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Central Council to Hold Constitutional Convention



Juneau, AK (January 17, 2017) – The Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska's (Central Council) 82nd Annual Tribal Assembly will convene April 19-21, 2017 in Juneau, Alaska and has been declared a constitutional convention. The announcement was first made by President Richard J. Peterson last year during his State of the Tribe Address. “This will be an opportunity to exercise our right to self-determination,” said President Peterson. “I hope our citizens are invigorated by this coming assembly and the chance to shape our future governance.”

President Peterson appointed Second Vice President (VP) Will Micklin to chair the Constitutional Committee which has been tasked with reviewing the Tribe’s governing documents and proposing amendments to the Tribal Assembly — Central Council’s Constitution was last amended in 2014. "The committee will develop recommendations for the upcoming Tribal Assembly intended to meaningfully improve tribal governance and efficiency in assembly procedures," said VP Micklin.

Adoption of proposed amendments to the Constitution must be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present at Tribal Assembly, unless the amendments are provided in written form to the Delegates 90 days before the assembly convenes.

The following Delegates have been appointed to serve on the Constitutional Committee and will meet regularly in the coming months to consider and draft proposed amendments:

Will Micklin, Chair (*San Francisco*)
Tasha Hotch (*Anchorage*)
James Hart (*Haines*)
Ken Southerland (*Juneau*)

Henrich Kadake (*Kake*)
Marsha Ramirez (*Ketchikan*)
Yodean Armour (*Klawock*)
Tate London (*Seattle*)

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