

Skagway Traditional Council

Induction Meeting



October 28, 2021 / 11 AM / In-Person & Zoom

ATTENDEES

Andrew Beierly , Vice Chair

Jaime Bricker , President

Marla Belisle, Secretary

Judean Gordon, Member at Large

Sara Kinjo-Hischer, TA

Katie Klug, TAA

Kaylynn Howard, Election Committee

Melissa Alley, FYS

Meeting called to order at: 11:12am

Agenda Items:

- Election Results
 - Kaylynn shares the election results with the Council. There were 21 ballots submitted, which equates to 36% voter participation of all eligible voters. Jaime & Judean received 100% of the submitted ballots, 21 votes each. The updated by-laws that were on the ballot, however, they did not pass. Of the ballots cast, 14 yes votes were received, 2 no votes, & 5 voters abstained. As per the old by-laws, 40% of eligible voters must participate in the election. This year, there was 36% participation.
- Reorganization of the Board

- **Andy motions to keep the board positions as it is now. Marla seconds. All in favor.**
 - President: Jaime Bricker
 - Vice Chair: Andy Beierly
 - Treasurer: Savannah Ames
 - Secretary: Marla Belisle
 - Member at Large: Judean Gordon
- Reorganization of the Committees
 - Election Committee: Kaylynn states that she & the other committee members should be available to participate on the committee for next year's election.
 - Finance Committee: Savannah Ames, Sara Kinjo-Hischer, & Carlos Tarin
 - **Marla motions to maintain the structure of the finance committee. Andy seconds. All in favor.**
 - By-laws & policy Committee: Jaime Bricker, Judean Gordon, & Marla Belisle
 - **Marla motions to maintain the structure of the by-laws & policy committee. Andy seconds. All in favor.**
 - Housing Committee: Andrew Beierly, Marla Belisle, & Judean Gordon
 - **Marla motions to maintain the structure of the Housing Committee. Judean seconds. All in favor.**

Discussion Items:

- Jaime would like to discuss the failed by-laws. This is the second time the updated by-laws have failed. She thinks we need to do an outreach program prior to the next election. Marla inquires if STC can hold a special election. Sara says yes & suggests that we break it up section by section so we can learn which parts are failing. She states that we need 40% of eligible voters to participate in the election. Jaime shares that one member did call her before voting to help clarify a couple points on the by-laws. She thinks we should do outreach in order to address questions and/or concerns. She agrees a special election is the way to go and wants to come up with a timeline. The council discusses & agrees it needs to happen this winter - after the holidays & prior to April. The council agrees on February or March for the special election. Sara asks Kaylynn if the election committee will be available to assist

with a special election in March 2022. Kaylynn states that Scott will not be here, but she and the other committee members will be. Marla says that her son, Wyatt, might be available to assist. Sara inquires if the council would like to have the by-laws broken down to a vote section by section or have them voted on as a whole. It would be nice to know what section is failing. Sara states that even if we just had more members voting in general we could pass them even with the two no's received. The council decides to break the by-laws down on the ballot section by section. Jaime & Sara state that they think it is the blood quantum section that members might be voting against. The questions Jaime received were to clarify that section. She explained that base roll members will always be eligible for benefits regardless of blood quantum, whereas the jurisdictional members still need to prove blood quantum. It's our initiative to preserve Tlingit language & culture. The more people we have eligible for membership, the more funding we will be eligible to receive. Sara says we could hold an info session. Jaime says that we can start a phone tree & call members to inquire directly if there are any questions. She volunteers to work the phone tree. The council discusses the idea of incentivizing the special election in order to get more people to participate. The by-laws have failed twice now & we need to get them passed.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:33pm

Action Items:

1. The special election for by-laws will be held in February or March 2022. The by-laws will be broken down section by section on the ballot.
2. Prior to the special election, a phone tree will be established to call members and inquire if they have any questions or concerns about the by-laws that can be addressed.