

Minutes of Meeting
82nd 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 2: Thursday, April 20, 2017

SPECIAL MUSIC

Karen Mayeda provided special music.

WORD OF THE DAY

Lisa Lang, Hydaburg Delegate, provided the Haida word of the day.

CALL TO ORDER

Ralph Wolfe, 3rd Vice President, assumed the Chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 8:15 am.

INVOCATION

Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, provided the invocation.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

M/S Edward Thomas, Jr./Laverne Wise moved to adopt the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 19, 2017. No objection, motion carries.

TRANSBOUNDARY REPORT

The Transboundary Report was provided by Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President, and Rob Sanderson, Jr., 1st Vice President.

BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS

Maureen Chapman, Regional Chief, provided the BC Assembly of First Nations report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

William Micklin, Chair, (Constitution Committee), introduced the proposed constitutional amendments and outlined the format, which will be reviewed section-by-section.

Voting will be done electronically. The Election Committee reports 97 electronic devices were distributed on the floor, which will serve as the basis for the number of delegates present in place of roll call. The Chair stated a two-thirds (65) vote is required to approve the adoption of amendments to the constitution.

The delegates requested a five-minute recess to discuss the proposed amendments. No objection.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:50 a.m.

Preamble

M/S Will Micklin/Tasha Hotch moved to adopt the Preamble to the Constitution with the proposed changes. Amendment #1: M/S Gerry Hope/Tasha Hotch moved to amend the Preamble to replace the word “regional” with “tribal”. Vote on Amendment #1: 2-abstention, motion carries. Paul Marks pointed out the correct spelling of “Kusteyee” is “Kusti”. Amendment #2 for Unanimous Consent. Will Micklin asked for unanimous consent to include the Haida word (for the way of life). No objection. It was noted the two Judges will be abstaining from voting (Michelle Demmert and Lisa Lang). M/S Lisa Lang moved to defer the discussion to a certain point. Died for a lack of second. Amendment #3 M/S Jacqueline Pata/Paulette Moreno moved to defer the Preamble to Friday’s agenda. Vote on Amendment #3: 2-Abstain. Motion carries.

The Preamble is deferred to Friday’s agenda to allow more time for the delegates to consider this.

Article I - Territory and Jurisdiction

M/S Gerry Hope/Janice Hotch moved to replace “Central Council” with “Tlingit & Haida” globally throughout the document. Amendment #1: Gerry Hope moved and asked unanimous consent to strike the symbol “&” and write “and” to the name. 1-Objection. The voice vote showed a split decision. Vote on Amendment #1: Electronic vote showed 38-Yes, 53-No. Motion fails. Vote on main motion as amended, results: 76-Yes, 15-No. Motion carries. Vote on main motion to accept all changes to article one as amended. Results showed 81-Yes, 11-No. Motion carries.

The orders of the day called for. The chair ruled to move on to the next item on the agenda.

WASHINGTON, DC UPDATE

Phil Baker-Shenk, of Holland & Knight LLC provided the Washington, DC update.

NCAI UPDATE

Jacqueline Pata, 4th Vice President, provided the NCAI update.

AFTERNOON RECESS

The morning session recessed for a 15-minute break at 12:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jacqueline Pata, 4th Vice President, assumed the afternoon session without objection and called the meeting back to order at 1:02 p.m.

Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus, offered words of appreciation to Phil Baker-Shenk for his efforts of assisting the Tribe through the process of gaining recognition in 1993-1994 and Jacqueline Pata for her leadership in Washington, DC as well.

A video presentation by Alyssa London, Miss Alaska USA, welcoming the delegates was shown who will be competing in the Miss Universe 2017 competition on May 14, 2017.

2016 EMERGING LEADER REPORT

Miciana Hutcherson, 2016 Emerging Leader, provided the report.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Janet Peele, Chair, Elections Committee, chaired the nominations of the election of officers.

Nominations for Tribal Court Judge

- Tate London, Seattle Delegate, nominated Aurora Lehr

M/S moved and seconded nominations close. No objection.

M/S William E. Martin/ moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Aurora Lehr to serve as the Tribal Court Judge. No objection. Motion carries.

Aurora Lehr, re-elected, Tribal Court Judge, requested and granted privilege of the floor to address the delegates.

