

2009 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians
October 17 & 18, 2009
Vancouver, B.C. – National Nikkei Museum & Heritage Centre

Saturday October 17, 2009

Meeting called to order 9:10 am
Opening remarks by President Terumi Kuwada, AGM Chair
Appointment of Angela Foreman as recording secretary
Audio taping of the meeting by Eileen Kage

Roll Call:

National Executive Board Members

President	Terumi Kuwada
Vice President	Masa Kagami
Secretary	Angela Foreman
Treasurer	Takashi Ohki
Directors:	Pamela Sugiman
	Alan Tanaka
	Steven Seller
Past President	Grace Eiko Thomson

NAJC Member Delegates

Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association (GVJCCA)	Ron Nishimura
.....Alternate	<i>Gary Matson</i>
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society (VJCS)	Hide Moniwa
.....Alternate	<i>Janice Buick</i>
Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC (Toronto NAJC)	Tokuji Suyama
.....Alternate	<i>Charlotte Chiba</i>
Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC (Hamilton Chapter)	Kathryn Honda
Individual Member	Lillian Nakamura Maguire
Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (MJCCA)	Geoff Miki
.....Alternate	<i>Stacey Matsumoto</i>
Ottawa Japanese Community Association (OJCA)	Yumi Schoenhofer
.....Alternate	<i>Hitomi Suzuta</i>
Calgary Japanese Community Association (CJCA)	Mai Nagao
.....Alternate	<i>Mikiko Saito</i>
CJCA Community and Seniors Foundation (CJCA CSF)	Rocky Oishi
Edmonton Japanese Community Association (EJCA)	Cathy Tennant
.....Alternate	<i>Sanae Ohki</i>
Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC (KJCA)	Debbie Cairns
.....Alternate	<i>George Uyeda</i>
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area (NCS)	Deanna Oye
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association (LJCA)	No delegate in attendance

Observers

NAJC National Administrator
Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC

K. Lucy Yamashita
Roy Inouye
Betty Inouye
Karlau Uyeda
Merv Mochizuki
Roy Honda
April Shimizu
Tatsuo Kage
Mieko Amano
May Hamanishi
Shag Ando
Ken Noma
Peter Harvey

Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association

Individual Member
Calgary Japanese Community Association (CJCA)

Motion to accept the 2009 AGM Agenda as written in the AGM booklet

Moved by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA
Seconded by: Geoff Miki, Manitoba MJCCA Carried

Motion to accept the 2008 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM booklet

Moved by: Alan Tanaka, NEB Director
Seconded by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA Carried with 1 abstention (OJCA)

Treasurer's Report – Takashi Ohki

1. Presentation of the audited financial statements prepared by Runchey Miyazawa Abbott

Motion to accept the auditor's report as presented

Moved by: Takashi Ohki, Treasurer
Seconded by: Debbie Cairns, Kamloops Carried (vote took place on second day)

Motion to table the motion of the acceptance of the auditor's report as presented

Moved by: Hide Moniwa, Vernon VJCS
Seconded by: Yumi Schoenhoffer, Ottawa OJCA Carried with 1 opposed

2. Presentation of background factors regarding the current status of NAJC finance, and the proposal to change the management of the sustaining fund and the endowment fund (*specifically the portion of the Treasurer's written report on pages 25 and 28*).
3. Presentation by Dan Yauck of Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital Ltd. including questions and answers.
4. The numbers in the last paragraph on page 27 of the NEB Treasurer's Report are corrected as presented in the paragraph below:

"As of August 31, 2009, the market value of investment in the Endowment Fund was \$2,687,553 and left \$581,609 before the amount of balance preservation would be reached."

