**Intertribal Transportation Association**

**Annual Meeting**

**December 6 & 7, 2017**

**Las Vegas, NV**

**December 6, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Business meeting called to order by William Ware, ITA President, at 8:58 am

President Ware paid recognition to, Red Plains, Rodney P. Kinney Associates, Ketchikan Indian Community, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indians Tribes of Alaska who all made contributions as sponsors to ITA this last year. Thank you!

**Prayer, Welcome, Introductions:**

**Approval of Minutes:** ***Paula Peterson, Organized Village of Kasaan, motioned to approve May 9& 10, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, all were in favor, motion passed.***

**Treasurer’s Report:** $17,365.02 in our account as of today, bank statement provided by Connie Thompson, Treasurer. This amount does not include registration fees for the December meeting or membership fees that are being collected.

**Roll Call of Tribes:** Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Organized Village of Kasaan, Wrangell Cooperative Association, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Nez Perce Tribe, Umatilla, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Atka IRA, Fort Belknap, Big Valley, Ketchikan Indian Community, Navajo Tribe, Red Lake Tribe, Shoshone Arapaho.

**Regional Caucus:** Will Ware would like to take a moment to thank the interim members and others involved in helping to reinvigorate the ITA from the May meeting until now. Regional caucus breakout to discuss nominations for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary.

**Officer Nominations:**

**President:** John Healy & Joel Azure nominated. John accepted nomination, Joel decline. ***Georgia Kasheverov motion to close nominations for president; all were in favor, motion passed.***

**Vice-President:** Joel Azure nominated. Joel accepted the nomination. ***Gloria Burns moved to close nominations for Vice-President all were in favor, motion passed.***

**Treasurer:** Bonnie Newman & Connie Thompson nominated. ***Mary-Beth Frank-Clark motioned to close nominations for Treasurer all those in favor of Bonnie Newman 6, Connie Thompson 6; Second count, Bonnie 6; Connie 7. Connie Thompson won the nomination for Treasurer.***

**Secretary:** Sara Yockey & Bonnie Newman nominated. Sara declined, Bonnie accepted. ***Jeanette motioned to close nominations for Secretary all were in favor, motion passed.***

Will Ware handed the meeting over to John Healy, the new ITA President. Will thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as president.

**Regional Reps:**

**Great Plains:**

**Southwest:**

**Southern Plains:**

**Rocky Mt:** Howard Brown, Primary; Curry Current, Alternate

**Eastern:** Jody Clark, Primary

**Alaska:** Bill Willard, Primary; Sara Yockey, Alternate

**Mid-West:** Jeff Denelle, Primary; Kate Fariss, Alternate

**Eastern Oklahoma:**

**Navajo:** Garret Silversmith, Primary; Carl Slater, Alternate

**Western:**

**Northwest:** Mary Beth Clark-Frank, Primary; Jeanetta , Alternate

**Pacific:** Lance Simons, Primary; Tony Jack, Alternate

**Garret Silversmith, Navajo Division of Transportation:** Presented on Navajo Nation taking over transportation operations in their area maintaining Tribal roads.

**John Healy:** Presented on the historical perspective on ITA dating back to 1993, *see attached PowerPoint, ITA History*. Referencing strategic planning mission statement, “To help Tribal elected leadership address Tribal Transportation concerns, issues, needs programs and policies to assist Tribes and Tribal Communities in the evolution of their transportation system and programs” adopted 10.27.04, ITA Annual Mtg.

Much discussion on our strategic plan, mission statement and working together as Tribes on a national level to meet our needs, we have more power as a combined force. *See attached PowerPoint, ITA Strategic Plan.*

