



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
August 18-19, 2017 – 10 AM (Alaska Standard Time)
IN PERSON MEETING
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Peterson, assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

ROLL CALL

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| Richard Peterson, President | Present |
| Rob Sanderson, Jr. 1st VP | Present |
| Will Micklin, 2nd VP | Present |
| Ralph Wolfe, 3rd VP | Present |
| Jackie Pata, 4th VP | Present |
| Marvin Adams, 5th VP | Present via Teleconference |
| 6th VP | Vacant |
| Keenan Sanderson, Emerging Leader | Present |

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

INVOCATION

1st Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. provided the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt the agenda as amended. C/U

Additions:

- AFN/ NCAI Planning
- TA 17-26 Reinstate Culture Committee as a Standing Committee
- Climate Change
- Dual Taxation and Trust Modernization
- Constitution

- EC 17-59 Authorization to Purchase Lot 2, Block 2, U.S. Survey 4694 of the Juneau Indian Village
- EC 17-60 Authorization to Sell Property
- Fisheries Report-
- Emerging Leader Report
- Immersion Park visit
- Our Tribal Millennium Video

The agenda was also relaxed to accommodate additions and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Executive Council received public comment from Tim Lindoff, David Katzeek, Paul Marks, Sr., James Jack, Sr. and Susetna Howard-King. In addition, Holly Churchill requested a donation of funds for a display case for the Totem Heritage Center.

REPORTS

President's Report

President Peterson gave a verbal report on his recent events and activities, including: Strategic plan update, Introduction of the Navigators program, Grand opening of the Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop, Back to School Back Pack Event, Tribal College Think Tank update, Governor's Tribal Advisory Council, meeting with the Seattle Indian Health Board, Annual Funding Agreement meetings and the upcoming Client Services Fairs.

The Chair opened the floor to allow Keith Gregory, the new President and CEO of Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority, to introduce himself. Mr. Gregory was given a Tlingit name by Tim Lindoff. Mr. Lindoff translated the name as Big Brother.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair next called for introductions from those present in the room, including the Executive Council members, staff, and guests. Introductions included clan affiliations and traditional names, as applicable.

Executive Council: 1st Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr., 2nd Vice President Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe, 4th Vice President Jackie Pata, 5th Vice President Marvin Adams, and Emerging Leader Keenan Sanderson.

Staff: Heather Gatti, Madeline Soboleff Levy, Theresa Belton, Helene Bennett, Laura May Whistler, Carley Jackson, Corrine Garza, Raeanne Holmes, Serena Hinchman, Francine Eddy Jones, Laird Jones, Sarah Dybdahl, Jodi Wise, Desiree Duncan and Albert Rinehart.

Guests: Holly Churchill, DeAndre Howard-King, Susetna Howard-King, Mrs. James Jack, James Jack Sr., Keith Gregory and Timothy Lindoff.

REPORTS CONTINUED

General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy provided a summary of her recent activities and new staff under her supervision. Those positions include Caitlyn McFadden, ICWA Attorney, and Laura May Whistler, Administrative Assistant I.

Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti provided a summary of her activities since her recent hire.

Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Corrine Garza provided a summary of the administrative/compact activity of the Tribe. Her report also covered Self-Governance and 2018 AFA negotiations

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton provided a summary of the financial activity of the Tribe.

BREAK

The Chair called for a 15 minute lunch break at 12:19 PM. No objection, so moved.

REPORTS CONTINUED

Fisheries Report

1st Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. provided a verbal report of State fisheries activity. His report covered the 2017 king salmon closure, lowered fish quotas for subsistence, halibut closure on Wednesdays and the prioritization of sport fishing over subsistence.

Emerging Leader Report

Emerging Leader Keenan Sanderson provided a summary regarding his educational and fisheries related activities. He is conducting an experiment; this project is focused on decreasing the mortality rate of young hatchery salmon. The experiment will expand to additional salmon types in the summer of 2018.

Department Program Report – Tribal Court

Tribal Court Judge Debra O’Gara gave a brief overview of the Tribal Court, the services they provide and an introduction to her staff.

Court Staff: Clerk of the Court Frances Andrews and Administrative Clerk Amanda Smith.

Navigators Staff: Coordinator Tina DeAsis-Wright, Juvenile Justice Specialist Renee Culp, and Administrative Assistant I Dawn Houston.

CLERK OF THE COURT OATH

President Peterson preformed the swearing in of Frances Andrews, Clerk of the Court at 1:48 PM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

United Tribal Transboundary Presentation

Frederick Olsen, Chairman of the Organized Village of Kasaan, provided a presentation on his attendance at the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress Event.

M/S Rob Sanderson moved that Tlingit & Haida sign the Pelly Petition. C/U

BREAK

The chair called for a 5 minute break at 2:50 PM. No objection, so moved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

AFN Presidents Award (Deadline August 18, 2017)

The Executive Council made nominations to the AFN for the following honors:

- Citizen of the Year - Jim Price, elected as Tribal Assembly Delegate Citizen of the Year; no objection, so moved.
- Denali - Holly Handler; no objection, so moved.
- Culture Bearer - Selina Everson; no objection, so moved.
- Della Keats "Healing Hands"- Ethel Lund; no objection, so moved.
- Elder of the Year - Ruth Demmert; no objection, so moved.
- Lu Young Youth Leadership - Dabney Meachum; no objection, so moved.
- Parents of the Year - Ed and Janice Hotch; no objection, so moved.
- Public Service - Tony Christiansen; no objection, so moved.
- Dr. Walter Soboleff - Liz Medicine Crow; no objection, so moved.

