

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 2: Thursday, April 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Ralph Wolfe, 3rd Vice President, assumed the session chair and called the meeting back to order at 8:03 a.m.

INVOCATION

Lisa Lang, Hydaburg delegate, offered the invocation.

WORD OF THE DAY

- Shirley Kendall, Anchorage delegate, provided the Tlingit word of the day (Money)
 - One (Tleix'), Dollar (Daanaa), Dime (Gut)
- Lisa Lane, Hydaburg delegate, provided the Haida word of the day (Give me money)
- Alfie Price, staff, provided the Tsimshian word of the day (All of one heart)

William Martin, Juneau delegate, requested privilege of the floor to acknowledge Nathan Lopez and Wilbur Brown, who are from Kake.

Robert Starbard, Hoonah delegate, requested privilege of the floor to acknowledge a canoe carved by Wayne Price, who was in attendance at the meeting, along with his wife. The canoe belongs to Hoonah Indian Association and represents healing.

Shawaan Jackson, Kake delegate, requested privilege of the floor to seat their youth leader. No objections.

ROLL CALL

Roll call is now done through the distribution of electronic tablets, which staff distributed to the delegates.

Ella Bennett, Juneau delegate, privilege of the floor to acknowledge her daughter Rose Westika who is watching the web-cast.

Rachael Moreno, Sitka delegate, requested privilege of the floor to acknowledge Mary Foletti, a former MEHS student of hers, and now current Tlingit & Haida staff.

ADOPT MINUTES (APRIL 20, 2018 / APRIL 10, 2019)

Delegates report they were not able to view the minutes on the electronic tablets. The Chair asked the delegates to defer the minutes to Friday's agenda to allow delegates more time to review the minutes. No objection.

M/S Cindy Pederson moved and asked for unanimous consent to amend the agenda to add nominations for delegate/citizen of the year before candidate speeches are made at 1:30 p.m. today. No objection. M/C

LANGUAGE UPDATE

Sara Dybdahl, Cultural Heritage & Education Director, provided the report. A comment period followed.

The Parliamentarian requested a point of order to explain and provide guidance to the delegation about following the agenda. If more time is needed to speak to a topic, a request should be made for additional time, especially when time starts running over the allotted time, which helps the chair from having to decide where to cut the discussion off, particularly when the topic is emotional in nature.

M/S Rhonda Butler / Laverne Wise moved to accept the report. No objection. M/C

Patricia Alexander, Sitka delegate, requested privilege of the floor to honor the Tribal Hostess. The Chair ruled if there was time on the agenda, the formality could will be done at that time.

WASHINGTON, DC UPDATE

Jacqueline Pata, 2nd Vice President, provided the NCAI report. President Peterson acknowledged Jackie's work at NCAI.

M/S Richard George / Michelle Demmert moved to accept the NCAI report. No objection. M/C

2018 EMERGING LEADER REPORT

Stephanie Masterman, 2018 Emerging Leader, provided the report followed by a video presentation. Catherine Edwards, 6th Vice President, acknowledged Stephanie's service as an emerging leader for the Tribe.

M/S Patricia Allen-Dick / James Hart moved to accept the report. M/C

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

M/S Gloria Sarabia / Louise Kadinger moved to accept the report. No objection. M/C

AUDIT REPORT

Moss Adams, LLP, was inadvertently put on the agenda; there is no report.

INTRODUCTION OF BUDGETS

James Jack, Chair, Budget Committee, presented the following reports:

- FY 2019 Proposed Budget Amendments
- FY 2020 Proposed Budget

M/S Janice Hotch / Helene Simpson moved to accept the FY 2019 proposed budget amendments and the FY 2020 proposed budget. No objection. M/C

Patricia Alexander, Sitka delegate, requested privilege of the floor to proceed with a special presentation (in song) to Cheryl Dodson.

Privilege of the floor was open to delegates wishing to make announcements and introductions.

RECESS

The Chair declared a recess at 11:10 a.m. No objection.

CALL TO ORDER

Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President, assumed the session chair and called the meeting back to order at 1:01 p.m.

The following delegates requested privilege of the floor to introduce youth and recognize family members: Andrea Cesar, Patricia Alexander, Ben Coronell, Leona Santiago, Rachael Moreno, Gail Dabaluz, and Catherine Edwards.

ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS, YUKON REGION

Kluane Adamek, Regional Chief, provided the report.

Several delegates requested privilege of the floor to address the Assembly of First Nations delegation extending words of welcome and appreciation of visiting our land.

The Chair declared a 5-minute recess.

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE / EMERGING LEADER / DELEGATE/CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Janet Peele, Chair, Elections Committee, assumed the chair.

M/S Laverne Wise / Jessica Dominy asked to suspend the 50% plus 1 majority rule to plurality vote for the election of Emerging Leader and Delegate/Citizen of the Year. No objection. M/C

ELECTION OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Aurora Lehr is the only candidate for this category.