Will Ware spoke about meetings and if we want to continue to meet twice a year, do we want to hire or have a volunteer as our executive director? Needs discussion. John feels the mid-year meeting is important. Discussion about cost involved with two face-to-face and quarterly meetings. It was suggested to utilize meeting telephonically or webinars. Other concerns with not meeting regularly were, people not staying engaged. Jeanetta suggested with our regional TTAP centers closing adding training sessions to annual meetings so we walk away with more knowledge. She feels the organization can afford to do that for the membership. Trainings are very valuable and give you more bang for your buck when traveling to meetings. Red Plains, Chris, has been involved with Tribal transportation for 15 years, they are always available to do trainings and like to be able to inform the Tribes what they have to offer. This is something that other consultants would offer as well. They are here to help and would love to attend to present and are always in attendance. Carl Slater, work on establishing committees and work into our face-to-face meetings, you can get into more in depth conversation. Gloria Burns, feels this is the place to discuss these controversial conversations before going to the TTUC. Also being fully prepared to support each other. Also feels there need to be treasurers report, membership reports on our website for the Tribes to see. John Hawkins, can provide a spreadsheet of the membership including who has paid, who is primary & alternate. It was the consensus if we cannot meet face-to-face to utilize technology to meet via teleconference or webinar. Jodi Clark, need to make sure we coordinate activities related to Tribal Transportation. Important to grow the membership and establish stability, ITA has had some troubles in the past with lawsuits, etc. and someone needs to speak to that. When we pay the fees what does that include? We need to understand each other’s concerns so we can support each other. Will Ware stated Sonosky will be here to present on the Big John Act and get a better in depth understanding of the Act so we can come together at the TTUC. ITA is the perfect venue to discuss some of these controversial issues. Losing the TTAP centers has been detrimental to the Tribes and he hopes that it will work, but is skeptical that it will be beneficial. We need to make sure they are providing the same level of service to the Tribes as the regional TTAPs.

**Jody Clark, Program Coordinating Committee Report:** *See attached PowerPoint presentation.* Stated the PCC has no power only review & recommend. Garret Silversmith spoke about the next PCC meeting location, Navajo Nation will be hosting. Jody encouraged everyone to attend the TTUC meeting in January 2018 to get everyone to come to a consensus. We all need to bring across the same message. Jody expressed that she would like to see ITA thrive and work together however we can. ITA is the voice that everyone else cannot be.

**Will Ware: Alaska Governors Tribal Advisory Council (GTAC):**

State & Tribal Collaborations – Examples from Alaska DOT, *see attached PowerPoint presentation.*

**By-Law Review:** This was skipped over on the agenda, the question was asked by Sara Yockey if it will be moved to an agenda item tomorrow? John Healy answered; it has been removed from the agenda and added to the strategic planning to be completed via email. Gloria Burns spoke; she would like to see this committee established today.

**By-Law Committee**: Established Committee Members: John Healy, Bonnie Newman, Sara Yockey, Carl Slater & Will Ware.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm

**Day 2 – December 7, 2017**

**New guests, Introductions:** Todd Macalady, Erin Kinley & Jim Glaze; Leroy Gishi and Sheldon Kipp will be participating via teleconference.

**TTP Program Update, Erin Kinley, Director, TTP, Federal Lands Highway:** *See attached PowerPoint presentation.*

**Todd Macalady:** Center for Tribal Transportation, TTP moved from under FHWA TTP to the office of innovative program delivery 2016. [www.nticc.org/](http://www.nticc.org/) send suggestions for training (grant writing, RIFDIS, program overview). *See attached PowerPoint presentation.*

**Leroy Gishi, Chief Division of Transportation, BIA**

**Sheldon Kipp, Supervisory Highway Engineer, BIADOT (ABQ):** Presented via teleconference, gao.gov/products/GAO-17-423 *see attached PowerPoint presentations.*

**Working Lunch:** TTAP Update Teleconference, we were unable to verbally participate due to technical difficulties with the phone system.

**James Glaze, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP:** *See attached PowerPoint presentation,* Legislative & Tribal Program history and update including an overview of “John P Smith Tribal Road Safety & Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2017”.

**Resolutions:**  TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION UNITY CAUCUS (TTUC) DISCUSSION DRAFT BILL “JOHN P SMITH TRIBAL ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE ACT OF 2017, ***Will Ware moves to accept TTUC Discussion Draft Bill “John P Smith Tribal Road Safety and Transportation Infrastructure Act of 2017 Resolution as presented; no discussion, all were in favor motion passed.***

**2018 ITA Meeting Schedule and Location:** Discussion on mid-year meeting, it was suggested to piggy back on CTT meeting in June? The majority agrees on holding a quarterly teleconference and see where we all are at on projects and talk about the mid-year meeting then to get an idea for attendance before making any commitment.

Joel Azure requested for support from the body regarding writing a letter to FHWA concerning the lack of Tribal consultation on the closing of the TTAP centers and the new pilot project of combining centers. ***Gloria Burns motion to write a letter to FHWA regarding the lack of Tribal consultation on the closing of regional TTAP centers and the new pilot project*** ***of combining centers, all were in favor, motion passes.***

**Next annual meeting:**  It was discussed and agreed that it was convenient to have the meeting in Las Vegas in December due to the other meetings taking place here allowing people to tie meetings together. The cost is also much more affordable than other venues. Plan on same place and time next year.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm