

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2006**

**JAPANESE CANADIAN CULTURAL CENTRE  
TORONTO, ONTARIO**

**Saturday, October 21, 2006**

**Call to Order:** 9:00 am

**Opening Remarks:** President Henry Kojima

**Welcome and Announcements:**

- Marty Kobayashi – President – Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre
- Ken Noma – Toronto Chapter NAJC
- Charlotte Chiba – Toronto Chapter NAJC

**Appointments:** Rules of Order Chair – Joanne Planidin  
Recording Secretary – Joanne Planidin

**Roll Call:**

President: Henry Kojima  
Vice President: George Uyeda  
Secretary: Grace Eiko Thomson  
Treasurer: Angela Boyko  
Directors: Judy Hanazawa  
Yumi Schoenhofer  
Joanne Planidin  
Past President: Keiko Miki

**Delegates:**

Ottawa Japanese Community Association:	Kenichi Araki
Kamloops & Area Chapter of NAJC:	Debbie Cairns
Alternate:	Kevin Cairns
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society:	Janice Buick
Edmonton Japanese Community Association:	Cathy Tennant
Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Assn:	Geoff Miki
Alternate:	Janet Hirose
Hamilton Chapter of NAJC:	Kay Honda
Alternate:	Tak Yano
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (GVJCCA):	Ron Nishimura
Alternate:	April Shimizu
Observer:	May Hamanishi
Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC:	Charlotte Chiba
Alternate:	Nobi Nakamura
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association:	Steven Seller
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area:	George Yamada
Calgary Japanese Community Association:	Kevin Okabe
Alternate:	Alan Tanaka
Observer:	Vicki Keller
Individual Member:	Jennifer Hashimoto

**Observers and Guests:**

New Denver Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre:	Ruby Truly
Nikkei Voice:	Yusuke Tanaka
JCCC:	Sid Ikeda
	Bill Kobayashi
	Addie Kobayashi
Toronto Chapter of NAJC:	Ken Noma

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion to accept the agenda as published in the brochure.**

Moved by: Joanne Planidin  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kenichi Araki, Ottawa

**Carried**

**Approval of the 2005 AGM Minutes:**

Minor typographical errors as noted.

- Pg. 6 - # 2 "acceptance of 2004 AGM minutes" and also "To accept 2004 Minutes"
- Pg. 6 - # 3 "audit was done by Runchey and Miyazawa..."
- Pg. 7 top of page, "To approve Runchey and Miyazawa..."
- Pg. 8 - 1:35 towards the bottom of the page, Motion #1, delete the last line "carried unanimously"
- Pg. 8 - 1:35 at the bottom of the page, above 2:00 break, delete the phrase "Motion: to withdraw the motion"
- Pg. 9 - # 9 "Motion to accept 2006-2007 budget"

**Motion to accept the minutes of the 2005 NAJC AGM as published in the brochure.**

Moved by: Joanne Planidin  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Charlotte Chiba, Toronto Chapter

**Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Reference pg. 9, # 8 Audit: The restated audited statements were duly circulated and passed via electronic e-mail communication.

**Treasurer's Report: Angela Boyko**

Reference: pg. 23 – 24 of the brochure

- Audit Committee: Kenichi Araki – Ottawa  
Janet Hirose – Winnipeg  
Jim Hoyano – Edmonton

Kenichi Araki gave a brief overview: This was the first year for the committee. They met via teleconference and one of the members, Janet Hirose met with the Auditor because she resides in the same city.

**Motion to accept the report of the Audit Committee as presented.**

Moved by: Kenichi Araki – Ottawa  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: George Yamada – Lethbridge

**Carried**

**Motion to accept Kenichi Araki and Janet Hirose for the 2006 Audit Committee.**

Moved by: Angela Boyko  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Janet Buick - Vernon

**Carried**

**Straw vote for acceptance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> member to the 2006 Audit Committee to be determined by electronic e-mail communication.**

**Unanimous**

- Investment Policy: Brief explanation of the national investment policy. Discussion and questions.
- 2005-2006 Audited Financial Statements: Brief overview of the printed report. Questions and discussion.

