Day 1: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

COLOR GUARD

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

DANCE GROUP

The Has Du Eeteex X’aakeidix Haa Sitee dancers performed the entrance song followed by the grand entrance of the delegates.

CALL TO ORDER

Richard J. Peterson, President, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, called the 83rd Tribal Assembly to order at 8:27 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

INVOCATION

Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, offered the invocation.

SWARE IN DELEGATES

Debra O’Gara, Presiding Tribal Judge, swore in the newly-elected Tribal Assembly Delegates.

WORD OF THE DAY

- Shirley Kendall provided the Tlingit Word of the Day
- Lisa Lang provided the Haida Word of the Day
- Alfie Price provided the Tsimshian Word of the Day
APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Edward K. Thomas, President Emeritus, was appointed Parliamentarian, without objection.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Jason Wilson and William Ware were appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, without objection.

TRIBAL HOST / HOSTESS

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 1st Vice President, introduced the Tribal Host, Fred Hamilton, Sr., who addressed the delegation.

Wilbur Brown, 6th Vice President, introduced the Tribal Hostess, Bertha Karras, who also addressed the delegation.

APPOINT SESSION CHAIR

Will Micklin, 2nd Vice President, was appointed and assumed the Chair without objection.

Seattle, Ketchikan, and Saxman, requested privilege of the floor to seat their youth delegates. No objection.

STATE OF ALASKA ADDRESS

Bill Walker, Governor, State of Alaska addressed the delegation followed by Byron Mallott, Lt. Governor; both who provided a report on issues the Governor’s office is addressing at the State level.

A brief question and answer period followed from delegates.

WELCOME

The following officials welcomed the delegates to Juneau:

- Ken Koelsch, Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau
- Ken Southerland, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
• Sasha Soboleff, President, ANB Grand Camp
• Paulette Moreno, 1st Vice President, ANS Grand Camp

Richard George, Angoon Delegate, provided an update on Roberta Jack who was currently in the hospital. A donation was collected from the delegation on her behalf. Amount: 489.

The Chair declared a 5-minute break. No objection.

In preparation for voting, electronic voting devices were distributed to the delegates.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee, provided the following credentials report:

Number of Delegates Authorized: 110  
Number of Delegates Registered: 105  
Number for Quorum: 54

The Chair declared a quorum established for the 2018 Tribal Assembly.

M/S James Jack, Sr./LaVerne Wise moved to accept the Credentials Report. No objection. M/C

See Appendix A for a copy of Credentials Committee Report.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

M/S Gerry Hope/Marvin Adams moved to adopt the agenda as a guide. No objection. M/C

**ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2017**

M/S Gerry Hope/Michael Beasley moved to adopt of the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 21, 2017. No objection. M/C
RULES OF ORDER

M/S Paulette Moreno/Ben Coronell moved to adopt the rules of Order. No objection, M/C

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

The Chair provided a brief report on the appointment of committees. Those delegates not listed should contact the Tribal Assembly Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 1st Vice President, listed the resolutions that were referred by the committee on committees to place on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda:

- TA Resolution 18-10, “Adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous”
- TA Resolution 18-11, “Directive to Explore Greater Flexibility in the Use of NAHASDA Funds to Better Serve All Tlingit & Haida Citizens”
- TA Resolution 18-12, “Support for Congressional Legislation to Extend Federal Match to Urban Indian Health Programs”
- TA Resolution 18-16, “Authorization to Explore Partnerships to Advocate for Dedicated American Indian and Alaska Native Housing in Seattle”
- TA Resolution 18-18, “Tlingit Language Revitalization”
- TA Resolution 18-19, “Improving Native Education through Culturally-Responsive Education”
- TA Resolution 18-26, “Support for the United Tribes of Bristol Bay and Clean Water”
- TA Resolution 18-33, “Recognition of California State Assembly Member, Todd Gloria”
- TA Resolution 18-34, “Proclamation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Awareness Day”
- TA Resolution 18-43, “Support Subsistence Disaster Funding”
• TA Resolution 18-45, “Recommend Increased Alaska Marine Highway System Service to Sitka”

M/S Robert Starbard/Tasha Hotch moved to adopt Tribal Assembly Resolutions 18-10, 18-11, 18-12, 18-16, 18-18, 18-19, 18-22, 18-23, 18-26, 18-30, 18-32, 18-33, 18-34, 18-43, 18-45, and 18-49 on the consent agenda. No objection. M/C

Resolutions Removed from Consent Calendar

• TA Resolution 18-30, “Establishment of a New Tribal Policy Governing Repatriation” (Requested by Tasha Hotch)
• TA Resolution 18-32, “Support of Sitka Tribe of Alaska’s Efforts on Herring in Sitka Sound” (Requested by Gerry Hope)

Resolutions removed from the consent calendar will be referred back to their committees.

STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS

Richard Peterson, President, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, provided the State of the Tribe address.

M/S LaVerne Wise moved to accept the State of the Tribe Report. No objection. M/C

The delegation took a moment to remember Edward K. (Sam) Thomas, Jr., former 6th Vice President, who passed during his term. Edward K. Thomas, father to Sam and President Emeritus addressed the delegates to express his appreciation during their loss. It is his family who is hosting today’s luncheon in his memory.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER’S (CFO) REPORT

Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer, provided the CFO report.

M/S Marvin Adams/LaVerne Wise moved to accept the CFO’s report. No objection. M/C
RECESS

The session Chair declared a 1-hour recess from 12 pm to 1 pm. No objection.

Ralph Wolfe, 3rd Vice President, assumed the session Chair and called the meeting back to order at 1:23 p.m. without objection.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S (COO) REPORT

Ken Truitt, Chief Operating Officer, provided the COO report.

Richard Rinehart announced one of the KIRA staff lost their home in Colorado last night and asked that a hat be passed for a donation towards the family. Amount collected: $532

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Catherine Edwards, Chair, Audit Committee, provided the audit committee report.

M/S Tasha Hotch/LaVerne Wise moved to adopt the audit committee report. No objection. M/C

TLINGIT & HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION/KIRA REPORT

Richard Rinehart, Jr., CEO, provided the Tribal Business Corporation/KIRA report.

M/S Gerry Hope/Michael Corpuz moved to accept the THTBC/KIRA report. All in Favor. M/C

2017 EMERGING LEADER REPORT

Keenan Sanderson, 2017 Emerging Leader, provided a report to the delegation.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET

James Jack, Sr., Chair, Finance Committee, introduced the FY 2018 proposed budget amendments and FY 2019 proposed budget.
M/S James Jack, Sr. /Marvin Adams moved the FY 2018 proposed budget amendments be deferred to Friday morning. No objection. M/C

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jerry Danforth, Oneida Nation (Bear Clan), provided the keynote address.

Tasha Hotch, Anchorage, requested privilege of the floor to seat their youth delegate. No objection.

The Chair declared a 5-minute recess. No objection.

DECLARATION AND NOMINATIONS

Jan Peele, Chair, Elections Committee, assumed the Chair, without objection.

The Chair announced the names of the candidates who submitted their declaration of intent to run for the following offices 10 days in advance to Tribal Assembly.

Nominations for President

• Richard J. Peterson

Nominations for Vice Presidents

• Yodean Armour
• Marvin Adams
• Wilbur Brown, Jr.
• Will Micklin
• Jacqueline Pata
• Rob Sanderson, Jr.
• Ralph Wolfe
• Jessica Dominy
• Catherine Edwards

Nominations for Emerging Leader

• Celeste Colegrove
• Jennifer Cordova-James
• Savannah Silver-McBride
• Stephanie Masterman
• Tatiana Ticknor

Nominations for Tribal Court Judge

• Lisa Lang

Nominations for Delegate/Citizen of the Year

• Michelle Demmert

President Elected

M/S William Martin/James Jack, Sr. moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Richard Peterson as President. No objection. M/C

The Chair declared Richard Peterson as President of Central Council Tlingit & Haida. Richard Peterson, re-elected in-coming President, addressed the delegation.

Delegate/Citizen of the Year Elected

M/S LaVerne Wise/Cher Ketah moved for unanimous consent for Michelle Demmert as Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection. M/C

The Chair declared Michelle Demmert as the Delegate/Citizen of the Year. Michelle addressed the delegation. No objection. M/C

Tribal Judge Elected

M/S Helene Simpson/Holly Churchill moved and asked for unanimous consent for Lisa Lang as Tribal Judge. No objection. M/C

The Chair declared Lisa Lang as Tribal Judge. Lisa addressed the delegation.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate, requested and was granted privilege of the floor to speak in support of Gerry Hope, who they nominated as Delegate/Citizen of the Year, but missed the deadline.
CANDIDATE SPEECHES

The candidates were given 3-minutes each to deliver their campaign speech.

First-time delegates were acknowledged and recognized.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Delegates introduced family members, guests, and first-time delegates, who were in attendance at Tribal Assembly.

Rob Sanderson, Jr., reminded delegates of the Memorial Service scheduled for tonight at 5:30 p.m., Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.

RECESS

The meeting recessed for the day at 4:47 p.m.