John Hope re-elected President

A quorum of 88 delegates to the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska convened their annual meeting in Juneau, Oct. 7, 8, and 9th at the Baranof Hotel Gold Room.

Before adjournment on Oct. 9, the delegates held elections, reviewed and acted on more than 100 resolutions, listened to guest speakers from all over Alaska, and scrutinized and passed the Central Council's proposed budget plan for fiscal year 1983.

In a tight election battle for the presidency of the Central Council, the 88 delegates

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re-elected incumbent John Hope. Ketchikan delegate, Edward Thomas, in his first bid for the Central Council executive post, garnered the majority of votes among the three challenging Hope for the executive office.

Andrew Ebona and Evelyn Meyers, both of Juneau, were on the presidential ballot. However, Thomas held onto second place throughout the balloting until Hope received a majority vote on the 14th ballot.

In the vice-president elec-

tions, eight delegates were nominated, one declined, leaving seven nominees plus the three delegates who were unsuccessful in their bid for the presidential seat. With 10 delegates on the ballot, a majority vote was required for six vice-president seats.

Mark Jacobs of Sitka and Edward Thomas of Ketchikan were elected in the first round of balloting with a tying vote. Jacobs relinquished the first-vice-president's seat to Thomas in a moving display of good sportsmanship.

The 10 nominees for the six (Continued on Page Twelve)

Scenes from annual meet



Marlene Johnson of Hoonah, casts her ballot in one of the many rounds of voting that took place at this year's convention. Johnson, who serves on the Sealaska Board of directors, is the 6th Vice President on the newly-elected T-HCC executive committee.



Just prior to the State-wide elections, Bill Sheffield addressed the Tlingit and Haida delegation. After reaffirming his position on the subsistence issue and the capital move, the delegation felt a standing ovation was in order.

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vice-president seats were: Mark
Jacobs, of Sitka; Elizabeth
Walters, of Nome; Gordon
Jackson, of Anchorage; Richard George, of Angoon; David
Leask, of Metlakatla; Marlene
Johnson, of Hoonah; and Margaret Gamble, of Juneau.

The unsuccessful candidates for the T-/CC president become automatic candidates for vice-president, if they wish to run for that office. Andrew Ebona and Edward Thomas decided to run after losing

their bid for the executive office, Evelyn Meyers declined.

After what seemed like arduous balloting for many of the
delegates and candidates, the
results are as follows: John
Hope, president; Edward
Thomas, first vice-president;
Mark Jacobs, second vice-president; Richard George, third
vice-president; Gordon Jackson, fourth vice-president;
Andrew Ebona, fifth vice-president; and Marlene Johnson,
sixth vice-president.



(L to R) Fredrick "Sonny" Wiggs of Wrangell, Gertrude Wolfe of Hoonah, Donna Baptista of Seattle, and Mathew Fred of Angoon pause for a quick photo before informing the T-H Delegation that

after the eighth ballot, no president was elected. (Not shown but a part of the T-H Election Committee were Millie Williams of Sitka, and Ruth Willard of Anchorage.)