

Minutes of Meeting  
Eighty-Third Annual Tribal Assembly  
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
April 18-20, 2018  
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall  
Juneau, Alaska

*"Indigenous Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow"*

**Day 1: Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

**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.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Richard J. Peterson, President, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, called the 83<sup>rd</sup> Tribal Assembly to order at 8:27 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

**INVOCATION**

Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, offered the invocation.

**SWEAR IN DELEGATES**

Debra O'Gara, Presiding Tribal Judge, swore in the newly-elected Tribal Assembly Delegates.

**WORD OF THE DAY**

- Shirley Kendall provided the Tlingit Word of the Day
- Lisa Lang provided the Haida Word of the Day
- Alfie Price provided the Tsimshian Word of the Day

## **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.

## **TRIBAL HOST / HOSTESS**

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, introduced the Tribal Host, Fred Hamilton, Sr., who addressed the delegation.

Wilbur Brown, 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President, introduced the Tribal Hostess, Bertha Karras, who also addressed the delegation.

## **APPOINT SESSION CHAIR**

Will Micklin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, was appointed and assumed the Chair without objection.

Seattle, Ketchikan, and Saxman, requested privilege of the floor to seat their youth delegates. No objection.

## **STATE OF ALASKA ADDRESS**

Bill Walker, Governor, State of Alaska addressed the delegation followed by Byron Mallott, Lt. Governor; both who provided a report on issues the Governor's office is addressing at the State level.

A brief question and answer period followed from delegates.

## **WELCOME**

The following officials welcomed the delegates to Juneau:

- Ken Koelsch, Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau
- Ken Southerland, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council

- Sasha Soboleff, President, ANB Grand Camp
- Paulette Moreno, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, ANS Grand Camp

Richard George, Angoon Delegate, provided an update on Roberta Jack who was currently in the hospital. A donation was collected from the delegation on her behalf. Amount: 489.

The Chair declared a 5-minute break. No objection.

In preparation for voting, electronic voting devices were distributed to the delegates.

### **CREDENTIALS REPORT / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee, provided the following credentials report:

Number of Delegates Authorized:	110
Number of Delegates Registered:	105
Number for Quorum:	54

The Chair declared a quorum established for the 2018 Tribal Assembly.

M/S James Jack, Sr./LaVerne Wise moved to accept the Credentials Report. No objection. M/C

See Appendix A for a copy of Credentials Committee Report.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

M/S Gerry Hope/Marvin Adams moved to adopt the agenda as a guide. No objection. M/C

### **ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2017**

M/S Gerry Hope/Michael Beasley moved to adopt of the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 21, 2017. No objection. M/C

## **RULES OF ORDER**

M/S Paulette Moreno/Ben Coronell moved to adopt the rules of Order. No objection, M/C

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

The Chair provided a brief report on the appointment of committees. Those delegates not listed should contact the Tribal Assembly Coordinator.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, listed the resolutions that were referred by the committee on committees to place on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda:

- TA Resolution 18-10, *“Adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous”*
- TA Resolution 18-11, *“Directive to Explore Greater Flexibility in the Use of NAHASDA Funds to Better Serve All Tlingit & Haida Citizens”*
- TA Resolution 18-12, *“Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend Federal Match to Urban Indian Health Programs”*
- TA Resolution 18-16, *“Authorization to Explore Partnerships to Advocate for Dedicated American Indian and Alaska Native Housing in Seattle”*
- TA Resolution 18-18, *“Tlingit Language Revitalization”*
- TA Resolution 18-19, *“Improving Native Education through Culturally-Responsive Education”*
- TA Resolution 18-22, *“Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act”*
- TA Resolution 18-23, *“Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council in Support of the Addiction Action Committee”*
- TA Resolution 18-26, *“Support for the United Tribes of Bristol Bay and Clean Water”*
- TA Resolution 18-33, *“Recognition of California State Assembly Member, Todd Gloria”*
- TA Resolution 18-34, *“Proclamation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Awareness Day”*
- TA Resolution 18-43, *“Support Subsistence Disaster Funding”*

- TA Resolution 18-45, “*Recommend Increased Alaska Marine Highway System Service to Sitka*”
- TA Resolution 18-49, “*Support of S. 1481 – Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2017*”

M/S Robert Starbard/Tasha Hotch moved to adopt Tribal Assembly Resolutions 18-10, 18-11, 18-12, 18-16, 18-18, 18-19, 18-22, 18-23, 18-26, 18-30, 18-32, 18-33, 18-34, 18-43, 18-45, and 18-49 on the consent agenda. No objection. M/C

### **Resolutions Removed from Consent Calendar**

- TA Resolution 18-30, “*Establishment of a New Tribal Policy Governing Repatriation*” (Requested by Tasha Hotch)
- TA Resolution 18-32, “*Support of Sitka Tribe of Alaska’s Efforts on Herring in Sitka Sound*” (Requested by Gerry Hope)

Resolutions removed from the consent calendar will be referred back to their committees.

### **STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS**

Richard Peterson, President, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, provided the State of the Tribe address.

M/S LaVerne Wise moved to accept the State of the Tribe Report. No objection. M/C

The delegation took a moment to remember Edward K. (Sam) Thomas, Jr., former 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President, who passed during his term. Edward K. Thomas, father to Sam and President Emeritus addressed the delegates to express his appreciation during their loss. It is his family who is hosting today’s luncheon in his memory.

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

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

M/S Marvin Adams/LaVerne Wise moved to accept the CFO’s report. No objection. M/C

## **RECESS**

The session Chair declared a 1-hour recess from 12 pm to 1 pm. No objection.

Ralph Wolfe, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, assumed the session Chair and called the meeting back to order at 1:23 p.m. without objection.

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

Ken Truitt, Chief Operating Officer, provided the COO report.

Richard Rinehart announced one of the KIRA staff lost their home in Colorado last night and asked that a hat be passed for a donation towards the family.

Amount collected: \$532

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

M/S Tasha Hotch/LaVerne Wise moved to adopt the audit committee report. No objection. M/C

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

Richard Rinehart, Jr., CEO, provided the Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA report.

M/S Gerry Hope/Michael Corpuz moved to accept the THTBC/KIRA report. All in Favor. M/C

## **2017 EMERGING LEADER REPORT**

Keenan Sanderson, 2017 Emerging Leader, provided a report to the delegation.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET**

James Jack, Sr., Chair, Finance Committee, introduced the FY 2018 proposed budget amendments and FY 2019 proposed budget.

M/S James Jack, Sr. /Marvin Adams moved the FY 2018 proposed budget amendments be deferred to Friday morning. No objection. M/C

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Jerry Danforth, Oneida Nation (Bear Clan), provided the keynote address.

Tasha Hotch, Anchorage, requested privilege of the floor to seat their youth delegate. No objection.

The Chair declared a 5-minute recess. No objection.

## **DECLARATION AND NOMINATIONS**

Jan Peele, Chair, Elections Committee, assumed the Chair, without objection.

The Chair announced the names of the candidates who submitted their declaration of intent to run for the following offices 10 days in advance to Tribal Assembly.

### **Nominations for President**

- Richard J. Peterson

### **Nominations for Vice Presidents**

- Yodean Armour
- Marvin Adams
- Wilbur Brown, Jr.
- Will Micklin
- Jacqueline Pata
- Rob Sanderson, Jr.
- Ralph Wolfe
- Jessica Dominy
- Catherine Edwards

### **Nominations for Emerging Leader**

- Celeste Colegrove
- Jennifer Cordova-James
- Savannah Silver-McBride

- Stephanie Masterman
- Tatiana Ticknor

### **Nominations for Tribal Court Judge**

- Lisa Lang

### **Nominations for Delegate/Citizen of the Year**

- Michelle Demmert

### **President Elected**

M/S William Martin/James Jack, Sr. moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Richard Peterson as President. No objection. M/C

The Chair declared Richard Peterson as President of Central Council Tlingit & Haida. Richard Peterson, re-elected in-coming President, addressed the delegation.

### **Delegate/Citizen of the Year Elected**

M/S LaVerne Wise/Cher Ketah moved for unanimous consent for Michelle Demmert as Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection. M/C

The Chair declared Michelle Demmert as the Delegate/Citizen of the Year. Michelle addressed the delegation. No objection. M/C

### **Tribal Judge Elected**

M/S Helene Simpson/Holly Churchill moved and asked for unanimous consent for Lisa Lang as Tribal Judge. No objection. M/C

The Chair declared Lisa Lang as Tribal Judge. Lisa addressed the delegation.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate, requested and was granted privilege of the floor to speak in support of Gerry Hope, who they nominated as Delegate/Citizen of the Year, but missed the deadline.



## **CANDIDATE SPEECHES**

The candidates were given 3-minutes each to deliver their campaign speech.

First-time delegates were acknowledged and recognized.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Delegates introduced family members, guests, and first-time delegates, who were in attendance at Tribal Assembly.

Rob Sanderson, Jr., reminded delegates of the Memorial Service scheduled for tonight at 5:30 p.m., Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

## **RECESS**

The meeting recessed for the day at 4:47 p.m.