



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
December 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair Richard Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Richard Peterson	President	Present
Will Micklin	1 st Vice President	Present
Rob Sanderson Jr.	2 nd Vice President	Present
Lowell Halverson	3 rd Vice President	Present
Jolene Edenshaw	4 th Vice President	Present
Marvin Adams	5 th Vice President	Present
Jacqueline Pata	6 th Vice President	Present

Also present were:

Raeanne Holmes, Publication Specialist
Renée Royal, Recording Secretary
Tana Bell, Secretary to the President
Corrine Garza, Chief Operating Officer
Barbara Blake, Governmental Affairs Liaison

INVOCATION

2nd VP Robert Sanderson provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Robert Sanderson / Jolene Edenshaw to adopt the agenda as presented. C/U

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Peterson delivered his report to the Executive Council by first providing an update on recent changes in the Front Office Staff. He informed the EC that the OTP is currently advertising for a new Executive Assistant, as Melissa Kookesh is no longer with CCTHITA. Barbara Blake, the Government Affairs Liaison, will also be leaving the organization. This leaves the Front Office short staffed but the Chair remains confident that the current team will work together to ensure the needs of the organization continue to be met.

President Peterson was summoned to be a part of the Governor's Transition Team. This was a two-day task force meeting held in Anchorage to assist in developing framework for new administration.

The Chair was also invited to participate in an Intergovernmental Task Force launched by the newly elected Lieutenant Governor, Byron Mallot. The objective of this task force is to ensure tribal, state, and local governments become equal partners. This is very promising news for Alaskan tribes and it puts CCTHITA in a position to generate bold representation of native issues. President Peterson has addressed several transcendent concerns during these task force meetings, such as: the State of Alaska's serious lack of Tribal consultation, lack of understanding that tribal sovereignty does not conflict with state sovereignty, continuation of law-suits directed at tribe's, and the need to re-instate aboriginal hunting and fishing rights. Discussion brought forth by the Chair has resulted in positive strides forward. The state appears to be dropping the law-suit against CCTHITA, VPSO funding (previously at risk of being cut) looks promising after all, and with adequate and relevant representation, the tribe is now in a position to have input on State appointments which directly impact CCTHITA.

President Peterson informed the Executive Council that with staff changes and turnover, the Front Office will be re-organizing, and re-defining roles and responsibilities. The Chair is making these changes to address the lack of communication with the Executive Council and to ensure deadlines are met in timely manner, including getting meeting packets to the council at least one week prior to meeting dates. He also suggested having an informal meeting with the Executive Council every other month.

Chief Operating Officer's Report

The Chief Operating Officer, Corrine Garza, (COO) provided her written report to the Executive Council. She spoke on the Trust fund. The balance on November 30th was \$11,886,071 which is an increase of \$120,420 for the month and increase of \$333,019 for the year.

The COO provided an update on the renovations taking place at the Andrew Hope Building. Harri Plumbing, a subcontractor of NPE (North Pacific Erectors) discovered that nearly all of the sprinkler drops were plugged with sludge and debris on the 3rd floor. The entire 3rd floor was not installed in compliance with code. The root cause of this is a result of installation during the original construction. The accumulation is so severe that the fire sprinkler system may not be able to extinguish even a small fire and could result in losing the entire building. A bid was received from Harri Plumbing for \$182,000 to correct the issues. NPE tacked on an additional \$32,535 as their margin. The COO has directed Elias Duran to advise NPE that CCTHITA is only interested in replacing the 3rd floor and that the tribe would seek a competitive bid for the 1st and 2nd floors.

The COO provided a report to the Executive Council on the recent OMB Super- circular training which will impact the tribe. The areas of impact will include: Advisory Councils, General Costs of Government, Conferences, Travel Costs, Compact Changes, etc. A detailed written report was provided to all Council Members for review.

The COO suggested that the VTRC be discussed in the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.

Chief Financial Officer

Finance Controller, Lynette Paige, delivered the December 2014 Financial Report on behalf of CFO, Theresa Belton. See Appendix B.

THRHA Board of Commissioners

President Peterson met with Ricardo Worl of THRHA. Mr. Worl would like to have input on commissioner selection and is requesting that the board remain the same. He would like to participate in the selection process if CCTHITA chooses to solicit. The Executive Council expressed their willingness to allow Mr. Worl's input but made it very clear that the EC will ultimately make the final decision.

Discussion on EC Resolution 14-61 Authorized Signers for Tribal Secretary

Motion to pass M/S, passed unanimously.

Tribal Assembly Planning

Tribal Assembly planning will be taking place shortly in the OTP. The President has been thinking about ways to reduce the costs of Tribal Assembly by cutting reports of Sealaska, SEARHC, THRHA, and IPEC. He would like to shorten it by one day on the end and by reducing the amount of dinners and have one final banquet at the end of the Tribal Assembly. He also proposed making this a Constitution Convention.

Special Events

In-Person Executive Council Meeting: January 14th & 15th

Strategic Planning Meeting: January 16th & 17th

Executive Council Committee Assignments / Travel Budget

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session occurred from 2:20pm-2:35pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Peterson—thanking the EC for their continued support and wishing Jolene good health

Rob – wishing the President and VP Edenshaw well during their battles, wishing Barbara the best of luck on her new position with Byron Mallot, thanking Barb for her service to CCTHITA

Jolene – thank you all for the support and prayers, thank you to Barbara for everything you have done for CCTHITA and good luck on the new position

ADJOURN

The Chair ruled the meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.