



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Vocational Training & Resource Center ~ Juneau, AK
ADOPTED - June 8, 2008 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair William E. Martin called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

William E. Martin	President	Present
Edward K. Thomas	President Emeritus	Present
Richard Peterson	1 st Vice President	Present
Michele Metz	2 nd Vice President	Present
Jay Cabuag	3 rd Vice President	Present
Richard George	4 th Vice President	Present
Will Micklin	5 th Vice President	Present
Barbara Fields	6 th Vice President	Present
Ralph Wolfe	Youth Representative	Present

Also present were:

Ashli Hobbs, Recording Secretary
Raeanne Holmes, Administrative Assistant
Lorraine Martin
Brad Fluetsch, Juneau Delegate
Andrei Chakine, Business & Economic Development Manager
Percy Frisby, Tribal Energy Department Manager
Randy Henry, NLR Staff
Georgia Finau, Self-Governance Director
Desiree Duncan, NLR Manager
Randy Wanamaker, Juneau Delegate
Francine Eddy Jones, TFYS Director
Debra O'Gara, Tribal Court Magistrate
Douglas Burn, USFS Anchorage

INVOCATION

Invocation was provided by Randy Henry.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S Richard George / Jay Cabuag to adopt the agenda. C/U

ADOPT MINUTES

The Executive Council ratified the minutes of April 15, 2008. C/U

M/S Michele Metz / Richard Peterson to adopt the minutes of April 19, 2008. C/U

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported on following items:

- Strategic Planning – a session will be held to follow up on past planning. The Executive Council is invited to attend the session at the Frontier Suites at 8:00 AM Monday, June 9.
- NCAI Conference – Executive Council members Will Micklin and Barbara Fields attended along with President Martin. Suicide Prevention was discussed and President Martin named co-chair of the newly formed committee. Office of the President staffer Melissa Kookesh will also be working on the Get Out the Native Vote campaign.
- Roads & Transportation – Gordon Jackson will be attending a tribal leaders meeting held in Anchorage June 16-18 at the convention center.
- Tribal Energy – Percy Frisby was hired to head up the newly formed Tribal Energy Department. Staff is looking for funding to keep the department active. An energy summit is being planned.
- AFN – an energy committee has been established, which President Martin has asked to be part of. The request was also made to have Percy Frisby and Andrei Chakine be involved.
- Meeting Detail – Executive Council meetings will be video taped and posted to the website in an effort to accommodate resolution adopted at General Assembly. Reports and other backup documentation will also be added.

REPORTS

Business Operations

Chief of Business Operations Corrine Garza provided a report to the Executive Council. Please see Addendum A.

Tribal Energy Department

Percy Frisby with input from Andrei Chakine, Business & Economic Development Department, provided a report. Several items are being worked on by the department:

- Small Hydro systems for Hydaburg and Angoon
- Creating a Southeast regional power authority that will manage, construct and maintain the grid system.
- Working with the federal government to become the lead agency in terms of energy development in the Southeast Region
- Working with the State of Alaska and other stake-holders

ROLL CALL

President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas arrived at 11:40 AM.

REPORTS

Native Lands & Resources

NLR Manager Desiree Duncan provided a report on the recent Tongass Futures Roundtable meeting. Richard Peterson was accepted for the representative seat. A caucus will be formed by Central Council, Sealaska, among others. Randy Henry, Native Lands & Resources, provided information on Native place name maps that were on display. He also relayed that he is a certified instructor of GIS software. Please see handouts and maps, Addendum B.

Vocational Training & Resource Center

VTRC Manager Archie Cavanaugh provided a review of the 2008 VTRC Business Plan. See Addendum C for plan and budget.

Objectives were to have 30% of sales by third quarter; to date have reached 20%. The VTRC is now profitable with the completion of the NCCR program in April.

Central council can help:

- Bob Loescher presented a MOU that he was going to provide to President
- Reinstigate the carpentry program, and urge the opening of space for the training.
- When Edward K. Thomas presided, he instituted mandatory computer training of all Central Council staff. That orientation program is no longer being used by staff.
- Working on taking training programs to the villages, and on circuit rider programs for three vans used for the training. Cost of travel and housing is prohibitive.
- Assistance to pay for grant writer to help obtain funding for VTRC.

Executive Council Report

5th Vice President Will Micklin provided a report on:

- Audit Committee
 - Contract with audit firm has run its term and new solicitation will be out soon.
- Self Governance Conference
- BIA/TBAC Meeting
 - Fringe costs are not protected in budget rescissions by tribes, as they are protected by BIA. Tribes have to cover costs for employees, and with each rescission it hurts the Tribe. Asked to be protected against rescission in the budget. Projected to be a \$60M shortfall. Carryover from 2007 was \$32M. BIA took \$28M and applied to their costs deficits, leaving \$4M for Tribes. The question of what to do with funds went to tribal caucus. The money may come back to the tribes in the TPA base.
 - Request for meeting with National Business Center was restated by Assistant Secretary Carl Artman. The acting Assistant Secretary will likely continue the request, as it continues to be unresolved.

President Edward K. Thomas thought it would be wise for Will Micklin and President Martin to work with Tribes on rescission and adding to total base.

RECESS

The Executive Council recessed for lunch from 12:40 PM to 1:15 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business for the Executive Council to act on.

