

Minutes of Meeting
81st 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 2: Thursday, April 21, 2016

SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Mayeda, of Juneau, Alaska provided special music.

CALL TO ORDER

Will Micklin, 1st Vice President, assumed the session chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, offered the invocation.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2016

M/S Ella Bennett/Laverne Wise moved to adopt the meeting minutes of April 20, 2016. Corrections: 1) The Credentials Report shows 55 for a quorum. It should read 52 which is 50% plus one of 102 registered delegates. 2) Mary Moreno Soots is a nominee under the Citizen of the Year and not Emerging Leader. 3) Jessica Brown's last name was missing from her name as the maker of the motion to move the day of the Memorial Service from Wednesday to Friday. M/C.

Myrna Gardner was granted privilege of the floor to introduce guests.

CO-MANAGEMENT

Crystal Leonetti, Alaska Native Affairs Specialist, of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, provided a report on the progress of the Alaska Native Affairs Policy that is currently being drafted. Will Micklin also provided a supplemental report.

Michelle Demmert requested and was granted privilege of the floor to introduce guests.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

James, Jack Sr., Chair, Finance Committee, provided the FY 2016 proposed budget amendments and FY 2017 Proposed Budget.

M/S Marvin Adams/Cecilia Tavoliero moved to adopt the FY 2016 revised budget. Motion carries.

M/S James Jack, Sr., moved to defer the adoption of FY 2017 budget to Friday morning. M/C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The morning session recessed for committee meetings at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard Peterson called the afternoon session back to order at 1:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: ESTABLISH QUORUM

The Chair requested and asked to dispense with roll call through the elections process. No objection.

WORD OF THE DAY

Shirley Kendall, Anchorage Delegate, provided the Word of the Day in Tlingit of how one would respond when your name is called.

Lisa Lang, Hydaburg Delegate, provided the Word of the Day in Haida that means, (“To Be Precious”.)

Alfie Price, T&H Staff, provided the Word of the Day in Tsimshian that means (“Generally used to celebrate”)

Gil Stokes requested privilege of the floor to allow Mary Moreno-Soots to address the delegation who is a candidate of the Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection.

ELECTIONS

Janet Peele, Chair, Elections Committee, completed roll-call to dispense the electronic voting devices, which will also be used to establish a quorum.

The Elections Chair announced there were 102 delegates seated and the number needed (50% + 1) is 52 to elect the candidate.

Election Ballot #1: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed Robert Sanderson, Jr. and Will Micklin is elected. Robert Sanderson, Jr., is 1st Vice President, and Will Micklin is 2nd Vice President.

M/S James Jack, Sr., moved to accept the tally report. M/C.

Morgan Howard, Seattle Delegate, requested a 3-minute caucus. No objection.

Election Ballot #2: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed Ralph Wolfe is elected and is 3rd Vice President.

M/S William Martin/Walter Johnson to accept the tally report. M/C.

The Election Chair declared an 8-minute recess to allow the delegates to caucus.

Election Ballot #3: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed Jacqueline Pata is elected and is 4th Vice President.

M/S William Martin/Ella Bennett to accept the tally report. M/C.

Sam Hanlon, Jr. requested a 10-minute caucus. No objection.

Election Ballot #4: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed no one elected from the vote.

Tasha Hotch requested a 10-minute caucus. No objection.

Election Ballot #5: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed no one is elected from the vote.

M/S William Martin to accept the ballot report. M/C.

Election Ballot #6: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed Marvin Adams is elected and is 5th Vice President.

M/S Albert Hinchman to accept the tally report. M/C.

The delegates requested a caucus.

Election Ballot #7: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed no one is elected.

M/S Dewey Skan moved to accept the tally report. M/C.

Dewey Skan requested a 5-minute caucus.

Catherine Edwards, Seattle Delegate, thanked everyone who supported her and respectfully withdrew her name.

Election Ballot #8: Vice President

Balloting for the Vice President occurred. The results showed Edward K. Thomas, Jr. is elected and is 6th Vice President.

M/S Candace Williams/Alvin Edenshaw to accept the tally report. M/C.

Election: Emerging Leaders

Balloting for the Emerging Leaders occurred. The results showed Miciana Hutcherson is elected and will serve a 1-year term.

M/S Ashli Colon to accept the report. M/C.

Charlene Wolfe was granted privilege of the floor who expressed her appreciation of the support the delegates showed her son, Ralph Wolfe.

Election: Delegate/Citizen of the Year

Balloting for the Delegate/Citizen of the Year occurred. The results showed James Jack, Sr., is elected.

M/S _____ to accept the tally report. M/C.

Small Community Council of the Year

- Small Community Council of the Year: San Francisco
- 1st Runner-Up: Kasaan

Large Community Council of the Year

- Large Community Council of the Year: Seattle
- 1st Runner-Up: Juneau
- 2nd Runner-Up: Sitka

OATH OF OFFICE FOR TRIBAL COURT OFFICIALS

Debra O’Gara, Presiding Judge, administered the oath of office for the newly elected tribal officials: Michelle Demmert, Chief Justice, and Lisa Lang, Tribal Court Judge.

OATH OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus, administered the oath of office of President to Richard J. Peterson, the elected President.

OATH OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus, administered the oath of office to the elected Vice Presidents: Robert Sanderson, Jr., William Micklin, Ralph Wolfe, Jacqueline Pata, Marvin Adams, and Edward K. Thomas, Jr, and Emerging Leader, Miciansa Hutcherson.

PANORAMIC PICTURE OF DELEGATES

A delegate panoramic photo is scheduled immediately following recess.

RECESS

The meeting recessed for the day at 4:34 p.m.