Nominations for Delegate/Citizen of the Year

- Jan Garcia, Seattle Delegate, nominated Jim Price
- Ronald Mallott, Anchorage Delegate, nominated Gil Stokes
- Gerry Hope, Sitka Delegate, nominated Patricia Alexander

Nominations for 2017 Emerging Leader

- Sam Thomas, Craig Delegate, nominated Tristan Douville
- Joey Ketah, Seattle Delegate, nominated Stephanie Masterman

- Helene Simpson, Ketchikan Delegate, nominated Keenan Sanderson
- Albert Hinchman, Hoonah Delegate, nominated Randy Roberts
- Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, nominated Tesla Cox
- Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, nominated Dabney Meachum

M/S Candace Williams/Ella Bennett moved nominations cease. No objection. Motion carries.

Opportunity was provided to candidates to provide campaign speeches.

Maxine Thompson, Angoon Delegate, asked for and was granted privilege of the floor asking the delegates to provide support to Miss Alaska USA.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Catherine Edwards, Chair, Audit Committee, provided the audit report.

M/S Ashli Colon/Marvin Adams moved to accept the Audit Report. No objection. Motion carries.

Paul Marks requested and was granted privilege of the floor who announced his son's attendance in school, which he wanted to share with delegates.

A hat was passed around for contributions in support of Alyssa London. The amount collected for Alyssa came to \$909 dollars.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

Will Micklin, acting for (James Jack, Sr.), Chair of the Budget Committee, provided the budget report for FY 2017 and FY 2018.

M/S Marvin Adams/Stephanie Rainwater moved to adopt the proposed budget amendments to FY 2017. No objection. Motion carries.

M/S Marvin Adams/Tasha Hotch moved to defer action on the FY 2018 budget to Friday following resolutions. No objection. Motion carries.

Delegates requested consideration to discuss the following topics: consider hosting tribal assembly outside of Juneau and reduce the number of Executive Council (following the ratio of the number of delegates that were reduced).

Gerry Hope, Sitka Delegate, was granted privilege of the floor and introduced Mary Brown.

Rob Sanderson, 1st Vice President, reminded delegates of the memorial service that will be held following recess and to turn their memorial list of their loved ones.

Tate London, father to Alyssa London (Miss USA), addressed the delegation speaking words in appreciation of the support shown to his daughter.

A 5-minute break was declared. The meeting was called back to order at 3:07 p.m.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (CONTD)

The Chair asked the delegates if they would like to continue on with reviewing the proposed constitutions since they were ahead of schedule on the agenda. There was no objection.

The delegates asked for a 5-minute caucus. No objection.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:16 p.m.

Article II – Sovereign Powers and Recognition

Will Micklin reviewed each of the proposed changes section-by-section, which were presented to the delegates in their binders.

M/S Will Micklin asked for unanimous consent to adopt Article II (Sovereign Powers and Recognition) as amended by replacing “Central Council” with “Tlingit and Haida” throughout Article II. No objection. Motion carries.

Article III – Membership Citizenship

M/S Gerry Hope/Ashli Colon moved to change the words “member” to “tribal citizenship” throughout the document. 2-Abstentions. Motion carries.

M/S Marvin Adams/Rachelle Goldenberg moved to adopt Article III as amended. No objection. Motion carries.

Article IV - Delegates to the Tribal Assembly

M/S William Martin/Ashli Colon asked for unanimous consent to adopt Article IV – Delegates to the Tribal Assembly as amended. Amendment #1: M/S Janice Hotch/Walter Johnson moved to keep the word “removed” and not changed to “recalled”. M/C. Vote on main motion. No objection. Motion carries.

Article V - Delegate Elections

M/S Edward Hotch/Pat Alexander moved to adopt Article V as amended with global changes. No objection. Motion carries.

Article VI - Tribal Assembly

Parliamentarian clarified a majority vote is required to table an item and is not up for debate until after all business is concluded.

M/S Walter Johnson/Janice Hotch moved to table Article VI (Tribal Assembly). A voice vote showed the vote was questionable. Results of electronic voting: 38-Yeas, 46-Nays. 51 is needed to pass. Motion fails.

M/S Janice Hotch/Marvin Adams moved to adopt Article VI (Tribal Assembly), section 1. Voice vote shows in favor of not adopting Article VI, section 1. 2-Abstentions. Motion fails.

M/S Janice Hotch moved to adopt Article VI, section 2, 3, and 4. Amendment M/S Gerry Hope / Edward Hotch moved to strike Thursday and replace it with 3rd Wednesday in April in section 1. Voice vote shows in favor of. Motion carries.

M/S Janice Hotch/Tasha Hotch moved to strike section 1 a, b, and c with changes. Voice vote showed 2-abstentions. Motion carries.

RECESS

M/S Gerry Hope/Candace Williams moved to recess for the day for the memorial service. No objection. The afternoon session recessed for the day at 4:24 p.m.