M/S Gerry Hope / Janice Hotch moved and asked for unanimous consent to elect Aurora Lehr as the Associate Judge. No objection. M/C

Aurora Lehr, re-elected Associate Justice, extended words of appreciation to the delegates.

NOMINATIONS FOR EMERGING LEADER

The chair announced nominations were now open for Emerging Leader.

Janice Hotch nominated Kevin Allen
Paul Aceveda nominated Shawaan Jackson-Gamble
Ozzie Sheakley nominated Colton Welch
Gerry Hope nominated Miguel Contreras

M/S Gerry Hope / James Jack moved to close nominations. No objection. M/C

NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATE/CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Janet Peele announced nominations were now open for Delegate/Citizen of the Year.

Karen Nathan, Interim Chair, Election Committee, assumed the chair, explaining Janet was relinquishing the chair for this portion to avoid a conflict as a nominee for this category. No objection.

Rachel Moreno nominated Patricia Roberts-Alexander
James Jack, Sr. nominated Ella Bennett
Jessica Dominy nominated Janet Peele
Rob Sanderson, Jr. nominated Thomas Skultka

M/S Gerry Hope / Laverne Wise moved to close nominations. No objection. M/C

Janet Peele assumed the chair.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES FOR EMERGING LEADER

The candidates for Emerging Leader were called forward to provide candidate speeches in the order they were nominated.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES FOR DELEGATE/CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Karen Nathan assumed the chair for this portion and called the Delegate/Citizen of the Year candidates forward to provide candidate speeches in the order they were nominated.

After candidate speeches were done, Will Micklin, 3rd Vice President, assumed the session chair.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Starbard, Interim Chair, Judiciary Committee, provided the report.

TRIBAL COURT REPORT

Debra O’Gara, Presiding Tribal Judge, and Michelle Demmert, Chief Justice, provided the report.

M/S Gerry Hope / Daphyne Albee moved to accept the reports. No objection. M/C

The chair declared a 5-minute recess at 4:05 p.m. The session chair called the meeting back to order at 4:25 p.m.

M/S Joey Ketah / Jacqueline Pata moved to suspend the rules to move the resolutions before the Southeast Alaska Landless Corporation Report. M/C

TITLE 15 – ENROLLMENT

Proposed changes to Title 15 (Enrollment) were presented to the delegates, with Madeline Soboleff-Levy, General Counsel, reviewing the changes displayed on screen.

M/S Laverne Wise / Fred Lauth moved to accept the proposed changes to Title 15 as amended with a friendly amendment to insert the word “on” in the definition of “Enrollment Committee”, between the words “decisions” and “enrollment” (Section 15.01.002 (G)). 1-abstain. M/C.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Governmental Affairs Committee

Jacqueline Pata, Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee, reviewed the resolutions.

M/S Jacqueline Pata moved to table TA Resolution 19-08, *Support the Alaska Legislature and Governor to Maintain Funding Levels for the Alaska Marine Highway System at the 2018 Funding Levels*. No objection. M/C. TABLED

M/S Jacqueline Pata / Gerry Hope moved to adopt TA Resolution 19-14, *Request the State of Alaska to Maintain Funding for the Marine Highway*, as amended. M/C

Housing Committee

Ralph Wolfe, Chair, Housing Committee, reviewed the resolutions.

M/S Michael Corpuz / Paulette Moreno moved to adopt TA Resolution 19-21 *Un-pool Juneau Housing Funds from Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority*, as amended and to change the title to: *Consultation with Tlingit & Haida on Allocations of Housing Funds*. M/C

Judiciary Committee

Robert Starbard, Interim Chair, Judiciary Committee, reviewed the resolutions.

M/S Robert Starbard / Laverne Wise moved to adopt TA Resolution 19-22, *Recommend DOI/BIA Establish a Tribal Leaders Secretary Advisory Council (TSAC)*, as amended. M/C

M/S Robert Starbard / Joey Ketah moved to adopt TA 19-23, *Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2019 H.R. 1585*, as amended. M/C

M/S Jessica Dominy / Candace Williams moved to adopt TA19-26, *CCTHITA Vehicle Licensing & Registration*. MOTION FAILED.

Natural Resources Committee

Gerry Hope, Chair, Natural Resources Committee, reviewed the resolutions.

Gerry Hope / Robert Starbard moved to adopt TA Resolution 19-27, *Support of Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Local Sitka Clan's Efforts on Herring in the Sitka Area*. M/C

The Chair declared a 5-minute recess at 5:19 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 5:29 p.m.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA LANDLESS CORPORATION

Cecelia Tavoliero, Chair, SE Alaska Landless Corporation, introduced the following panel of speakers who have been working in support of the landless shareholders. Cecelia also spoke to the topic as well.

- Richard Rinehart, Sealaska Director, Liaison to SE Alaska Landless Corporation
- Jaeleen Kookesh, Sealaska Counsel

- Todd Antioquia, Cedar Communications
- Paulette Moreno, ANS Grand Camp President
- Joe Williams, ANB Grand Camp President

RECESS

The meeting recessed for the day at 6:37 p.m.