



## *Executive Council*

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
March 14, 2018 – 1:30 PM (Alaska Standard Time)  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
**MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Peterson assumed chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM.

### **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 at 1:41 PM
Ralph Wolfe, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Present
Jackie Pata, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vice President	Present at 1:50 PM
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.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to adopt the agenda. M/C

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

ADOPTED May 25, 2018

## **REPORTS**

### President's Report

President Peterson provided an update of the Governor's Tribal Advisory meeting. The meeting focused on Public Safety. He further reported his attendance at the Native Issues Forum and the Prince of Whales Power Conference.

President Peterson thanked the Executive Council for their recent donations to Ernie Hillman's memorial services, to Delegate Betha Karras, and to Ruby Smith for funeral services.

### General Counsel Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy provided a verbal report of her activities. She stated that negotiations for the Support Services Funding Agreements related to the Tribal Child Welfare Compact had concluded for FY 2018 and Tlingit & Haida was pleased to have been able to participate in those negotiations and sign an SSFA. She also reported that a white paper regarding public safety issues was in the works, in cooperation with the State of Alaska, Tanana Chiefs Conferences and the Association of Village Council Presidents. In addition, she advised the Executive Council that she presented the 2017 proposed constitutional amendments and the 2018 proposed constitutional amendments to the Seattle Community Council and the Juneau Tlingit and Haida Community Council.

### Special Assistant Report

Special Assistant to the President Heather Gatti provided an update of the Natural Resources Committee, the Education Committee and current Tribal Assembly plans.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin requested research be done on the State's position regarding the new process for Section 1115 waivers.

### Chief Operating Officer (COO) Report

COO Ken Truitt provided an update of the Tribal D program being utilized by the Tribal Child Support Unit (TCSU). He stated Tlingit & Haida is fortunate to have Business Systems Analyst Andrew Williams be a part of the Tribal D project and that his efforts in the process have been noticed. He also reported that the TANF distribution formula had the potential to be revised by the State. He explained how the possible change in the distribution formula could have potentially effected the Tribe's TANF Program. The State withdrew its proposal to revise the distribution for the upcoming year, however, and instead leave the current distribution formula in place. Ken stated that he and Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson met with the Department of Corrections Commissioner regarding potential collaborations. He also announced that the Native Lands & Resources department will be accepting funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to survey sacred sites throughout Southeast Alaska; the work supports Sealaska Corporation's 14(h)(1) site applications.

### Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Report

CFO Theresa Belton reviewed the January Financial report.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Opioid Litigation

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin informed the Executive Council that other Tribes are taking legal action against certain entities that may be contributing to the opioid issue. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin suggested that the Tribe should explore this.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to explore joining the opioid litigations. M/C

### Constitutional Amendments

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin requested the Executive Council show support for the Constitutional Committees' 2017 proposed amendments and 2018 technical corrections.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams to support the 2017 proposed amendments and 2018 technical corrections. Amendment: M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams to go forward with support but exclude support of the amendment regarding the President's term to change from two years to four years. Vote on Amendment: M/C. Vote on main motion: M/C.

President Peterson spoke in favor of the constitutional amendments except for the amendment regarding the President's term to be changed from two years to four years.

### Tribal Assembly Agenda

During Tribal Assembly each Vice President will take charge of certain things like, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. and 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Wilbur Brown will welcome the Host and Hostess, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr. will lead the Memorial Services and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata will introduce NCAI President Jefferson Keel.

### Session Chair Schedule

Each Vice President volunteered to be the session chair for either the morning or the afternoon on one of the days during Tribal Assembly.

- Wednesday morning – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin
- Wednesday afternoon – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Ralph Wolfe
- Thursday morning – 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams
- Thursday afternoon – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President Jackie Pata
- Friday morning – 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Wilbur Brown
- Friday afternoon – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to approve the Tribal Assembly Agenda. M/C

### Section 17 Corp. & Political Subdivision/Economic Development Authority Application

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Will Micklin proposed the Tribe to authorize two new Section 17 Charters.

M/S 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Wilbur Brown moved to authorize the creation of two new section 17 Charters. M/C

#### Separation of Powers Committee Report

General Counsel Madeline Soboleff Levy reviewed the Separation of Powers Committee's final report and Executive Summary.

#### Return Tokitae

6<sup>th</sup> Vice President Wilbur Brown requested the Executive Council show support for the return of Tokitae, a female killer whale, to be reunited with her pod after 45 years of captivity.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved for Tlingit & Haida to draft a resolution supporting the return of Tokitae. M/C

### **BUSINESS (ACTION) ITEMS**

#### Resolutions

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to adopt EC 18-07 *Authorization to Apply for Administration of Native Americans Esther Martinez Immersion Grant Funding*, EC 18-08 *Authorization to Apply for the First Nation Development Institute Native American Language–Immersion Initiative Grant Funding*, EC 18-09 *Authorization to Update 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*, EC 18-10 *Authorization to Apply for Institute of Museum & Library Services Native American Basic Services Grant Funding*, EC 18-11 *Authorization to Enter into the Diligent Relative Search and Indian Child Welfare Act Preference Search Support Service*, and EC 18-12 *Authorization to Request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Add Routes to the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) Database*. M/C

#### Minutes

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin moved to adopt the January 24, 2018 meeting minutes. M/C

#### Donations

The chair called to defer Alicyn Peratovich's donation request of \$2,500.00 for a school trip to Japan to the Donations Committee. No objection, so moved.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to donate \$5,000.00 to Hydaburg Cooperative Association's Naa Iwaans – Big Cedar House; Amendment: M/S Jackie to table until more research may be provided. M/C, motion tabled.

M/S 5<sup>th</sup> Vice President Marvin Adams moved to donate \$1,000.00 to ANB/ANS Camp 12 of Hoonah for their ANB Hall renovations. M/C

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Executive Council offered good of the order comments.

**ADJOURN**

The chair called to adjourn at 4:07 PM. No objection, so moved.