



CENTRAL COUNCIL
Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
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TRIBAL UPDATE November 2015

President's Message:

I hope this Tribal Update finds you and yours well and preparing for a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday. Through forums such as Alaska Federation of Natives and the National Congress of American Indians, the Tribe has been very busy advancing its priorities on the national and state level. We continue to meet with Compact communities and local tribal councils in an effort to address the needs of our tribal citizens and improve the delivery of services. I wish you and yours the very best this holiday season!

Gunalchéesh/Háw'aa,

Richard J. Peterson
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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Native American Heritage Month Reception and ANB/ANS Recruitment Rally

On November 16th, Central Council hosted a reception and recruitment rally for the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) and Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS) in honor of Native American Heritage Month. This year's event celebrated the history and ongoing efforts of the ANB/ANS, 100 year anniversary of the ANS, and also served as an opportunity for local camps to recruit new members.



Over 100 people turned out for the event that was held at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau. President Richard Peterson opened the event with a special welcome and announced his commitment to supporting the ANB/ANS by donating the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall for next year's Grand Camp Convention and meeting space at Central Council's tribal facilities for local camp meetings. Other highlights included an amazing performance by *Woosh.ji.een* dance group, and special comments from ANB Grand Camp President Sasha Soboleff; ANS Grand Camp 1st Vice President Mary Brown; passed ANS Grand Camp President Freda Westman; ANB Grand Secretary Peter Naoroz; ANS Camp 70 President Andrea Cesar; and ANS Camp 2 President Rhonda Butler.

A heartfelt *Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa* to Juneau T&H Community Council, Sealaska, and Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority for your sponsorship and support!

To view our Flickr photo gallery of the event, please visit: www.flickr.com/ccthita.

Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 11th, the Office of the President along with other Central Council staff were honored to attend a Veterans Day ceremony and luncheon hosted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans. Commander Ozzie Sheakley opened the program with an outdoor ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park that proceeded into the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.



Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott provided opening comments followed by remarks from several other distinguished guests, some of which included: Grand Camp President Sasha Soboleff, Sealaska Chair Joe Nelson, Representative Sam Kito III, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council President Janice Hotch, Representative Cathy Munoz, Randy Wanamaker, and President Peterson.

President Peterson took the opportunity to voice his commitment to Alaska Native Veterans by establishing greater advocacy through Central Council's services and providing permanent location and preservation of the Veterans Memorial Park adjacent to the Andrew Hope Building. In acknowledgment of President Peterson's support, Commander Sheakley and Andy Ebona presented him with a medal bestowing him with honorary membership to the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

During the event, Central Council employee Tina DeAsis-Wright presented President Peterson with a tribal flag in honor of Southeast Alaska Native Veterans on behalf of her father Milton DeAsis. Tina's son US Marine Corporal Damon M. Wright flew the flag in Afghanistan on September 11, 2010 which he later gifted to his grandfather Milton along with a certificate authenticating it was flown in the face of enemies. The flag and certificate will be displayed on the first floor of the Andrew Hope building.

Gunalchéesh, Háw'aa to the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans for coordinating this year's Veterans Day ceremony and luncheon and all those who attended to honor our Veterans!

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AFN Convention Week Highlights

The Office of the President and the Executive Council traveled to Anchorage to attend the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) annual convention. Below is an overview of Central Council's activities during the busy week of AFN.

Executive Council Meeting

An Executive Council meeting was held in Anchorage the week of AFN. The meeting was attended by many Anchorage delegates, including Anchorage Tlingit & Haida Community Council President Tasha Hotch. Anchorage delegates spoke to important issues facing their community such as substance abuse and homelessness. Anchorage Delegate Martin Goenett suggested Central Council focus on supporting the Southeast villages to combat the homelessness issues tribal citizens are facing in urban areas. Attending delegates were able to hear financial reports, the President's report, and provide public comment. The next in-person meeting will be held in Juneau December 17-18, 2015, and will be open for public comment.

Joint Meeting with Sealaska



Sealaska and Central Council leadership met on October 15, 2015 in Anchorage, Alaska to advance a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and to discuss a resolution on discretionary voting adopted by the Central Council's Tribal Assembly (TA) in April.

The 2009 MOU between Sealaska and Central Council provides guidance on business opportunities that meet mutual objectives, including exploring business partnerships and investment opportunities in the region.

TA 15-03 entitled, "*Tribal Members Advocate to Improve Equal Voting Rights Protocol in Sealaska Corporation Director Elections,*" conveys concern from Central Council's delegation on the voting protocols of Sealaska. The resolution directs the Executive Council to meet with the Sealaska board to develop a policy and solution for creating balance in Sealaska's elections. It also urges Sealaska to ensure a separate slate of candidates before discretionary voting is used and opposes the enactment of Senate Bill 77, Shareholder Access to Corporation Records, and House Bill 149, Native Corporation Shareholder Quorum Amendment.

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

Anchorage Tribal Citizen and Shareholder Reception

Central Council and Sealaska co-hosted a reception for tribal citizens and shareholders during the week of AFN. The event served as an opportunity for Central Council and Sealaska to provide outreach to tribal citizens and shareholders residing in the Anchorage area. Approximately 300 tribal citizens and shareholders attended the reception which featured dance performances, light refreshments, and door prizes. Central Council looks forward to teaming up with Sealaska for the next AFN convention held in Anchorage.

Land into Trust Panel

President Peterson was invited to speak on a panel hosted by the Alaska Bar Association on Land into Trust. Other panelists included Native American Rights Fund attorney Heather Kendall Miller and CEO/President of Doyon Limited Aaron Schutt. Doyon's concerns about the Department of Interior's decisions were discussed, and President Peterson was able to articulate the benefits of trust lands while addressing concerns regional corporations may have on the issue.

Fred Lauth Sr. Receives AFN Citizen of the Year Award

3 Congratulations to Central Council's Delegate Citizen of the Year Fred Lauth Sr. who was awarded the AFN President's Citizen of the Year award for his commitment to improving the health and prosperity of our Native people!

Fred has served as a Delegate to the Central Council for over 25 years, on the Executive Council for over five years, and council member for the Tlingit & Haida Washington Chapter for over two decades.

Fred was raised in Hydaburg, Alaska and is Haida (mother's side) and Tlingit (father's side). His Tlingit name is *Steeyun* and his Haida name is *Iljewaas* — both translate to "big man sitting." Fred is married to Seattle Delegate Marian (Peratrovich) Lauth from the Raven-Strongman-Woodworm Clan of Klawock, Alaska. Fred is owner and operator of One Haida Frog Totems, a carving shop located near the Ballard Bridge in Washington where he carves totems, masks, and many other works of art.



ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Central Council Employees Receive ALICE Training

Central Council's employees participated in a mandatory ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training on October 23rd and 30th. The training was conducted by the Juneau Police Department to increase safety measures and prepare individuals to handle the threat of a violent intruder.

ALICE teaches individuals to participate in their own survival while leading others to safety. It is not sequential, nor is it meant to be a check list of things to do — it is a list of options that can be used to stay safe in the highly unlikely event of a violent intruder.



The ALICE program was developed by a police officer to keep his wife, an elementary school principal, safe after the tragic events at Columbine. ALICE continues to be the leading active shooter response program in the United States.

- **Alert:** notify as many people as possible within the danger zone that a potentially life threatening risk exists.
- **Lockdown:** secure in place, and prepare to evacuate or counter, if needed.
- **Inform:** continue to communicate the intruder’s location in real time.
- **Counter:** interrupt the intruder and make it difficult or impossible to aim. This is a strategy of last resort.
- **Evacuate:** remove yourself from the danger zone when it is safe to do so.

In addition to the ALICE training, security cameras have been installed and upgraded throughout Central Council’s office locations.

Debra O’Gara Hired as Tribal Court Presiding Judge



Central Council is pleased to welcome Debra O’Gara as presiding judge for the Tribal Court. Prior to assuming her new position, O’Gara served as the Tribal Court chief justice (2012-2015) and magistrate (2007-2010) where she presided over child support cases. As presiding judge, O’Gara will be responsible for the operation and advancement of the court to include child welfare and juvenile justice alternative sentencing. She will hear and decide judicial matters and enter judgments and orders in paternity, child support, domestic violence, as well as generalized family law matters under tribal, federal, and state law.

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

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

New Certified Tribal Artist Program

Central Council is pleased to announce its new “Certified Tribal Artist” program. The program was developed in response to a resolution adopted by the Tribal Assembly in 2014 and will certify tribally-enrolled artists who reside in and outside of Alaska.

The Business and Economic Development department undertook the implementation of the resolution and worked with Central Council’s Program Compliance (Enrollment) department and Communications program on developing the application and certification process as well as the program’s emblem design.



The State of Alaska’s Silver Hand program helps Alaska Native artists promote their work in the marketplace and enables consumers to identify and purchase authentic Alaska Native art. Unfortunately, only Alaska Natives residing in Alaska are eligible to apply for the certification.

For more information, please contact the Business and Economic Development department:
 1.800.344.1432 ext. 7139 | 907.463.7139 | emaass@ccthita.org

SAVE THE DATE

Haines Client Service Benefit Fair

Central Council is pleased to host a Client Service Benefit Fair in Haines, Alaska on Thursday, November 19, 2015. Information will be provided on the following client service programs: Child Care, Employment & Training, Higher Education, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Tribal Child Support Unit (TCSU), Tribal Enrollment (**Must bring a government issued ID**), Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (TVR), and Trust/Forestry.



Coffee and light refreshments will be provided and door prize drawings will be held. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact Tribal Operations:
1.800.344.1432 ext. 7306 | 907.463.7306 | hbenett@ccthita.org

Employment & Training Open House

Please join the Employment & Training (E&T) department for an open house to learn more about services offered and see their new *Tribal Workforce Center*. E&T staff will be available to help tribal citizens apply for services, share information on local job openings and paid training opportunities, and discuss the importance of cover letters, resumes, and what being “job-ready” means. Don’t miss this great opportunity to meet E&T staff and get your questions answered!

Date: November 20, 2015
Time: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Location: 320 West Willoughby Avenue (Third Floor)
Juneau, AK 99801

For more information, please contact Employment & Training:
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Native Artist Market



The Business & Economic Development department, in association with Juneau's Public Market, is pleased to host a Native Artist Market at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall during Thanksgiving weekend. The market will feature a variety of handmade Alaska Native products such as sea otter apparel, jewelry, textile weaving, woodwork, Devil's Club salve and other Native made goods.

For more information, please contact Business and Economic Development:
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