Letter of Support to Senator Dan Sullivan Regarding Marine Mammal Protection Act

Discussion ensued regarding changing the blood quantum requirement to a tribal citizenship requirement in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). It is the recommendation of the Executive Council, in accordance with TA 16-19 *In Support of Changing the Definition of Blood Quantum in the Marine Mammal Regulations to Descendancy*, to draft a letter to request the Alaska congressional delegation to support this change.

AFN Resolution Deadline (September 22, 2017)

A reminder of the resolution deadline was given. It was decided the Executive Council would discuss AFN further during the next Executive Council teleconference. 4th Vice President Jackie Pata announced the deadline for NCAI resolutions is the same date as the AFN and recommended any resolutions put forth at AFN should also be submitted to NCAI.

Proposed List of Resolutions for AFN/ NCAI:

- Statewide Public Safety Impacts
- Salmon Fisheries and/or Food Security
- Climate Change
- Suicide Prevention
- School District Requirements for Indigenous Language

Proposed discussion item in preparation for AFN:

- ANWR

Climate Change

Discussion ensued regarding the Paris Agreement. No decision regarding this was made.

Dual Taxation and Trust Modernization

Discussion ensued regarding the challenges and economic benefits regarding dual taxation, trust modernization, regulatory restriction and trust lands. 2nd VP Will Micklin is currently drafting a requested brief.

RECESS

The chair called to recess at 4:07 PM. The meeting will resume at 8:30 AM. No objection, so moved.



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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:42 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS CONTINUED

Travel Discussion:

For an upcoming travel to Haida Gwaii, August 28 – September 3, 2017, discussion ensued as to the meeting topics. The topics to be included are: tribal overview, delegation overview (President, General Counsel, Cultural Heritage & Education), Immersion Park, fisheries and resource protection, Gwaii Trust, Youth Assembly, transboundary matters, enrollment, Haida Watchmen, environmental groups, cruise ship waste water dumping, oil tanker ships and the BC AFN.

For the upcoming travel to Washington D.C., September 11 – 14, 2017, no topics for discussion during the visit were given.

Property Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding the purchase or lease of potentially available properties for additional space:

- Residential home located behind the Andrew Hope Building;
- Gaaja Hit, owned by THRHA; and
- Harbor Inn, owned by THRHA.

In addition, COO Corrine Garza discussed the related resolution on the agenda, EC Res. 17-60, authorizing the sale of property in Ketchikan that is owned by Tlingit & Haida.

Additional properties were mentioned as potential purchases in the future. Staff will explore the process to establish a tribal consolidation plan.

NCAI/AFN Planning

Due to an overlapping schedule with NCAI and AFN, discussion ensued regarding the schedule of events and who will attend which events:

- Richard Peterson, President AFN
- Rob Sanderson Jr., 1st Vice President NCAI
- Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President NCAI
- Ralph Wolfe, 3rd Vice President AFN
- Jackie Pata, 4th Vice President AFN/NCAI
- Marvin Adams, 5th Vice President AFN
- Keenan Sanderson, Emerging Leader NCAI

Constitution Amendments for TA 2018

2nd Vice President Will Micklin reported that the preparations for the upcoming constitutional convention are underway. A final product will be presented to the Executive Council before it is distributed to delegates; a final product will be distributed to delegates at least 90 days before the next Tribal Assembly. A recommendation to include General Counsel in the process was well received.

REPORTS CONTINUED

Department Program Report – Tribal Family & Youth Services

TFYS Manager, Francine Eddy-Jones asked her staff to introduce themselves: ICWA Caseworker Lenora Walker, Administrative Assistant Marianne Jacobs, Suicide Prevention Specialist Will Kronick, PNF Caseworker Marissa Peterson, ICWA Caseworker Eunice James and ICWA Caseworker Barbara Terry Jones. Francine and Lenora presented a report of the client services provided, with a special focus on out of state cases.

BREAK

The Chair called for a 5 minute break at 11:25 am. Session resumed at 11:39 AM.

BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS

6th Vice President Seat Vacancy

M/S Vice President Jackie Pata moved to send a solicitation to all delegates regarding the 6th VP vacancy. The deadline to submit for consideration will be September 1, 2017. M/C

Resolutions

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 17-54, *Amendments to the Anticipated Use of Proceeds*. C/U

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt EC 17-55, *Authorized Signers for Tribal Secretary for Official Tribal Documents*. C/U

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt EC 17-56, *Authorizations Related to the Andrew Hope Building Condominium Association Board of Directors*. C/U

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 17-57, *Authorization to Receive Funding from U.S. Department of Agriculture*. C/U

M/S 4th Vice President Jackie Pata moved to adopt EC 17-58, *Authorization of Tobacco Free Facilities*. C/U

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 17-59, *Authorization to Purchase Lot 2, Block 2, U.S. Survey 4694 of the Juneau Indian Village*. C/U

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt EC 17-60, *Authorization to Sell Property*. C/U

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt TA 17-26, *Reinstate Culture Committee as a Standing Committee*. Motion failed.

Privilege of the floor, given to Holly Churchill, who recommended that an ad hoc committee be created in the interim.

Executive Council Statement Regarding TA 17-26: The Executive Council did not adopt TA 17-26 because it understood that the issue was being addressed through the committee process. Tribal Assembly referred a related resolution, TA 17-12, to *Develop Culturally Appropriate Guidelines for Repatriation*, to the Judiciary Committee, which is actively working the matter.

Meeting Minutes

M/S 3rd Vice President Ralph Wolfe moved to adopt the minutes from: March 10, 2017; March 24, 2017; April 17-18, 2017; May 18, 2017. C/U

BREAK

The Chair called for a 30 minute lunch break at 12:13 PM. Session resumed at 1:05 PM. No objection, so moved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair called to enter executive session at 1:10 PM.

ADJOURN

The chair called to adjourn at 3:01 PM. No objection, so moved.