

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 I: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The colors were posted by the Southeast Alaska Native Veterans.

The Eagle/Raven dance group led the grand entrance of the Delegates.

CALL TO ORDER

President Richard J. Peterson called the 88th annual Tribal Assembly of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following delegates asked for suspension of the rules to have the following guests sit with their delegation. No objection, so ordered.

Jessica (Dominy) Elope, Seattle Delegate, for their Youth Ambassador Erika Mayer.

Judy Helgesen, Craig Delegate, for Tristan Douville.

Rob Sanderson, Jr., Ketchikan Delegate, for Clarence Peele's, Ketchikan Delegate daughter Caia Peele.

Paul Marks II, Juneau Delegate, for his daughter Olive Marks.

INVOCATION

Jerry Bennett, Juneau Delegate, offered the invocation.

WORD OF THE DAY

Jackie Pata, Juneau Delegate, provided the Tlingit word of the day.

Alfie Price, Tlingit & Haida employee, provided the Tsimshian word of the day.

Robert Edwardson, Juneau Delegate, provided the Haida word of the day.

APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Madeline Soboleff Levy, General Counsel, was appointed Parliamentarian. No objection, so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Jason Wilson and John Hawkins, Jr., were appointed Sergeants-at-Arms. No objection, so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF SESSION CHAIR

1st Vice President Jacqueline Pata was appointed and assumed the Chair without objection.

INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOST

Marlis Boord, Emerging Leader, introduced the Tribal Host Willard Jackson, Sr., who addressed the delegation with words of appreciation.

INTRODUCE TRIBAL HOSTESS

Jalen Ketah, Emerging Leader, introduced the Tribal Hostess Della Coburn, who also expressed words of appreciation to the delegates.

WELCOME

The following officials welcomed the Delegates to Juneau.

- Mary Peltola, U.S. Representative
- Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator
- Michael Dunleavy, Governor, State of Alaska
- Rhonda Butler, President, Juneau Tlingit & Haida Community Council
- Heather Gurko, President, ANB Grand Camp
- Daphyne Albee, President, ANS Grand Camp
- Beth Weldon, Mayor, City & Borough of Juneau
- Millie Schoonover, President Emeritus, ANS Grand Camp

Ken Southerland, Juneau Delegate, asked for suspension of the rules to allow Rhonda Butler to sit with the Juneau Delegation for the duration of Tribal Assembly. No objection, so ordered.

The Chair declared a break from 9:47 am – 10:01 a.m.

William Martin, Juneau Delegate, asked for privilege of the floor for Marcello Quinto and Peter Naoroz, both of ANB Camp 70, to provide a presentation. No objection, so ordered.

President Richard J. Peterson and Keenan Sanderson, Ketchikan Delegate, were presented with the 2021 and 2022 Floyd Kookesh awards for their work as leaders for the Native community.

CREDENTIALS REPORT / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ella Bennett, Credentials/Enrollment Chair, provided the Credentials report.

Number of Delegates Authorized:	117
Number of In-Person Credentialed Delegates:	95
Number of Virtual Credentialed Delegates:	13
Total Credentialed Delegates:	108
Number for Quorum:	55

President Richard J. Peterson declared a quorum was present.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER

The Standing Rules of Order were adopted as amended. No objection. C/U.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda. No objection. C/U.

ADOPT MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2022

Motion to adopt Tribal Assembly minutes of April 22, 2022. No objection. C/U.

CONSENT CALENDAR

M/S Joey Ketah, Seattle Delegate/Paulette Moreno, Sitka Delegate moved to adopt the consent calendar. No objection. C/U.

STATE OF THE TRIBE ADDRESS

President Richard J. Peterson provided the State of the Tribe Address.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT

Theresa Belton, Chief Financial Officer, provided a report on the Tribe's finances.

President Peterson made a special presentation in recognition of Theresa's impending retirement and honoring 20-years of service.

LUNCH

The delegates recessed for lunch from 11:55 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President Richard J. Peterson took a moment to acknowledge his State of the Tribe address was dedicated in memory of Ethel Lund.

CALLED TO ORDER

2nd Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr., assumed the Chair without objection and called the meeting back to order at 1:02 p.m.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Roald Helgesen, Chief Operating Officer, provided a report.

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Will Ware, Chief Development Officer, provided a report.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Philip Baker-Shenk, Partner with Holland & Knight, LLP, provided the keynote address.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE REGION 10

David Schmid, Alaska Regional Forester, provided a report.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Cultural Heritage Committee met from 3:35 pm – 4:05 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2nd Vice President Rob Sanderson, Jr., led the Memorial Service remembering loved ones who passed away and whose names will be entered in the Tlingit & Haida Book of Remembrance.

RECESS

The Chair meeting recessed for the day at 4:56 p.m.