



Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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Tlingit & Haida Hall of Fame Nominations Screening Committee Guidelines

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Nominations Screening committee is to determine inductees into the Hall of Fame each year.

II. Process

- A. Nomination will be received by Tlingit & Haida's Office of the President during the period of July 15 to September 16 of each year.
- B. The Office of the President will log the nomination form and supporting documentation, create a file for each nomination, and copy all information for the nominations screening committee once the nomination period has ended.

III. Meeting(s)

- A. The initial committee will be comprised of three (3) members, each a former inductee to the Hall of Fame.
 1. The committee may choose to have an alternate they appoint to sit in on the screening meeting.
- B. The Tlingit & Haida President will chair the meeting(s).
 1. The committee may meet at any time via teleconference or Zoom to discuss the Tlingit & Haida Hall of Fame.
 2. The committee will meet after the nomination period closes to officially determine the inductee(s).
 3. The committee reserves the right to induct more than one person per year; however, the program retains its high status by inducting people who have done more than most others for our people.

IV. Inductees

- A. Must be Tlingit and/or Haida; at least 65 years of age on the year of induction; and have made significant contributions to Native causes and/or culture.
- B. Past efforts were made not to induct Southeast Alaska Indigenous people simply because they were elected to a position in a tribe, corporation, Native organization, or legislature; they should have done outstanding work on behalf of our people.
- C. There is always a possibility that a year may come where there are no nominations. President Emeritus Edward K. Thomas has provided a list of people that he has called "Honorable Mentions" who could be considered by the committee if there are no nominations in any given year.

V. Announcement of Inductee(s)

- A. The formal announcement of selected inductee(s) will be in the month of November (Native American Heritage Month).
- B. Preferably on November 14 – Dr. Walter Soboleff Day.
- C. Every effort will be made to have a luncheon in celebration of our heritage.
- D. The Tlingit & Haida President will invite a notable Indigenous leader or political leader who is a strong supporter of Indigenous rights to speak at the luncheon.
 - 1. Member of Congress
 - 2. Alaska Native regional leaders
 - 3. Alaska Federation of Natives
 - 4. National Congress of American Indians
 - 5. Leaders of other tribes