



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Notice of Changes to Delegate Elections

In April 2015, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska's (Central Council) Tribal Assembly adopted resolution TA 15-26 entitled *Amendments to the Rules of Election*. The amendments made resulted in several changes to the Delegate Election process. Below is an overview of the changes:

Delegate Allocation

- The total number of Delegates per community has been reduced from 137 to 107 based on reductions to the apportionment of Delegates to one (1) Delegate for every two hundred (200) enrolled tribal citizens or thereof in each community who are 18 and over as of March 17, 2016.

Voting Procedure

- Central Council will conduct all Community Council elections.
- Poll voting is no longer available.
- All elections will be held by Absentee Voting or Electronic Voting.

Absentee Voting

- Central Council will mail Absentee Ballot packets to all tribal citizens in each of their respective communities who have a valid mailing address.
- Central Council will not mail ballots to known invalid addresses. Addresses are deemed invalid by previous mail being sent and returned to Central Council through program services, newsletters, or previous ballots.

Electronic Voting

- Central Council will conduct Electronic Voting instead of Absentee Voting for communities that request to vote electronically.
- Electronic voting will be conducted using the software *Simply Voting*; a user-friendly platform.
- For communities that request to vote electronically, tribal citizens will be provided a username and password.
- A disclaimer note will be provided for tribal citizens to use caution when voting, once the ballot is submitted the vote is final and cannot be changed.

Tallying and Posting Results

- Either Central Council or an authorized firm will tally the results on behalf of each community.
- Results of all elections will be posted on Central Council's website for each community.

Challenge Period

- There are no changes to the challenge period.
- All challenges to elections must be submitted to the Central Council President no later than close of business on the Monday following the elections.

Election Officials

- The Enrollment and Election Chairs have been combined into one Election Official position.
- Election Officials will post notices, participate in community nomination meetings if meeting is called, and collect the Declaration of Intent to Serve along with enrollment forms.