

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**80<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Assembly**  
**Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska**  
**April 15-17, 2015**  
**Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall**  
**Juneau, Alaska**

*"Our Way of Life is Our Future"*

**Day 2: Thursday, April 16, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Sanderson Jr. assumed the session chair without objection and called the meeting to order 8:06 a.m.

**INVOCATION**

Juneau Delegate Jerry Bennett offered the invocation.

**ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2015**

M/S Mike Corpuz to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2015. No objection. M/C.

**NCAI UPDATE**

Juneau Delegate and NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson-Pata provided a report on the National Congress of American Indians including self-governance, transportation, housing, education, recognition of language emersion, protection of children, Magnuson-Stevens Act, Violence Against Women Act, President's budget, United Nations Report, and Get Out the Native Vote efforts.

Jacqueline expressed appreciation to the assembly for allowing her the opportunity to participate at Tribal Assembly and in the forums she attends which contributes greatly to her experience.

**ADOPT REVISED AGENDA**

A revised agenda was distributed to the delegates prior to the start of the session.

M/S Mike Corpuz / Jessica Dominy moved to adopt the revised agenda. M/C

**AFN REPORT**

The Chair announced Julie Kitka, AFN President was not able to present a report today.

The Chair declared a 10-minute recess.

## CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Session Chair Robert Sanderson Jr. provided the Resolutions Committee report and recognized the committee members who served on the Resolutions Committee.

### **Governmental Affairs Committee: Jacqueline Johnson-Pata**

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata / Jay Cabuag to table Resolution TA 15-09, *Bad Addresses*; 15-10, *Opposition to Delegate Reduction*; and *Amendments to the Constitution* (Unnumbered) for later consideration on the agenda as scheduled. M/C

M/S Fred Lauth / Marvin Adams to pass Resolution TA 15-05, *Enacting Native Language Instruction.*” M/C

M/S Fred Lauth / Gerry Hope to pass Resolution TA 15-07, *Indigenous Peoples’ Day.* M/C

### **Tribal Government Rules Committee: Will Micklin**

Will reported Resolution TA 15-09, *Bad Addresses* and 15-10, *Opposition to Delegate Reduction* were tabled for discussion at appropriate time and Resolution TA 15-11, *Revitalization Development Grant for Non Service Area Tlingit & Haida Political Subdivisions*, was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **Veterans Committee: Ozzie Sheakley**

M/S Ozzie Sheakley / Candace Williams to pass Resolution TA 15-04, *To Support Efforts to Amend the Alaska Native Veterans Allotment Act.* M/C

### **Finance Committee: Helene Simpson**

M/S Helene Simpson / Marvin Adams to pass Resolution TA 15-11, *Revitalization Development Grant for Non-Service Area Tlingit & Haida Political Subdivisions.*

Amendment #1: M/S Marvin Adams / Catherine Edwards moved to insert on the last resolve clause to include a complete business plan and budget for the funding. Jacqueline Johnson-Pata offered a friendly amendment to re-phrase it to say “applicants must include a complete business plan and budget prior to consideration for funding and submit to the Executive Council and Finance Committee for approval. Vote on Amendment: M/C

Amendment #2: M/S Gerry Hope to table Resolution TA 15-11, *Revitalization Development Grant for Non Service Area Tlingit & Haida Political Subdivisions*, for one year and bring back to next year’s Tribal Assembly. Voting was done electronically. Results: 80-yes, 35-no. M/C

## **DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Electronic voting devices were distributed to delegates and used to vote on Resolution TA 15-11. Juneau Delegate Jacqueline Johnson-Pata clarified the use of the electronic devices would be used when the vote is close and only after a voice vote.