NEW BUSINESS

U.S. Fish & Wildlife / Sea Otter Co-Management

Carrie Sykes, BEDD, announced Doug Burn of the USFS who will present the activities of the program.

Doug Burn, USFS, along with Mike Miller of Sitka Tribe of Alaska, spoke about the activities. They wanted to report on direction to date and hear thoughts and comments of the Executive Council on implementing co-management of sea otters.

The development of the steering committee will help direct the co-management project. President Martin will look at appointing someone to IPCoMM; does not have to be an Executive Council member. Carrie Sykes will coordinate, and a resolution will need to be prepared.

Central Council Committee Representation

A list of delegates appointed to the committees was distributed that wasn't reviewed by the Executive Council as per Executive Council guidelines, XVIII, section A.

Discussion focused on new members and restrictions in regards to US Code, Title 25, Sec 3207.

The Chair ruled that further discussion would be brought up in Executive Session. No objection, so ordered.

Treatment Centers / After-Care

President Martin will begin discussions with SEARHC on a treatment center. He will be meeting with Mr. Helgesen soon and will report back to Executive Council. No objection, so ordered.

SEARHC Board Representation

Richard Peterson and Will Micklin will draft a draft resolution to address Central Council representation on the SEARHC Board.

Executive Council Guidelines

The Executive Council will make suggested changes to the Executive Council Guideline for review at the next meeting. No objection, so ordered.

Executive Council Agenda Revisions

The Executive Council encouraged a training session on how to properly handle agenda and meeting items.

President Martin will have a training session set up to clarify these items in a two day session. No objection, so ordered.

Tribal Court in Annual Funding Agreement

Will Micklin reported the 2004 appropriations rider continues in effect, which prohibits the tribal court funding. The Executive Council discussed alternative funding.

Entities for Economic Development

Will Micklin asked for the addition to the agenda prior to knowledge of the creation of a tribal energy department. There was no further discussion on the item.

Meeting Fees

M/S Michele Metz / Will Micklin to reduce the Executive Council meeting fees from \$250 to \$150 per meeting. Motion defeated.

Richard Peterson, Michele Metz, Will Micklin for the motion. Richard George, Jay Cabuag, Barbara Fields against. President Martin with the deciding vote was against the motion.

Statutes

The Executive Council discussed conflict in language between the Constitution and Statutes Title 6 and 21, regarding Audit and Judiciary committee removals/appointments.

The Chair ruled that a committee be formed to review the Constitution and any inconsistencies between it and any other governing documents. No objection, so ordered.

M/S Richard George / Richard Peterson to adopt Resolution GA 08-09, ***Weight Management Curriculum***. C/U

M/S Jay Cabuag / Michele Metz to adopt Resolution GA 08-18, ***Cancer Treatment Center***. C/U

M/S Richard George / Jay Cabuag to adopt Resolution GA 08-39, ***Proposal to Hold Youth Conference Preceding General Assembly in Non-Election Years***.

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard George to table the resolution until the next Executive Council meeting. C/U

M/S Jay Cabuag / Will Micklin to adopt Resolution GA 08-40, ***Eliminate Needless Duplication of Expense of Delegate Mail Outs***. C/U

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard George to adopt Resolution GA 08-41, ***Test Our Traditional Foods***.

M/S Richard George / Michele Metz to table indefinitely Resolution GA 08-41. C/U

M/S Richard George / Richard Peterson to adopt Resolution EC 08-43, ***Authorize Tlingit and Haida Pension Plan Trustees***. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Jay Cabuag to adopt Resolution EC 08-44, ***Federal Register Part V Department of Interior Recognized and Eligible Entities Language***.

The Chair ruled that a whereas clause be added (non tribal citizens). No objection, so ordered.

C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Jay Cabuag to adopt Resolution EC 08-45, ***Pelican IRR Inventory***. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Michele Metz to adopt Resolution EC 08-46, ***Authority to Accept Native Family Assistance Program Grant***. C/U

M/S Richard Peterson / Michele Metz to adopt Resolution EC 08-47, ***Authorizing an Indirect Shortfall Under ANNP***. C/U

M/S Richard George / Jay Cabuag to adopt Resolution EC 08-48, ***Authorizing Submission of a TANF/ICW Collaboration Project Proposal***. C/U

M/S Michele Metz / Jay Cabuag to adopt Resolution EC 08-49, ***Authorizing Submission of a VPSO Proposal for Selected Southeast Alaska Communities***. C/U

M/S Richard George / Jay Cabuag to adopt Resolution EC 08-50, ***Authorizing an Indirect Shortfall for this Fiscal Year Under Title IV-B Subpart 1***. C/U

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard Peterson to adopt Resolution EC 08-51, *Authorizing an Indirect Shortfall for this Fiscal Year Under Title IV-B Subpart 2*. C/U

RECESS

Break from 3:55 PM to 4:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session from 4:00 PM to 5:55 PM

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard Peterson to establish criteria for holding delegate and officer positions with regard to offenses or crimes against children, not less stringent than applicable federal law.
C/U

GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Executive Council shared their thoughts on the day. Please see Addendum D.

ADJOURN

M/S Jay Cabuag / Richard Peterson moved to adjourn. C/U

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.