

Minutes of Meeting  
82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly  
Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
April 19-21, 2017  
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall  
Juneau, Alaska

*“Looking to Our Past, Living for Our Future”*

**Day 1: Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

**COLOR GUARD**

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

**DANCE GROUP**

The Has Du Eeteex' X'aakeidix Haa Sitee dancers performed the entrance song followed by the grand entrance of the Delegates.

**INVOCATION**

Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, provided the invocation.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Richard Peterson called the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:35 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN**

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

**APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

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

**INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOST**

Jacqueline Pata, 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, introduced Lowell Halverson as the Tribal Host who addressed the delegation.

**INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOSTESS**

Ralph Wolfe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, introduced Ethel Lund as the Tribal Hostess who also addressed the delegation.

## **APPOINT SESSION CHAIR**

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

## **WELCOME TO 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 and Borough of Juneau
- Janice Hotch, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
- Sasha Soboleff, President, ANB Grand Camp
- Cecilia Tavoliero, President, ANS Grand Camp

Joey Ketah, Seattle delegate, requested their 2017 youth representative to sit with the Seattle delegation. There was no objection.

The Chair requested and asked for unanimous consent to allow youth representatives who were present to sit with their delegation. No objection.

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee reported that of 107 authorized, 99 were duly registered. Quorum was set at 51. 4 replaced delegates.

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared by President Richard Peterson.

## **SWEAR IN DELEGATES**

Debra O’Gara, Presiding Judge, Tribal Court, swore in the new Tribal delegates.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**

The Chair pointed out amendments to the agenda. Under reports, the Audit Report will be added and there will be no roll call on Thursday and Friday.

M/S Ashli Colon/Royal Hill, Jr. moved to adopt the agenda as a guide as amended.

## **ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2016**

M/S Jerry Hope/Marvin Adams moved to adopt the Tribal Assembly minutes of April 22, 2016. Motion carries.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

President Richard Peterson declared the Standing Rules of Order and Roberts Rules of Order will be used for the Assembly.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR RESOLUTIONS**

Robert Sanderson, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President gave an overview of proposed resolutions that were placed on the consent calendar.

M/S Jerry Hope/Holly Churchill moved to adopt the proposed resolutions that were placed on the consent calendar: TA Resolution No. 17-01, “*Herring Harvest Quotes/Guideline Harvest Levels for Southeast Alaska*”, TA Resolution No. 17-02, “*Addition of Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich’s name to the Civil Rights Walk of Fame at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia*”, TA Resolution No. 17-03, “*Opposition to HR 232 Transfer of Public Lands in State Forest*”, TA Resolution No. 17-04, “*For the Protection of Vital International Rivers from Transboundary Mining*”, and TA Resolution No. 17-05, “*Encouraging Support for Alyssa London, Miss Alaska USA*”. No objection, motion carries.

The remaining resolutions will be brought up later on the agenda.

## **STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS**

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

M/S Candace Williams moved to accept the President’s report. Motion carries.

## **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S (COO) REPORT**

Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer, provided the COO report.

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

Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer, provided the CFO report.

M/S It was moved/seconded to accept the CFO report. No objection, motion carries.

There was no objection to continue with reports during the lunch hour. Jerry Bennett, Juneau delegate provided the blessing of the food.

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

Richard Rinehart, CEO, provided the Tribal Business Corporation report.

## **KIRA, INC. REPORT**

Carlos Garcia, President of KIRA, Inc., provided the KIRA report followed by a question and answer period.

M/S Mick Beasley/Pat Alexander moved to accept the THTBC (and KIRA) report. Motion carries.

## **AFTERNOON RECESS**

The chair declared a break at 12:37 p.m.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Edward K. Thomas, Jr., 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President, assumed the session chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

The Miss Alaska USA video (Alyssa London) was moved to tomorrow.

## **ROLL CALL**

Julie Chapman, Recording Secretary completed roll call.

The roll call showed 91 present with 12 absent.

The Chair declared a quorum present.

## **CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT PRESENTATION**

Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President, provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, Standing Rules of Order, Rules for the Election of Delegates, and Statute-Title 1, which will be reviewed on the Thursday agenda.

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HO-CHUNK, TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION**

Lance Morgan, President, Ho-Chunk Tribal Business Corporation provided the keynote address along with a video and slide show presentation, followed by a question and answer period.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS / RECESS**

The assembly recessed for the day for committee meetings at 2:53 p.m.