**Coffee Break:** Thank you to Shoji Yano for the delicious Miso Soup!  
Welcome to Yusuke Tanaka – Nikkei Voice, and Sid Ikeda – JCCC

**Treasurer's Report: cont.**

- 2005-2006 Audited Financial Statements:

**Motion: That the audited financial statement go back to the auditor to be corrected and the re-stated statements be re-submitted to the membership within sixty days and the membership given 30 days to respond.**

Moved by: Angela Boyko  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Charlotte Chiba – Toronto

**Carried**

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.**

Moved by: Angela Boyko  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Steven Seller – Lakehead

**Carried**

**Appointment of the 2006-2007 Auditor:**

**Motion to appoint Runchey Miyazawa Abbott as the Auditors for 2006-2007.**

Moved by: Steven Seller – Lakehead

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Charlotte Chiba – Toronto

**Carried**

**Appointment of the Legal Firm:**

**Motion to appoint Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal council for 2006-2007.**

Moved by: Janet Buick – Vernon

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ron Nishimura – Vancouver

**Carried**

(1 abstention)

President Henry stated that the firm employs Michael Thomson, son of Grace Thomson. This statement is made as an open declaration to alleviate any concerns for possible conflict of interest.

**National Executive Board Reports:**

**Motion to accept the reports as published in the brochure.**

Moved by: George Uyeda

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kenichi Araki – Ottawa

**Carried**

**Other Reports:**

Brief overview and highlights:

- ERA 21: acknowledge the great work that was begun in 2000 and the contribution of Randy Enomoto for his work on this project. The book will be in the University of Toronto - 2007 Spring/Summer Catalogue.
- Canadian War Museum: as a result of concerns raised over the World War II Canada-Japan display, members of the NEB visited the museum and subsequently letters were written. Grace Eiko Thomson's review of the display is published both in the brochure and also in the Nikkei Voice.  
Yusuke Tanaka – Nikkei Voice, further commented that related to this is the book written by Raymond Moriyama, "In Search of the Soul" dealing with regeneration. Raymond is scheduled to appear at the JCCC for a book signing.  
George Yamada – Lethbridge, also commented on a similar situation with their own Galt Museum.
- HR Committee Report: Kenichi Araki reported that Ken Shimizu will be stepping down from his position on the committee. Question regarding the status of the booklet project. President Henry Kojima reported that the NEB was pursuing grant applications for further funding of the printing. More detailed discussion will be on the agenda in the afternoon sessions.

**Motion to accept the reports as published in the brochure.**

Moved by: George Uyeda

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Charlotte Chiba – Toronto

**Carried**

**Constitution and By-laws: Keiko Miki**

Constitution Committee: Charlotte Chiba – Toronto

Debbie Cairns – Kamloops

Keiko Miki – NEB

Reference: Resolution as printed on page 18 of the brochure.

Reference Motions & Emergency Motions

Bylaw # 17.12 and 17.13

Moved by: Keiko Miki

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Debbie Cairns – Kamloops

**Carried**

(1 abstention)

**Recognition Plaques for Past Board Members: George Uyeda**

Presentation of recognition plaques for the members of the National Board who will be vacating their positions, Judy Hanazawa, Yumi Schoenhofer, and Henry Kojima. Special gift was presented to Keiko Miki for her many years of service.

**Lunch Break**

**Japanese Social Services: Takeo Maekawa**

Brief overview of the work done by the organization.



Brief statements made from all of the candidates. All will be acclaimed. The position of Secretary will be appointed for the 2006-2008 term.

**Motion to accept the slate of officers for the National Executive Board for the 2006- 2008 term of office.**

Moved by: Keiko Miki – NEB

2<sup>nd</sup> by: George Yamada – Lethbridge

**Carried**

**Endowment Fund Committee: Janet Hirose – Nomination Committee Chair**

Daiyo Sawada and Kathrine Nugent are serving their last term. Ken Noma and George Takashima will remain on the committee. Currently, only one candidate, Cindy Mochizuki, has been duly nominated. A second candidate, Tracy Matsuo, has come forward and once the proper process has been followed, this candidate will be presented for acceptance to the committee.

