



National Association of Japanese Canadians

**2010 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians**

October 16 & 17, 2010

Ottawa, Ontario – Embassy of Japan

**Saturday October 16, 2010**

Meeting called to order 9:08am

Opening remarks by President Terumi Kuwada, AGM Chair

Words of welcome and housekeeping items by Yumi Schoenhofer, OJCA President

Appointment of Angela Foreman as recording secretary

Appointment of Steven Seller as Rules of Order Chair for the meeting.

**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 Toronto Chapter of the NAJC (Toronto NAJC)	Nobi Nakamura
.....Alternate	<i>Tokuji Suyama</i>
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association (LJCA)	Kelly Dulude
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society (VJCS)	Janice Buick
Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC (KNAJC)	George Uyeda
.....Alternate	<i>Karlau Uyeda</i>
Individual Member	Ken Noma
Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC (Hamilton Chapter)	Kathryn Honda
.....Alternate	<i>Patricia Simpson</i>
Individual Member	Lillian Nakamura
	Maguire
Edmonton Japanese Community Association (EJCA)	Cathy Tennant
.....Alternate	<i>Sanae Ohki</i>



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Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (MJCCA)	Geoff Miki
Individual Member	Mike Murakami
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area (NCS)	David Tanaka
Calgary Japanese Community Association (CJCA)	Rocky Oishi
Ottawa Japanese Community Association (OJCA)	Yumi Schoenhofer
.....Alternate	<i>Hitomi Suzuta</i>
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association (GVJCCA)	Gary Matson

**Motion to accept the 2010 AGM Agenda as written in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: David Tanaka, NCS  
 Seconded by: George Uyeda, KNAJC Carried

**Motion to accept the 2009 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM booklet with the following correction to the listing of the NAJC Member Delegates section:**

“Vernon Japanese Cultural Society (VJCS) Hide Moniwa  
 .....Alternate *Janice Buick*”  
 Moved by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Individual Member  
 Seconded by: Yumi Schoenhofer, OJCA Carried

**Treasurer’s Report – Takashi Ohki**

1. Overview of financial history of the NAJC.
2. Review of investment fund performance since the management was transferred from CIBC Wood Gundy and RBC Dominion Securities to the firm of Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital (Conner) in December 2009 (*ref: item 1.0 of the Treasurer’s written report on pages 29 thru 31 of the 2010 AGM booklet*).
3. Review of budgeting procedures (*ref: item 2.0 of the Treasurer’s written report on page 31 of the 2010 AGM booklet*).
4. Presentation of the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending 2012 (*ref: Treasurer’s written budget proposal on pages 14 thru 18 of the 2010 AGM booklet*).
5. Explanation of why there is no auditor’s report available for presentation to the membership. Although there is a first draft available, the Treasurer believed the report to be too preliminary to be of benefit to the Membership. After the Finance and Audit Committees are able to review and make recommendations for a final draft, the Membership will receive copies and will mail in votes on acceptance of the auditor’s report.



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### **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented with the proviso that the Auditor's Report will be provided to Membership when available for approval**

Moved by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton EJCA

Seconded by: Yumi Schoenhofer, Ottawa OJCA Carried with 1 abstention

### **Motion to accept the proposed fiscal year ended 2012 budget as presented**

Moved by: George Uyeda, KNAJC

Seconded by: Rocky Oishi, CJCA Carried with 1 abstention

### **Motion to appoint the legal firm of Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2010/2011 year**

Moved by: George Uyeda, KNAJC

Seconded by: Janice Buick, VJCA Carried

There is no motion at this time to appoint the auditor for the fiscal year ending 2011 as per the explanation given by the Treasurer and due to the fact that there is no auditor's report available to the membership for approval at this time.

### **NEB Members Reports**

- President Terumi Kuwada – as written on pages 19 and 20 of the AGM booklet
- Vice President/ Human Rights Committee Chair Masa Kagami – as written on pages 21 through 25 of the AGM booklet
- Secretary/ Community Development Committee Chair Angela Foreman – as written on pages 26 thru 28 of the AGM booklet
- Treasurer Takashi Ohki – as previously presented and as written on pages 29 through 31 of the AGM booklet
- Director Steven Seller – as written on page 32 of the AGM booklet
- Director Pamela Sugiman – as written on pages 33 and 34 of the AGM booklet
- Director Alan Tanaka – as written on pages 35 and 36 of the AGM booklet
  - It should be noted that our community should look back at what we have accomplished, and what the Nisei have accomplished, and project that onto future generations. We need to give special consideration to the fact that the rate of inter-marriage is currently 95% and that this creates special challenges for passing down our cultural heritage.
- Past-President Grace Eiko Thomson – as written on pages 37 and 38 of the AGM booklet



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- o Special mention that heritage is a very important subject for our community.

