



Executive Council

Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Teleconference

December 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

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	Not 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

REPORTS

Edward K. Thomas

- The Department of Interior Assistant Secretary has yet to be named. Hopes that will change with the new administration.

President Martin

- Recently presented the tribal budget report priorities to NCAI.
- Attending the CBJ hearing regarding tax free status for tribes later today.
 - The Juneau Empire blogs relating to the issue were ignorant and cruel.
- The Tribe's management just completed a two day planning session.
- Those of you in Juneau,
- Celebrating his 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday and all are invited.

Richard Peterson

- Returning from three weeks of travel.

Michele Metz

- Plans to attend the CBJ hearing later today.
- Catherine Eldemar is working on economic stimulus for Sealaska.
 - Trying to compile projects from around Southeast.
 - Catherine has been in contact with Percy Frisby and Gordon Jackson.
 - Will forward Catherine's contact information to Executive Council members.
- Attended yesterday's meeting of the Juneau Tlingit & Haida Indians of the City and Borough of Juneau (THICBJ).
 - Ricardo Worl of Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) mentioned that HUD no longer allowed tri-party agreements.
 - THICBJ will forward a resolution since they still want to have agreements.
 - May approach President Martin for a meeting.
- She went to a local reception for Senator Mark Begich.
 - Tribal Courts were brought up and Senator Begich is in favor of them. He may be good support for the Tribe.

Jay Cabuag

- Senate Bill 3320 was introduced by Senator Byron Dorgan, Chair of Indian Affairs.
 - If passed it will strengthen Tribal Courts and increase tribal powers.
 - Will forward the bill to the Executive Council.
 - Three priority items were identified at the recent TJAG meeting. He asked, and it was agreed by all members, to add Tribal Court recognition by their own state.

Will Micklin

- The Executive Council should have received summaries of a couple tribal budget meetings he has recently attended.
 - There is a continued attempt to send material to the Presidential Transition Team.
 - Tribes were encouraged to submit needs and priorities so they could be compiled for insertion into the briefing book—member tribes are/have done that.
 - No commitment that they will address or fund the needs of the tribes.
 - Pres Martin provided an excellent summary at the NCAI budget meeting on December 8.
- Ken Salazar nominated for the Interior Secretary appointment.

Barbara Fields

- Congratulations to President Martin and wife Lorraine on their 40th Anniversary.
- Happy holidays to everyone.

Ralph Wolfe

- Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Investment Manager Update

Five proposals were received. The review team (President Martin, Corrine Garza, Sierk Haitsma, and Jay Cabuag) will meet next week to determine the interview schedule.

Teleconference Meeting Agenda

It was the will of the Executive Council to follow the standard meeting agenda.

ADJOURN

The Chair ruled the meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.