Lunch and recognition – Recognition of Keiko Miki, NAJC National Award Recipient

NEB Members Reports

- President Terumi Kuwada – as written on pages 15 and 16 of the AGM booklet
- Vice President/ Human Rights Committee Chair Masa Kagami – as written on pages 17 through 20 of the AGM booklet
 - Asked the membership to support the NAJC HRC by working with like-minded human rights organizations at the local level
- Secretary/ Community Development Committee Chair Angela Foreman – as written on pages 21 and 22 of the AGM booklet
- Treasurer Takashi Ohki – as previously presented and as written on pages 23 through 28 of the AGM booklet
 - Presentation of the NAJC budget is on the agenda for tomorrow including as written on pages 11 through 14 of the AGM booklet
- Director Steven Seller – as written on page 29 of the AGM booklet
 - Presentation of the Executive Director Proposal Update is on the agenda for tomorrow including as written on pages 30 through 33 of the AGM booklet
- Director Pamela Sugiman – as written on page 34 of the AGM booklet
- Director Alan Tanaka – as written on pages 72 through 82 of the AGM booklet
 - Sat as Treasurer from January through April 2009 but had to resign for work-related reasons.
 - Is a member of the NAJC Finance Committee
- Past-President Grace Eiko Thomson – as written on pages 35 and 36 of the AGM booklet

Canadian Race Relations Foundation Report – as written by Art Miki on page 37 of the AGM booklet

Motion to accept the NEB member reports as presented

Moved by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton EJCA

Seconded by: Yumi Schoenhoffer, Ottawa OJCA Carried

Motion to appoint the legal firm of Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2009/2010 year.

Moved by: Deanna Oye, Lethbridge NCS

Seconded by: Ron Nishimura, Vancouver GVJCCA Carried with 1 abstention (OJCA)

Member Reports

- Calgary Japanese Community Association as written on pages 38 and 39
- Edmonton Japanese Community Association as written on pages 40 and 41
 - Noted an omission in their report regarding an invitation they received to a reception for the Emperor and Empress of Japan.
 - Noted that a member of their community was an endowment fund recipient this past year.
- Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC as written on pages 42 and 43
 - Noted a correction to their written report in the section entitled “Gone But Never Forgotten”. The report should read “Sab Takahashi”.
- Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association as written on pages 44 through 51.
 - Welcomed all AGM participants to Vancouver.
 - Encouraged article submissions from other NAJC member into The Bulletin
- Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC as written on pages 52 and 53
- Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC as written on pages 54 and 55
 - Phoenix Project a Multi-Generational approach to Change
 - Road-sign cairns project is a new upcoming project
- Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association as written on pages 56 through 58

- Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area as written on page 59
- Ottawa Japanese Community Association as written on page 60
 - On July 1st they initiated a project of sending 1000 cranes to the Canadian Military base in Afghanistan
 - Invited the NAJC to get involved with the Parks Canada project
- Vernon Japanese Cultural Society as written on page 61
- CJCA Community and Seniors - verbal report presented
 - parallels the CJCA report
- Lillian Nakamura Maguire – verbal report presented
 - Is a member of an association with approximately 40 members who focus on Japanese cultural and heritage activities

Motion to accept the NAJC member reports as presented

Moved by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA

Seconded by: Geoff Miki, Manitoba MJCCA Carried

Other Reports

- Awards & Scholarships information is presented on pages 62 through 66 of the AGM booklet and includes information on the following:
- Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship
- NAJC & Roger Obata Prize in International Human Rights Law (Osgoode Hall Law School)
- Fall 2008 Endowment Fund Recipients
- Spring 2009 Endowment Fund Recipients

Committee Reports

- Community Development Committee – Angela Foreman, Committee Chair;
Steven Seller, Committee Member
 - Presentation of the “Community Pilot Project Program” including information for applicants and grant application forms.
 - The Program is the implementation of the Community Development Committee program budget approved at the 2008 AGM.
- Human Rights Committee – Masa Kagami, Committee Chair
 - Truth and Reconciliation Commission – This will be a priority for the HRC over the next year. The NAJC has expressed its interest in supporting the Commission and Masa asked how we could go about supporting the Commission in a concrete way.
 - Discussion regarding the feasibility of having Human Rights Committees within all Member Organizations

Heritage Committee Proposal – NEB members Grace Eiko Thomson, Takashi Ohki and Pamela Sugiman

- Proposal information as written on pages 67 and 68 of the AGM booklet
- Background presented regarding the need for and purpose of a Heritage Committee
- Membership discussion regarding the proposal
- It was decided that there is **agreement in principle by the membership** of a national need for:
 1. a listing of all repositories containing Japanese Canadian archival material;
 2. a vigilance for the safeguarding of how Japanese Canadian history is presented in society;

- 3. an awareness of what materials exist that currently require translation.
- Membership discussion regarding how best to go about achieving what was agreed upon in principle above.

Motion to create a Heritage Committee as written on page 67 of the AGM booklet

Moved by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Individual Member
Seconded by: Ron Nishimura, Vancouver GVJCCA 4 in favour; 2 opposed; 6 abstentions
Vote result suspended

Adjournment for the day

Sunday October 18, 2009

Meeting called to order 9:10 am

Membership was notified of the pass result of the prior day's voting on the Heritage Committee Proposal and was given an opportunity to revote with a clear understanding of how abstentions affect a vote.

Amendment :

- Remove the phrase "Move to amend the Bylaws of".
- The National Association of Japanese Canadians "will" create a Heritage "Task Force under the following parameters":
- Remove the line "21.9 The Heritage Portfolio"
- Remove "21.9.1"; "21.9.2"; "21.9.3"
- Replace each occurrence of the word "Committee" with the phrase "Task Force"
- Add the phrase "at the 2010 AGM" to item c).
- Remove "National Executive Board and/or to the" from item c).
- Remove "through the National Executive Board" from item c).

Moved by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Individual Member
Seconded by: Ron Nishimura, Vancouver GVJCCA Carried

Motion as Amended:

The National Association of Japanese Canadians will create a Heritage Task Force under the following parameters:

The Heritage Task Force is chaired by a member of the Executive Board.

The Heritage Task Force is comprised of appointed and volunteer members.

The Heritage Task Force shall be responsible for:

- a) encouraging and assisting Japanese-Canadian communities in the preservation , maintenance and dissemination of Japanese-Canadian heritage and history;
- b) monitoring representation of Japanese-Canadian history in Canadian society; and
- c) proposing recommendations at the 2010 AGM regarding a) and b) above to the membership.

Carried

Motion to move the management of the Sustaining Fund and the Endowment Fund from CIBC Wood Gundy Securities and RBC Dominion Securities to Conner, Clark & Lunn Private Capital.

Moved by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA
Seconded by: Yumi Schoenhofer, Ottawa OJCA Carried

Motion to pool together the Sustaining Fund and the National Development Grant Program portion of the Endowment Fund to provide investment income both for the Operating Fund and the National Development Program.

Moved by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA

Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton EJCA

Carried with 1 opposed (Ottawa) and
2 abstentions (Winnipeg, Vernon)

Motion to approve the Budget for the Year ending March 31, 2011 as presented on pages 13 and 14 of the AGM booklet and revised at the AGM.

Moved by: Takashi Ohki, NEB Treasurer

Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton EJCA

- Point of clarification: Regarding the Endowment Fund section of the 2011 budget, where the budget line reads "Community Development Grants", the word "Grants" refers both to actual grants as well as community development programming.
- Please see revised budget attached to these AGM minutes.

Amendment

- To remove the budget line "Heritage Committee \$8,000" in the Endowment Fund section of the budget.
- To add the budget line "Heritage Task Force \$5,000" in the Endowment Fund section of the budget.

Moved by: Charlotte Chiba, Toronto

Seconded by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA

Carried

Motion to approve the 2010 budget as amended.

Carried

Motion to appoint Runchey Miyazawa Abbott LLP as the auditor for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2010.