### **Housing Committee: Ella Bennett**

M/S Ella Bennett / Evelyn Meyers to adopt Resolution TA 15-13, *Request THRHA to Re-Evaluate Income Used for Rental Rates*. M/C

### **Governmental Affairs Committee: Jacqueline Johnson-Pata**

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata to approve Resolution TA 15-01, *Support of the Alaska Legislature for Expanding Medicaid Coverage to Improve the Health of Alaskans and to Improve the Economy*, with the committee's recommendation of changing the title to "Support Medicaid Coverage in Alaska." M/C

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata / Marvin Adams to approve Resolution TA 15-02, *Requesting the State of Alaska to Withdraw its Opposition to a Rehearing of the Tununak II v. State of Alaska*. M/C

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata / Jessica Dominy to approve Resolution TA 15-06 as amended with the committee's recommendation of changing the title to "Support Government-to-Government Engagement in Recognition of Opposition to the Development of the Transboundary Rivers" and to include this also in both whereas clauses. M/C

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata / Jessica Dominy to approve Resolution TA 15-08, *In Support of Sentencing Practices that Promote Public Safety and Increased Efforts to Reduce Recidivism Rates for Alaska Natives*, with the amendment to change one spelling correction from "advise" to "advice" in the first resolve clause. M/C

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata / Cecilia Tovoliero to approve TA Resolution No. 15-19, *Support of the Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Seeking Legislation to Allow Them to Form Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations and Receive ANCSA Benefits*. M/C.

Sitka Delegate Gerry Hope recommended using a blanket phrase in the resolutions and to properly edit changing the word members to citizens.

### **Natural Resources: Ed Hotch**

M/S Ed Hotch to approve Resolution TA 15-16, *Angoon Tlingit and Haida Community Council*, as amended with the committee's recommendation to spell out EA in the title (Environmental Assessment) and to replace CCTHITA with Central Council. Comment made that the word Native should always be capitalized. M/C

M/S Ed Hotch / Mick Beasley to adopt Resolution TA 15-20, *Opposition to the Commercialization of Black Seaweed in Customary Use Areas*, as amended with the committee's recommendation to amend changing Craig to Southeast Alaska in the last resolved clause. M/C

It was noted the year 2014 needs to be changed to 2015 in the adoption clause as well.

**Health & Human Services: Millie Schoonover**

Craig Delegate Millie Schoonover commented on the number of resolutions submitted compared to past years.

M/S Millie Schoonover to approve Resolution TA 15-18, *Supply Needs for SEARHC* as amended with the committee's recommendation to amend the word "pain meds" to "supplies" in the 4<sup>th</sup> whereas clause and to capitalize the "N" in Native where it's needed. M/C

**Education Committee: Dionne Cadiente-Laiti**

M/S Dionne Cadiente-Laiti / Laverne Wise to approve Resolution TA 15-17, *Job Training Recruitment*. M/C

**Economic Development Committee: Marvin Adams**

Economic Development Committee Chair Marvin Adams reported he did not have any resolutions, but did discuss opportunities for the community. Having daycare was discussed and the committee hoped to see a stronger emphasis at next year's assembly.

Juneau Delegate Ed Hotch spoke in support of a resolution that passed last year of putting a subsistence office in place and the importance of following through with that.

M/S Mick Beasley/Catherine Edwards to approve Resolution TA 15-03, *Tribal Members Advocate to Improve Equal Voting Rights Protocol in Sealaska Corporation Director Elections*. Marvin Adams requested to go on record speaking against the resolution adding the election process may not be fair, but we should respect it.

Voting was done electronically. Results: 58-yes, 51-no. M/C

## **RECESS**

The Chair declared a recess at 12:08 p.m. for lunch.

During the lunch hour, the delegates heard from special guest speakers, Katherine Eldemar, Director of the State of Alaska's Division of Community & Regional Affairs and Captain Mike Neussel with the State of Alaska's Alaska Marine Highway.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Session Chair Robert Sanderson Jr., called the afternoon session to order at 1:42 p.m.