**Motion to accept the nomination of Cindy Mochizuki – Vancouver GVJCCA.**

Moved by: Keiko Miki

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kay Honda – Hamilton

**Carried**

**Member Organization Reports:**

- **Ottawa Japanese Community Association: Kenichi Araki**
  - Report as printed on pg. 56 of the brochure
  - One Endowment Fund grant recipient will no longer be going forward with the project
- **Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC: Kay Honda**
  - Report as printed on pg. 65 of the brochure
- **Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association: Steven Seller**
  - Report as printed on pg. 66 of the brochure
- **Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Assoc.: Geoff Miki**
  - Report as printed on pg. 67 of the brochure
  - Special projects such as Folklorama
  - National Human Rights Conference – February 24, 2007, presents a good opportunity for other centers to get involved.
- **Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area: George Yamada**
  - Report as printed on pg. 69 of the brochure
  - Galt Museum
  - Nikka Yuko Garden
  - Project involving University students
- **Calgary Japanese Community Association: Kevin Okabe**
  - Report as printed on pg. 73 of the brochure
  - Special mention of the involvement in the Asian Heritage activities
  - Purchase of rental property adjacent to the centre
- **Edmonton Japanese Community Association: Cathy Tennant**
  - Report as printed on pg. 75 of the brochure
  - Special mention regarding their monthly activities
  - Shared facility with other organizations
  - Focused on Human Rights projects
  - Community Outreach program
- **Vernon Japanese Cultural Society: Janice Buick**
  - Report as printed on pg. 77 of the brochure
  - Film Festival – need contacts and suggestions for films to present
  - Looking for information on proficiency exams
- **Kamloops & Area Chapter of the NAJC: Debbie Cairns**
  - Report as printed on pg. 78 of the brochure
  - Special thanks to the National Endowment Fund for Betty Inouye's history book
- **Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Assoc.: Ron Nishimura**
  - Report as printed on pg. 79 of the brochure
  - Special mention and gratitude for the two rookie AGM attendees – April and May
  - Stress the importance of a strong visual presence in the community

- Also would extend that need for visibility to the National level
- **Greater Vancouver Human Rights Committee: Judy Hanazawa**
- Special mention of the report printed on pg. 81 of the brochure
- **Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC: Charlotte Chiba**
  - Report as printed on pg. 57 of the brochure
  - Special mention of the CCNC Tribute Dinner (Chinese Community)
  - Specific to the above, comments and observations regarding the issue of the Chinese Head Tax Redress and the attendance of local and national politicians or lack thereof
  - More importantly the obvious oversight of the lack of recognition of supporting organizations outside of the NAJC.
  - Judy Hanazawa also further commented on the Vancouver experience over this same issue
  - Nobu Nakamura and Tracy Matsuo will be hosting a workshop on “Sexual Health” at the Toronto JCC in conjunction with Japanese Social Services

**Other Organizations:**

- **New Denver – Kyowakai Society / Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre: Ruby Truly**
  - Special thank you for being included in the AGM activities and meeting
  - **Kyowakai Society**
    - Is unique in that it is the only wartime facility of its kind in Canada
    - Originally 1300 victims of tuberculosis were moved to New Denver to the Sanitarium
    - After the war, in 1949 there were people who were unable to be moved and remained in the New Denver area
    - In 1957 the BC Security Commission awarded the property to the surviving residents
    - The internment shacks were remodeled to preserve the history
    - Because of the history, the area has an aging population and no real future for growth
    - This is not a bad thing
    - Ruby invited everyone to visit New Denver to reconnect and see first hand the “greater will to survive” that exists in the community
    - Currently the larger issue is sustainability:
      - Not a growth community
      - No plan for the future
      - No clear view of what the future holds
      - Financial needs
      - How will they survive in the future
      - More questions than answers!

**Motion to accept the reports as published in the brochure and as presented.**

Moved by: Steven Seller – Lakehead  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Janice Buick – Vernon **Carried**

**Site of the 2007 NAJC AGM:**

**Motion to approve Calgary as the site of the 2007 NAJC AGM.**

Moved by: Geoff Miki – Winnipeg  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Debbie Cairns – Kamloops **Carried**

**Announcements: Lucy Yamashita – National Admin. Assistant**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn the 2006 NAJC AGM.**

Moved by: Steven Seller – Lakehead  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kenichi Araki – Ottawa

**Adjournment: 10:45 am**