



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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TRIBAL UPDATE

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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

2016 Delegate Elections Update

Coordination of Central Council's upcoming 2016 Delegate Election is underway! The general election of Delegates to the Tribal Assembly will be held in each of Central Council's 21 registered communities in March 2016.

The number of Delegates per community was reduced from 137 to 107 as a result of amendments made to the Rules of Election during last year's Tribal Assembly. This year, registered communities will also have the option to vote by absentee ballot or electronically. For an overview of all changes pertaining to the Delegate Election process, please visit Central Council's website: www.ccthita.org/government/elections/forms.



Number of Delegates by Community:

Anchorage (9) • Angoon (2) • Craig (2) • Haines (2) • Hoonah (3) • Hydaburg (2) • Juneau (26) • Kake (3)
Kasaan (1) • Ketchikan (7) • Klawock (3) • Klukwan (1) • Metlakatla (2) • Pelican (1) • Petersburg (2)
San Francisco (4) • Saxman (1) • Seattle (24) • Sitka (7) • Wrangell (3) • Yakutat (2)

Elected Delegates from each community will serve a two-year term, attend the annual Tribal Assembly (April 20-22, 2016), and participate in the election of Central Council's President, Executive Council Vice Presidents, Emerging Leader, Tribal Court Chief Justice and Judges. Tribal citizens who are interested in running for a Delegate seat, must be 18 years or older to be nominated and/or vote in the Delegate Elections.

To ensure you receive information on Central Council's Delegate Elections, please make sure to update your contact information online at www.ccthita.org/services/overview/forms.

For more information on the Delegate Elections or to learn more about how to become a Delegate, please contact the Office of the President at 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7103 or visit Central Council's website at www.ccthita.org/government/elections/overview.

Executive Council Meeting Overview

A meeting of the Executive Council was held December 17-18, 2015 in Juneau, Alaska. Below is an overview of key highlights from the meeting:

Public Comment:

Juneau Delegate Bill Martin and Kevin Ritchie of the Juneau Suicide Prevention Council addressed the need for collective impact with a region-wide strategy from all Native entities. Sixth Vice President Jacqueline Pata provided information on available grants.

2016 Executive Council Meeting Schedule:

- Jan. 28-29: Juneau, AK
- Feb. 17: Teleconference
- Mar. 17-18: Juneau, AK
- April 18-19: Juneau, AK

Note: Meetings for the months of May-December will be determined after Tribal Assembly Elections take place in April.

Tribal Court:

Tribal Court Presiding Judge Debra O'Gara and Special Assistant to the President Grace Singh provided an overview of agreements the Alaska State court system has with various tribal courts in Alaska. Steps are currently being taken to expand the Tribal Court's services to tribal citizens region-wide. Judge O'Gara also shared information on her outreach to Southeast village tribes on how Central Council can provide support to tribal courts to address juvenile justice, subsistence abuse, suicide prevention, and overall community wellness on a local level.

Elections:

Program Compliance Manager Valerie Hillman and Coordinator Grace Hawkins provided a report to the Executive Council on the official Delegate allocation, which was established December 22nd. Election information including Delegate allocation, declaration of intent to serve, target dates and deadlines can be found on Central Council's website at www.ccthita.org/government/elections/overview.

Sealaska:

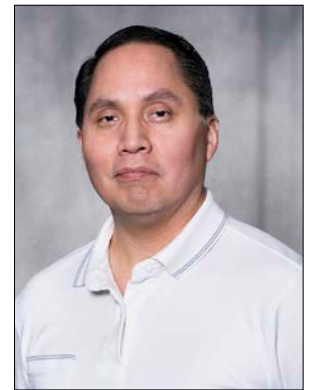
Sealaska CEO Anthony Mallott, VP General Counsel and Corporate Secretary Jaeleen Araujo, Lands Manager Michele Metz and Sealaska Heritage Institute President Rosita Worl reported on Sealaska's ongoing efforts to secure sacred sites in Southeast Alaska. The passage of Sealaska's land entitlement legislation last December provided an opportunity to submit applications for up to 76 historic and cemetery sites in the region. Sealaska is currently consulting with tribes in the region to discuss sites designated for economic development. Sacred sites are living histories that represent the traditions and customs of the Tlingit and Haida people. Sealaska reported the best option to protect the sacred sites and the Tlingit and Haida heritage in perpetuity is to return the sites to Native ownership. Central Council is looking forward to providing assistance in the effort to transfer these sites back into Native ownership.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Tribes Welcomes New 477 Director

Central Council is pleased to welcome William Martin as the Tribe's new 477 Director. In this position, Martin is responsible for the overall operation and management of the Tribe's 477 programs which include Child Care, Employment & Training, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation.

Martin brings over thirteen years of experience in public assistance service which includes work for the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency - a consortium of five tribes, Skokomish Tribal Nation and State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.



William Martin

Martin's Tlingit name is *Keegan*. He is the son of Juneau Delegate Harold Martin and Alaska Native Sisterhood Executive Committee member Jacqueline Martin. He is of the Eagle moiety, *Chookaneidí* clan, *Naanaa Hít* (Upriver House).

To read the full press release, please visit our website: www.ccthita.org/info/press.

Jessie Archibald Returns to Tribal Child Support Unit



Jessie Archibald

Central Council is pleased to welcome back Jessie Archibald who recently accepted the position of Tribal Child Support Unit (TCSU) Manager. Jessie served eight years as the Tribe's child support attorney.

Jessie holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Northern Colorado and Juris Doctor from the University of Puget Sound School of Law. She has practiced law in the state of Washington and Alaska.

Jessie was born and raised in the community of Wrangell, Alaska. Her father (Lloyd Rinehart) was a longshoreman and mother (Pauline Rinehart) was a homemaker and an artist. Her maternal side of the family is *Kaagwaantaan* from the *Jil̄koot Kwáan Xóots Hít* (Brown Bear House) of Klukwan. She is married to Guy Archibald and together they have three adult children – Anita, Dana, and Jamie.

To read the full press release, please visit our website: www.ccthita.org/info/press.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

New Application for Services

The Client Service team is pleased to announce a new consolidated *Application for Services* is now available online. The new application was developed in response to feedback Central Council received last fall during Client Service Benefit Fairs in Craig, Haines, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klawock, Saxman, and Wrangell. One of the main concerns clients shared was the difficulty they had completing the lengthy 477 application. The new application simplifies the process of applying for services by offering a significantly reduced length, fillable fields and the ability to be saved electronically. Clients may access the application from Central Council's website at www.ccthita.org/services/overview/forms.

SAVE THE DATES

Fatherhood is Sacred™

The Fatherhood Is Sacred™ program has announced its next session of classes will begin January 27th in Juneau. The program covers the sacredness of being a father, principles all fathers must live by, and the importance of Alaska Native/Native American heritage and how it applies to each father in the past, present, and future.

Aside from the curriculum, Family Fun Activity Nights are also held. This is one of the more important aspects of the program; bringing fathers, spouses, and children together to play for a couple hours a week. Some activities include swimming, hiking, games, fishing, and other subsistence activities.

If you are interested in participating in the Fatherhood Is Sacred™ program or would like more information, please contact Ian Petershoare at 907.463.7737 or ipetershoare@ccthita.org.

2016 Native Issues Forums

Central Council is pleased to host the 2016 Native Issues Forum series! The forums are a great opportunity to hear presentations on issues of interest to our Native community. This year's forums will provide information on education, language, rural development, transboundary mining, tribal courts and wellness. A legislative update from our Southeast Delegation will also be included. All forums are open to the public and will be webcast live. We look forward to seeing you!

2016 Forum Schedule: January 27 • February 10 • February 24
March 16 • March 23 • April 6

Time: Noon – 1:00 PM (Doors Open @ 11:30 AM)

Location: Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
320 West Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, Alaska 99801


Lunch: Soup & Sandwiches (Free of Charge)











For more info on the Native Issues Forums, please visit our Events page at www.ccthita.org/info/events.

Executive Council Meeting

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING



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 Richard J. Peterson President	 William Micklin 1st Vice President	 Rob Lundstrom Jr. 2nd Vice President	 Lowell Haberman 3rd Vice President
 Juliana Edmondson 4th Vice President	 Marvin Adams 5th Vice President	 Jacqueline Pitt 6th Vice President	 Megan Anderson Youth Representative


Date: January 28-29, 2016
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Location: Edward K. Thomas Bldg.
9007 Glacier Highway
Juneau, Alaska 99801

A meeting of the Executive Council will take place January 28-29, 2016 in Juneau, Alaska. Time has been set aside for public testimony on January 28th at 9:00 AM. Delegates, community council members, and tribal citizens are welcome to attend.

Thought and Action
Action: Vision of Leadership

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A meeting of the Executive Council will take place January 28-29, 2016 at the Edward K. Thomas building in Juneau, Alaska. Time has been set aside on the agenda for public testimony starting at 9:00 AM on January 28th. All Delegates, council members, and tribal citizens are welcome to attend.

To review the final agenda for the upcoming Executive Council meeting, please visit: www.ccthita.org/council/meetings. Minutes from past Executive Council meetings are also available at www.ccthita.org/government/council/minutes.

For more information on the upcoming Executive Council meeting, please contact the Office of the President at 907.463.7142 or deptfob@ccthita.org.

Motherhood is Sacred™

Central Council will be hosting a new program focused on helping mothers to strengthen their families through responsible parenting. The Motherhood Is Sacred™ program will begin on January 28th and is a twelve (12) week course that will focus on choice, wisdom, self-identity, and relationships.

For more information or to register for the program, please contact Lexy Gallant at 907.463.7167 or lgallant@ccthita.org.