**Canadian Race Relations Foundation Report** – as written by Art Miki on page 39 and 40 of the AGM booklet

**Mennonite Central Committee** – as written on page 41 of the AGM booklet

**Endowment Fund Recipients** – as written in the AGM booklet

**Motion to accept the NEB members' and other reports as presented and as written in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: Janice Buick, VJCS

Seconded by: Gary Matson, GVJCCA Carried

### Resolutions

**Resolution #1 – put forth by OJCA**

**Motion to amend Resolution #1 by the removal of the following portion:**

*"but in no case later than ninety (90) days before the NAJC AGM."*

Moved by: Yumi Schoenhofer, OJCA

Seconded by: George Uyeda, KNAJC Defeated with 9 abstentions

**Motion to accept Resolution #1 as written in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: Yumi Schoenhofer, OJCA

Seconded by: Kuniyo Yamamoto, OJCA board member Defeated with 2 abstentions

### Lunch and recognition

Recognition of Mrs. Kiyoshi Shimizu, Merit Award.

Recognition of NEB members stepping down from the board: Grace Eiko Thomson, Alan Tanaka, Masa Kagami.

**Introductions by Presidential Candidates** – Ken Noma, Hitomi Suzuta

Resolution #2 – put forth by individual member Mike Murakami

General discussion regarding fundraising needs and the NAJC.

**Motion to postpone the motion regarding Resolution #2 until tomorrow**

Moved by: Mike Murakami, Individual Member

Seconded by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire Carried



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**Resolution #3 – put forth by LJCA**

**Motion to accept the proposed changes to the NAJC by laws as written in Resolution #3 in the AGM booklet.**

Moved by: Steven Seller, LJCA

Seconded by: Pamela Sugiman, Individual Member Carried with 1 abstention

**Discussion – Future Planning**

AGM participants broke off into four smaller groups for discussion.

Adjournment for the day

**Sunday October 17, 2010**

Meeting called to order 9:02 am

**Resolution #2 – put forth by individual member Mike Murakami**

Re-examination of

**Amended Motion: In recognition that in principal the NAJC supports the raising of funds through donation and/or events, the NEB shall create a taskforce to research the feasibility and possible creation of a fundraising arm of the NAJC, and report on its finding at the 2011 annual general meeting.**

Moved by: Mike Murakami, Individual Member

Seconded by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire Carried

**Motion: To accept Resolution #2 as amended.**

Moved by: Mike Murakami, Individual Member

Seconded by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire Carried

**Resume Discussion – Future Planning**

AGM participants again broke off into four smaller groups to continue discussion.

Group recorders reported on discussion results.

*Note: Group discussion notes will be compiled and distributed to the member organizations.*

**NEB elections and EFC appointments**

Lucy Yamashita, National Administrator is appointed as Election Chair.

Kunio Yamamoto, OJCA member is appointed as Returning Officer to assist Lucy Yamashita with the voting procedure.



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### Discussion about the 2011 AGM location.

Edmonton Japanese Community Association volunteered to host.

### Member reports:

- Calgary Japanese Community Association as written on pages 61 and 62
  - Thank you to NAJC for CDC Pilot Project Grant for their history preservation project

### NEB Election Results:

President	elected	Ken Noma	Individual Member - Toronto
Vice President	acclaimed	Lillian Maguire	Individual Member - Whitehorse
Treasurer	acclaimed	Takashi Ohki	EJCA
Secretary	acclaimed	Angela Foreman	LJCA
Director	acclaimed	Pamela Sugiman	Individual Member - Toronto
Director	acclaimed	Steven Seller	LJCA
Director		<i>vacant</i>	
Past President		Terumi Kuwada	MJCCA

Member reports continued:

- Edmonton Japanese Community Association as written on pages 57 – 60
- Kamloops & Area Chapter NAJC as written on pages 53 – 54
  - Debbie Cairns will be retiring from her volunteer life with the KNAJC

### Lunch and performance

- Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC as written on page 73 – 77
  - Some discussion regarding challenges Toronto member organization is currently facing
  - Question raised - why has Toronto not called an annual general meeting in several years. The NEB offered to provide any assistance, if the chapter so required.
- Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association as written on pages 45-52
  - Mention that an article on Jack Nakamura was in the latest issue of The Bulletin
  - The city of New Westminster reconciled with the Chinese community and issued a formal apology for past discrimination.
- Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC as written on page 72
  - Currently operating without a president.
  - Have amalgamated their newsletter with that of the cultural centre.



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- Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association as written on pages 69 – 70
- Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association as written on pages 66- 68
  - 40<sup>th</sup> sister city with Japan celebration this year – visit from
  - Connecting Generations Program – grant received from federal government for mentoring between generations and an attempt to stimulate participation from the generation currently in their 50's and 60's (considered to be the "missing" generation)
- Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area as written on page
  - CDC Pilot Project of "NCS History Initiative" - Educational bus tour of BC interior interment communities was so successful that they are running another tour again next June with is already 1/3 sold out (mostly to people from Ontario)
- Ottawa Japanese Community Association as written on page 71
- Vernon Japanese Cultural Society as written on pages 55 – 56

Awards and Scholarships as written in the AGM booklet on pages 41–44, and 78.

### **Motion to accept the NAJC member reports as presented**

Moved by: Janice Buick, VJCS

Seconded by: Yumi Schoenhofer, OJCA                      Carried

### **Motion that the 2010 NAJC AGM be adjourned.**

Moved by: Janice Buick, VJCS

Seconded by: Mike Murakami, Individual Member      Meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm