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Central Council Hires Chief Financial Officer and Controller

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to announce the hiring of Theresa Belton as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Michael Halverson as Controller.

As CFO, Theresa will provide oversight of the Tribe's Finance personnel, fiscal management, General Fund budget, and financial reporting. In addition, she will review and negotiate the Tribe's indirect cost proposal and oversee indirect and internal budgeting and accounting procedures.

Theresa earned her Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Accounting degree from the University of Alaska Southeast and has over eight years of experience working for Central Council's Finance Department.

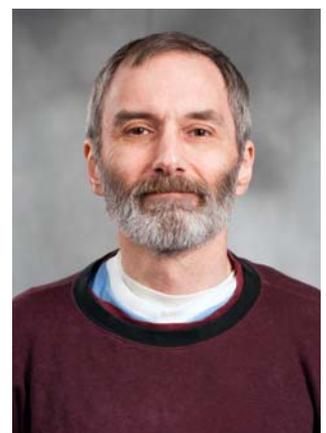
She is the daughter of James and Mary Erickson and Mona Brown, of Hoonah, and is married to David Belton. Her Tlingit name is *Gulth Tint* and she is an Eagle of the *Chookaneidí* clan (Glacier Bear).

Michael's acceptance of the Controller position is a promotion from his previous position as Grants Administrator with the Finance Department. As Controller, Michael will be responsible for managing the day-to-day accounting functions; working closely with department and program managers to ensure financial reports are accurate and timely; and assisting the Chief Financial Officer with the annual audit, indirect cost proposal, and other special projects.

Michael attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington and is retired from service with the State of Alaska and the University of Alaska. Prior to retiring, he served as manager of the Supplemental Benefits System and Active Employees Health Plan, Internal Auditor for the Public Employees and Teachers Retirement Systems, Grant Accountant for the Department of Education, and manager of the Federal Revenue Unit for the Department of Health and Social Services.



Theresa Belton



Michael Halverson

Michael is the grandson of the late Annie Johnson of Hoonah, and son of the late Edmond Halverson of Hoonah and Betty Halverson who currently resides in Tacoma, Washington.

Please join us in congratulating Theresa and Michael on their new positions!

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