## **Judiciary Committee: Lowell Halverson**

M/S Candace Williams / Ginger Fox to approve Resolution TA 15-12, *Request the Tribal Judiciary Committee to Undertake the Preparation of a Code that Would Provide for the Legal Management of Estate of Deceased Tribal Members*. M/C

M/S Jacqueline Johnson to pass Resolution TA 15-15, *Alaska Marine Ferry Service*. M/C

## **LATE SUBMITTAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

M/S Janice Hotch / Jacqueline Johnson to approve Resolution TA 15-22, *Amendments to the Investment Policy Statement*".

The Chair declared a 5-minute recess for caucus.

Voting was held electronically. Results: 80-Yes, 33-No. M/C

M/S Janice Hotch / Jacqueline Johnson-Pata to approve Resolution TA 15-23, *"Action to Reduce the Quantity of Halibut By-Catch in the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea Trawl Fisheries"* as amended. M/C

M/S Lowell Halverson to approve Resolution TA 15-24, *Passage of Statute 08: Establishment of Tribal Schools and Acceptance of Haa Yoo X Atang Kudi Charter School Bylaws*.

M/S Lance Twitchell/Gerry Hope moved to amend to add a final resolved clause that directs management to President and COO to locate funding to hire staff to develop an immersion curriculum. M/C

Vote on Main Motion. M/C

M/S Jacqueline Johnson-Pata / Candace Williams to approve Resolution TA 15-25, *Amendment to Rural Determination Process to Hasten Rural Status* as amended. M/C

M/S Marvin Adams to request suspension of the rules to consider Resolution TA 15-14, *Require Metal Detectors at the Mental Health Residences and Facilities*. M/C

President Richard Peterson assumed the session chair without objection.

## **NOMINATIONS**

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

Tate London nominated Fred Lauth, Sr.  
Rachel Moreno nominated Harriet Beleal  
Tasha Hotch nominated Geraldine Jamestown

### **Nominations Tribal Court Judge (Term 2015-2016):**

Will Micklin nominated Aurora Lehr

M/S Candace Williams to request unanimous consent for Aurora Lehr to be appointed to a two-year term as Tribal Court Judge. No objection. M/C

### **Nominations for Youth Representative:**

Jessica Dominy nominated Bethany Elliott

Ralph Wolfe nominated Marina Anderson

Bertha Karras nominated Patrice DeAsis

Lance Twitchell nominated Michael Hoyt

M/S Candace Williams to cease nominations. M/C

### **CAMPAIGN SPEECHES**

Campaign speeches were made by the candidates in the order they were nominated.

### **APPOINT SESSION CHAIR**

6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jacqueline Johnson-Pata assumed Session Chair without objection.

### **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Judiciary Committee Chair Lowell Halverson provided a report to the delegates.

### **TRIBAL COURT REPORT**

Chief Justice Debra O’Gara provided a Tribal Court report, who also acknowledged the Tribal Family & Youth Service department, Tribal Child Support Unit, and Tribal Court staff.

Edward Thomas, Jr., Craig delegate expressed his appreciation for the contributions and words of support on behalf of the Thomas family.

M/S Edward Thomas Jr. to have voting take place now. M/C

### **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

#### Ballot #1 – Youth Representative

The results showed Marina Anderson as the elected Youth Representative for the 2015-2016 term. Marina addressed the delegates in appreciation of their support in voting for her.

### Ballot #2 – Delegate/Citizen of the Year

The results showed Fred Lauth, Sr. as the elected Delegate/Citizen of the Year. Fred addressed the delegates in appreciation of their support in voting for him.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE REPORT**

In lieu of time and with the THRHA scheduled to make a presentation at the dinner hosted by the Juneau T&H Community Council, Will Micklin entertained a motion for the delegates to decide if he should present the Governance Committee report now or wait until tomorrow morning.

The Chair put a vote before the delegates who voted in favor of waiting to hear the report tomorrow. No objection, so ordered.

### **RECESS**

The second session recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.