

Minutes of Meeting  
Eighty-Fourth Annual Tribal Assembly  
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska  
April 10-12, 2019  
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall  
Juneau, Alaska

*"Through Unity We Have Strength"*

**Day 1: Wednesday, April 10, 2019**

**COLOR GUARD**

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

**DANCE GROUP**

The Xáadaas Dagwii 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 84<sup>th</sup> Tribal Assembly to order at 8:22 a.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

**INVOCATION**

Jerry Bennett, Sr., Juneau delegate, offered the invocation.

Special Note: Before the meeting was called to order, President Peterson acknowledged and offered words of comfort to the family of Selina Everson, Juneau delegate, who walked into the forest yesterday.

**WORD OF THE DAY**

- Lisa Lang, Hydaburg delegate, provided the Haida word of the day (strength)
- Alfie Price, Juneau staff, provided the Tlingit word of the day (strength)
- Alfie Price also provided the Tsimshian word of the day (stand strong)

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN**

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

## **APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Jason Wilson and Royal Hill were appointed Sergeant-at-Arms without objection.

## **APPOINTMENT OF SESSION CHAIR**

Jacqueline L. Pata-Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, was appointed and assumed the chair without objection.

The Seattle delegation requested privilege of the floor to seat youth leaders; no objection.

## **INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOST**

Catherine Edwards, 6<sup>th</sup> Vice President, introduced James Price as the Tribal Host for this year's Tribal Assembly, who addressed the delegation.

## **INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOSTESS**

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, introduced Cheryl Dodson as the Tribal Hostess for this year's Tribal Assembly, who also addressed the delegation.

## **STATE OF ALASKA ADDRESS**

The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy, Governor, State of Alaska, welcomed the delegation and provided a brief report on priorities (budget, public safety, and education) his administration is focusing on.

## **WELCOME**

The following officials welcomed the delegates to Juneau:

- Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Alaska Senator (video)
- Beth Weldon, Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau
- Kenneth Southerland, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
- Paulette Moreno, President, ANS Grand Camp
- Joe Williams, President, ANB Grand Camp
- Dan Sullivan, U.S. Alaska Senator (video)

## **CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Ella Bennett, Chair, Credentials Committee, provided the Credentials Report as of April 10, 2019.

Number of delegates authorized:	110	Number of Quorum:	49
Number of delegates registered:	97		

## **DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

President Peterson declared a quorum established for the 2019 Tribal Assembly.

William Martin, Juneau delegate, pointed out the number for a quorum should be 49 (and not 50).

M/S William Martin / James Jack, Sr. moved to accept the Credentials Report with the change in the number of quorum set at 49. No objection. M/C

## **SWEAR IN DELEGATES**

Debra O’Gara, Presiding Tribal Judge, swore in the following newly-elected delegates:

- Andrew Strobel, Seattle
- Rebecca Estrin, Ketchikan
- Cynthia Peterson, Yakutat
- Jeri Museth, Juneau

It was noted, Cynthia Peterson, was elected as a delegate in 2018 and was not in attendance at last year’s Tribal Assembly to be sworn in then.

## **ADOPT AGENDA**

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

## **ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2018**

The adoption of the minutes was deferred to later in the day (to allow delegates time to review the minutes on the electronic tablets) then to Thursday in order to keep to the agenda.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

President Peterson recognized the Standing Rules of Order and Roberts Rules of Order as the rules to follow for the convention and is so ordered.

## **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES**

President Peterson announced appointments to committees were made including the Standing Committees (which are appointed by the President) and that delegates are free to attend any committee meeting during Tribal Assembly.

## **STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS**

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

Richard George, Angoon delegate, requested the State of the Tribe be incorporated into the meeting minutes with a hard copy distributed to the delegates. No objection.

M/S Richard George / Laverne Wise moved to accept the State of the Tribe report. No objection.  
M/C

### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S (CFO) REPORT**

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

M/S Pat Alexander / Rhonda Butler moved to accept the Chief Financial Officer's report. No objection. M/C

### **RECESS**

The chair declared a lunch recess at 12:02 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, assumed the session chair and called the meeting back to order at 1:05 p.m. without objection.

### **ROLL CALL**

Staff distributed electronic tablets to the delegates. In addition to being able to vote and view Tribal Assembly documents electronically, the report generated from the signing out of tablets will be used as the basis of roll call.

Helene Bennett, Tribal Assembly Coordinator, provided a brief overview on how to operate the tablets.

Ken Southerland, Juneau delegate, requested privilege of the floor to seat a youth leader. No objection.

### **TLINGIT HAIDA TRIBAL BUSINESS CORPORATION/KIRA REPORT**

Richard Rinehart, CEO, THTBC, provided the report.

M/S James Jack, Sr. / Gail Dabaluz moved to accept the report. No objection. M/C

### **KEYNOTE**

Jessica Dominy, Seattle delegate, introduced the keynote speaker.

Abigail Echo-Hawk, Urban Indian Health Institute Director, provided the keynote address.

M/S Richard George / Pat Alexander moved to accept the keynote address. No objection; M/C

The Chair declared a 5-minute break; no objection.

## **U.S. FOREST SERVICE REGION 10**

Jerry Ingersoll, Deputy Regional Forester, provided the report.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Rob Sanderson, Jr., 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, reviewed the list of resolutions recommended by the committee-on-committees for the Consent Calendar and Out of Order Resolutions. Delegates can remove resolutions from the consent calendar by request.

#### **Resolutions Ruled Out-of-Order:**

- TA Resolution 19-10
- TA Resolution 19-11
- TA Resolution 19-13
- TA Resolution 19-17
- TA Resolution 19-18
- TA Resolution 19-20

The Chair declared resolutions on the out-of-order list out of order. No objection.

#### **Resolutions on the Consent Calendar:**

- TA Resolution 19-01
- TA Resolution 19-02
- TA Resolution 19-03
- TA Resolution 19-04
- TA Resolution 19-05
- TA Resolution 19-06
- TA Resolution 19-07
- TA Resolution 19-09
- TA Resolution 19-12
- TA Resolution 19-15
- TA Resolution 19-16
- TA Resolution 19-19
- TA Resolution 19-22      Removed from consent calendar (requested by Gerry Hope)
- TA Resolution 19-23      Removed from consent calendar (requested by Gerry Hope)
- TA Resolution 19-24
- TA Resolution 19-28

### **Resolutions on the Consent Calendar (cont'd):**

- TA Resolution 19-29
- TA Resolution 19-30
- TA Resolution 19-31

TA Resolutions 19-22 and TA Resolution 19-23 are removed from the consent calendar.

The chair asked for unanimous consent to approve the resolutions remaining on the consent calendar. No objection. M/C

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Delegates requested privilege of the floor to take a moment to pray for families experiencing health issues. Jerry Bennett, Juneau delegate, offered the prayer for those in need.

### **RECESS**

The delegates were released to proceed to committee meetings at 4:26 p.m.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The Memorial Service is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall.