

Minutes of Meeting
88th Annual Tribal Assembly · Hybrid
Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall
Juneau, Alaska

"Sovereignty: In Land We Trust"

Day III: Friday, April 21, 2023

Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate, provided special music.

CALL TO ORDER

5th Vice President Clinton Cook, assumed the Chair without objection and called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

INVOCATION

Robert Edwardson, Juneau Delegate, offered the invocation.

WORD OF THE DAY

Alfie Price, Tlingit & Haida employee, provided the Sm'algyax word of the day.

Robert Edwardson, Juneau Delegate, provided the Xaad Kíl word of the day.

Shirley Kendall, Anchorage Delegate, provided the Lingít word of the day.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2023

M/S Veronica Dalton, Hoonah Delegate, moved and asked unanimous consent to adopt the Tribal Assembly meeting minutes of April 20, 2023. James Jack, Sr., Juneau Delegate, asked to add "Sr." to his name under the introduction of the budgets. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

The Chair recognized President Richard J. Peterson who will be receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in May.

William Martin, Juneau Delegate, acknowledged the special music provided by Nathan Lopez, Petersburg Delegate.

RULES OF ELECTION

The pending amendments to the proposed Rules of Election were taken from the table.

M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 2, Section 2 (B) and Rule 3, Section 1.

First Amendment to Main Motion. M/S Veronica Dalton, Hoonah Delegate, moved to amend both Rule 2, Section 2 (B) and Rule 3, Section 1 to substitute 200 in place of the proposed 250.

First Amendment to First Amendment M/S Andrew Strobel, Seattle Delegate, moved to strike the following phrase in Rule 3, Section 1, "..., provided that no Community Council shall be allocated less than two Delegates or more than 25 Delegates."

At the request of Joe Williams, Saxman Delegate, the Chair ordered a 5-minute caucus from 8:27 AM – 8:33 AM No objection, so ordered.

Re-Ballot on the Amendment to First Amendment At the request of Jackie Pata, Juneau Delegate, the Chair ordered a re-ballot. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

The First Amendment to the First Amendment failed. (Yes-34, No-68).

Second Amendment to First Amendment M/S Andrew Strobel, Seattle Delegate, moved to strike the phrase in Rule 3, Section 1, "...or more than 25 delegates.", and replace with "and Community Councils with more than 25 Delegates could send no more than 25 Delegates in person to Tribal Assembly and the remainder of Delegates would attend virtually."

At the request of Gil Stokes, Anchorage Delegate, the Chair ordered a caucus from 9:02 AM – 9:12 AM.

The Second Amendment to the First Amendment failed. (Yes-39, No-64).

The Chair ordered a 10-minute break from 9:23 AM – 9:32 AM. No objection, so ordered.

Third Amendment to First Amendment. M/S Andrew Strobel, Seattle Delegate, moved to amend Rule 3, Section 1 and strike the word "two" before two Delegates and replace it with "three" and to strike "or more than 25 Delegates."

Motion to Table. M/S Joe Williams, Saxman Delegate, moved to table the pending amendments to the Rules of Election indefinitely to be reviewed by a committee at the next Tribal Assembly.

At the request of James Jack, Sr., Juneau Delegate, the Chair ordered a 5-minute caucus 9:45 AM – 9:50 AM. No objection, so ordered.

The motion to table failed. (Yes-36, No-65).

Move the Previous Question. M/S Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved to close debate on all pending motions and proceed to voting, in order, on the pending motions.

At the request of Veronica Dalton, Hoonah Delegate, the Chair ordered a caucus 10:01 AM to 10:16 AM. No objection, so ordered.

The motion to Move the Previous Question passed. (Yes-69, No-32).

At the request of Delbert Kadake, Kake Delegate, the Chair ordered a 5-minute caucus 10:28 AM – 10:33 AM. C/U. No objection, so ordered.

The Third Amendment to the First Amendment failed. (Yes-31, No-70).

The First Amendment to the Main Motion passed. (Yes-61, No-40).

The Main Motion passed. (Yes-76, No-24).

M/S Jackie Pata, Juneau Delegate, moved to call for a Constitution Convention in 2025 for the purpose of addressing the governance structure of the Tribe and establishing a committee to develop options for consideration at such convention. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

James Jack, Sr, Juneau Delegate, requested suspension of the rules to make an announcement. No objection, so ordered. The contributions for Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, totaled over \$1,400, which he will use to take his wife home to her final resting place to Kake.

ESTABLISH QUORUM / BALLOTING

Janet Peele, Elections Committee Chair, assumed the Chair without objection to preside over the elections.

Associate Justice (Ballot 1)

Balloting occurred for the Associate Justice.

The Election Committee reported and declared the election of Aurora Lehr as Associate Justice.

M/S Daphyne Albee, Seattle Delegate, moved to accept the report of the Election Committee for the election of the Associate Justice. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Daphyne Albee, Seattle Delegate, requested and asked for suspension of the rules for Aurora Lehr to address the delegation. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Associate Justice Aurora Lehr addressed the delegation.

Emerging Leader (Ballot 2)

Balloting occurred for the Emerging Leader.

The Election Committee reported and declared the election of Lauryn Framke as Emerging Leader.

M/S Keenan Sanderson, Ketchikan Delegate, moved to accept the Election Committee's report for the election of the Emerging Leader. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Barbara Dude, Juneau Delegate, requested and asked for the suspension of the rules for Lauryn Framke to address the delegation and for her to sit with the Juneau delegation. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Lauryn Framke addressed the delegation.

Carrie Dodson, Ketchikan Delegate, requested and asked for suspension of the rules for her son, Randy Estrin, a candidate for Emerging Leader to address the delegation. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Randy Estrin addressed the delegation.

President Richard J. Peterson asked for privilege of the floor. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

President Peterson recognized Valerie Hillman, Tlingit & Haida employee and Manager of Program Compliance, who will mark 40 years of service to the Tribe in December. President Peterson acknowledged Valerie's work of overseeing the enrollment of tribal citizens and thanked her for her commitment and loyalty to the Tribe.

Karen Elliott-Lauth, Seattle Delegate, requested and asked for suspension of the rules to allow representative from the Taku Tribe from Canada who were in attendance at the meeting to address the delegation. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Representatives from the Taku Tribe from Canada addressed the delegation.

President Peterson asked for privilege of the floor to introduce Alaska Representative Forest Dunbar (Anchorage) who was in attendance at the meeting. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Andrew Roberts, Sitka Delegate, requested suspension of the rules for his nephew, Phillip Cadiente, to address the Taku Tribe who were his grandfather's people. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Phillip Cadiente addressed the Representatives from the Taku Tribe from Canada.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ella Bennett, Enrollment Committee Chair, provided the Enrollment Committee report.

M/S James Jack, Sr., Juneau Delegate, moved to accept the Enrollment Committee Report. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

The Chair ordered a break from 12:45 PM - 1:04 PM. No objection, so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Rob Sanderson, Jr., Resolutions Committee Chair, assumed the Chair without objection.

Committee Reports

Ben Coronell, Public Safety Committee Chair, provided the Cultural Heritage report on behalf of the Cultural Heritage Committee Chair Edward Hotch.

M/S Richard George, Angoon Delegate, moved to adopt Resolution TA 23-07, Title: "*Memorial Totem Pole Dedicated to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People in Downtown Juneau*", as amended. No objection, so ordered. C/U.

Richard George, Angoon Delegate, requested and asked for suspension of the rules to introduce a resolution. The Resolutions Chair clarified that since the deadline passed to submit a resolution, the resolution will be referred to the Executive Council.

SESSION CHAIR

President Peterson assumed the Chair without objection.

President Peterson acknowledged two Tlingit & Haida employees who also have many years of service to the Tribe: Desiree Duncan (31 years) and Alice Bagoyo (40 years).

OTHER BUSINESS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

President Peterson recognized the following communities as the winners of the Community Council of the Years awards.

Wrangell is the Small Community Council of the Year.

Seattle is the Large Community Council of the Year.

Delegates provided comments for the good of the order.

RETIRE THE COLORS

The Southeast Alaska Native Veterans retired the posting of the colors.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jacqueline Pata, Juneau Delegate, offered the closing prayer.

ADJOURN

President Peterson declared the 88th Tribal Assembly meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM, on Friday, April 21, 2023.