.
- Georgianna Hotch nominated James Hart
- Gerry Hope nominated Vanessa Brady Bradley

## **Tribal Court Judge**

- Candace Williams nominated Lisa Lang

## **Chief Justice**

- Lowell Halverson nominated Michelle Demmert

## **Delegate/Citizen of the Year**

- Fred Lauth nominated Jim Price – **DECLINED**
- Louise Kadinger-Jack nominated James Jack, Sr.
- Gerry Hope nominated Paulette Moreno and Andy Roberts
- Cindy Pederson nominated Rene Tillman
- Gil Stokes nominated Mary Moreno Soots

## **Nominations Closed**

The Election Chair asked if there were any more nominations. No other nominations were provided, nominations closed.

## **CANDIDATE SPEECHES**

Candidate speeches were provided for the following offices/categories:

### **Vice President Candidates**

- Ralph Wolfe, Yakutat Delegate
- Will Micklin, San Francisco Delegate
- Robert Sanderson, Jr., Ketchikan Delegate
- Karen Lauth Elliott, Seattle Delegate
- Marvin Adams, Anchorage Delegate
- Catherine Edwards, Seattle Delegate
- Edward K. Thomas, Jr., Craig Delegate
- Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Delegate
- Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate

- Gerry Hope, Sitka Delegate

Bill Martin moved and asked for unanimous consent for the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Michelle Demmert as Chief Justice and Lisa Lang as Associate Judge. No objection. M/C.

Michelle Demmert is elected as the Chief Justice.

Lisa Lang is elected as the Associate Judge.

M/S Jessica Brown moved to have the Memorial Service to Friday morning. No objection. M/C.

### **Emerging Leaders Candidates**

- Keenan Sanderson (video)
- Miciana Hutcherson
- Dakota Siebert (video)
- DeAndre King, Jr.
- James Hart
- (Paulette Moreno/Bertha Karras) for Vanessa Brady Bradley

### **Delegate/Citizen of the Year Candidates**

- James Jack, Sr., Juneau Delegate
- (Karen Elliott) for Rene Tillman
- (Wilbur Brown/Gerry Hope) for Paulette Moreno and Andy Roberts (joint nominations)
- Mary Moreno Soots (video)

### **RECESS**

The meeting recessed for the day at 6:24 p.m.