Moved by: Takashi Ohki, Treasurer

Seconded by: Hide Moniwa, Vernon VJCS

Carried

Discussion about the 2010 AGM location.

Discussion about the membership questionnaire.

Executive Director Report

- Information is presented on pages 30 through 33 of the AGM booklet.
- The feasibility and development of an Executive Director position is still being examined by the National Executive Board and continued progress with again be presented to the membership at the 2010 AGM.

Closing remarks and expression of thanks to the Vancouver volunteers by President Terumi Kuwada, AGM Chair.

Motion that the 2009 NAJC AGM be adjourned.

Moved by: Mai Nagao, Calgary CJCA

Seconded by: Hide Moniwa, Vernon VJCS

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Budget as revised at the AGM

**Table 3
THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2011**

	FYE 09	FYE 10	FYE 10	FYE 11
Sustaining Fund	Actual	Budget	Estimate	
Sustaining Fund Revenue				
Interest and Investment Income	17,236	59,000	31,000	
Sustaining Fund Expenditures				
Administrative Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Transfer to Operating Fund	16,236	58,000	30,000	
Operating Fund	FYE 09	FYE 10	FYE 10	FYE 11
Operating Revenues	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget
Transfer from Sustaining Fund	16,236	58,000	30,000	
Transfer from Integrated Fund				61,200
Membership Fees	7,525	7,000	7,000	7,000
Registrations	2,055	2,000	2,000	2,000
Product Sales	384	500	400	400
Rental	8,750	10,000	0	0
Total Revenue	34,950	77,500	39,400	70,600
Operating Expenditures				
Accounting	8,533	9,800	9,000	6,000
AGM	12,819	15,000	15,000	12,000
Audit and Legal	8,976	2,500	2,000	2,000
Building Occupancy	53,606	7,000	7,200	7,200
Communication (website)	329	2,500	1,000	1,000
Committees Administration	0	700	0	0
Equipment	0	500	500	1,000
Executive Committee	11,088	21,000	18,000	16,000
Insurance	3,009	3,100	3,100	3,100
Internet Connection	983	1,100	1,000	1,000
Membership and Conference Fees	1,197	500	500	500
Office Administration	20,701	5,000	4,000	4,000
Scholarships, Awards and Honoraria	0	0	0	0
Wages & Salaries, Benefits, Payroll costs	17,907	23,000	23,000	16,000
Other Miscellaneous	307	800	800	800
Total Expenditures	139,455	92,500	85,100	70,600
Net Gain or (Loss) in Operating Fund	(104,505)	(15,000)	(45,700)	0

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	FYE 09	FYE 10	FYE 10	FYE 11
Endowment Fund	Actual	Budget	Estimate	Budget
Endowment Fund Revenue				
Interest and Investment Income	83,368	145,000	71,000	94,000
20th Anniversary of Redress	28,692			
COPANI				
Total Revenue	112,060	145,000	71,000	94,000
Endowment Fund Expenditures				
Audit and Legal Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Investment Management Fees	9,924		9,000	26,000
Redress 20th Anniversary	50,268			
Redress Celebration	25,600			
Asahi Baseball Exhibit				
COPANI				
ERA				
Friends of Canadian Museum for Humarn Rights				
External Scholarship	5,311			
SEAD Grants (plus CD for FYE 10 and 11)	6,200	45,000	45,000	29,000
Cultural Development Grants	26,600			
National Development Grants				
Community Development Grants	1,490	25,300	15,000	14,000
Human Rights Committee	9,284	35,000	30,000	14,000
Heritage Committee				5,000
Endowment Committee Expenditures	4,470	5500	5,000	5,000
Total Endowment Expenditure	140,147	111,800	105,000	94,000
Net Gain or (Loss) in the Endowment Fund	(28,087)	33,200	(34,000)	0
Total Gain or (Loss) of Operating and Endowmment Funds	(132,592)	18,200	(79,700)	0