



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
December 15, 2017 – 10:00 AM (Alaska Standard Time)  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

Richard Peterson, President	Present
Rob Sanderson, Jr. 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Present
Will Micklin, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Marvin Adams, 5 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Wilbur Brown, 6 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present
Keenan Sanderson, Emerging Leader	Present

Also present: CFO Theresa Belton, COO Ken Truitt, Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti, Executive Assistant to the COO Helene Bennett, General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy, and Administrative Assistant to the General Counsel/Recording Secretary Laura May Whistler.

### **INVOCATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Opportunity for public comment was given. No public comment was provided.

### **REPORTS**

#### President's Report

President Peterson provided an update on his recent activities and events. Those activities included attendance at the Tribal Governance Symposium, AFN and the Alaska Tribal Unity Gathering. During the Alaska Tribal Unity Gathering, he was reelected as Chairman and as the

Southeast Representative. During AFN the topic of ANWR arose, and AFN members discussed ways to find a unified voice on the subject. Also during AFN, The President attended a presentation from the Whitener Group, the consulting group who recently concluded an assessment of Tlingit & Haida's Tribal Court. The President stated that the draft was thoughtful, thorough and included helpful recommendations.

The President also informed the Executive Council that he addressed the Juneau Chamber of Commerce.

President Peterson stated that he is seriously considering declaring a Tribal state of crisis due to the opioid epidemic. Discussion ensued.

#### Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti provided a written report.

#### Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt summarized his written report and highlighted the current status of the Tribe's trust fund. He also informed the Executive Council of anticipated meetings with the Investment Committee. The COO announced the Administration is exploring whether to conduct departmental assessments, similar to the Tribal Court assessment, and also announced that Tribal D trainings will begin towards the end of January.

The COO and the 477 Director participated in a meeting between the TANF Tribal Caucus and the State. The result of the meeting, was that Tribal TANF funding would be left at its current levels for fiscal year 2018.

Finally, the Tribe's Second Chance Program is planning to launch transitional housing for paroled and early-released prisoners. Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority is partnering with the Tribe to locate space for the project.

#### Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton provided the October Financial Report which included the Head Start Report.

The agenda was amended to reflect the Head Start Report. No objection, so moved.

#### General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy summarized her written report. She also reported on a recent policy change regarding grants. Grant proposals will need to be submitted to the Executive Team for approval before work may begin on the grant application. The stated purpose of the new policy is to ensure grant alignment with the Strategic Plan.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 2018 Meeting Schedule

The Executive Council scheduled the next in-person meeting for February 22-23, 2018.

## 2018 Portraits for Annual Report

Executive Council portraits will be taken at the next in person meeting in February.

## The Matter of Repatriation of Mary Kininnook Remains

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin reported that two of Tlingit & Haida's employees are related to the late Mary Kininnook. Mary is believed to be buried at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School Cemetery in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The family is attempting to confirm her remains and take action for repatriation. The Army War College is now located on the same grounds as the cemetery and has taken on the tasks of communicating with families who are interested in repatriating their relatives remains. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin requested that the Tribe offer letters of support to Army officials to help the family in their endeavors of repatriating the remains of Mary.

## New or Updated Discrimination/Harassment Policy

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin recommended that the work place harassment policy be reviewed to express renewed and clear language that the Tribe has zero tolerance for work place harassment. The COO informed the Executive Council that the HR employee policies are in the process of being refreshed and special attention will be paid to the work place harassment policy. President Peterson also noted that the Office of the President will deliver a message to Tribal employees and citizens to reiterate the Tribe's zero tolerance for work place harassment.

## Election of Delegate Questions

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin reported that during an overview of the enrollment procedures by the Constitutional Committee or the San Francisco Chapter the question arose as to how an individual voter's community is determined when that voter does not reside within a community; and specifically, how is the 100 miles distance references in the Rules of Election calculated. He recommended that the language regarding these issues be clarified.

## **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

### Resolutions

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 17-76 *Authorized Signers for Official Tribal Documents*, EC 17-77 *Authorized Signers for Bank of America*, EC 17-78 *Authorized Signers for Wells Fargo Bank Account* and EC 17-79 *Authorized Wells Fargo Employee Retirement Trustees*. M/C

### Alaska Tribal Unity Resolutions

M/S 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *In Recognition of the First Alaska Native Speaker of the Alaska House of Representatives, Bryce Edgmon, a Tribal Advocate*. M/C

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *In recognition of Senator John Coghill, Criminal Justice Reform Warrior*. M/C

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *In Recognition of Representative Scott Kawaski, Supporter of Tribal Issues*. M/C

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *In Recognition of Congressman Don Young's Inclusion of Subsistence Interests in the Magnuson Stevens Reauthorization* by unanimous consent. C/U

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *In Recognition of Senator Dan Sullivan's Efforts to Bring Justice to Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans by Support of the Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act*. C/U

M/S 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *In Recognition of Senator Lisa Murkowski's Dedication to Building Equity in Alaska Native Tribal Courts* by unanimous consent. C/U

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *Public Safety Resolution*. M/C

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *Opposing the Department of the Interior's Efforts to Amend the BIA's Land into Trust Regulations*. M/C

M/S 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. moved to support Alaska Tribal Unity resolution titled: *Alaska Native Tribal Unity Opposition to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*. M/C

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The chair called to enter to Executive Session at 11:32 AM. No objection, so moved.

Executive Session adjourned.

President Peterson reported out that the Executive Council passed confidential resolutions EC 17-73, EC 17-74 and EC 17-75.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The chair provided opportunity for "Good of the Order".

## **ADJOURN**

The chair called to adjourn at 12:00 PM. No objection, so moved.