



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

**2012 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians**

September 15 and 16, 2012

Kamloops, British Columbia – Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association (KJCA)

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**

Meeting called to order 9:00 am

Opening remarks by President Ken Noma, AGM Chair

Words of welcome by George Uyeda, Kamloops

Introduction of Lisa Schoenhofer and Lindsay Tsuji, co-chairs of the Young Adults Seminar  
Kamloops

Words of welcome from Tim Araki, President of KJCA

Appointment of Tomoko Keheler-Yokobori as recording secretary

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

Introduction of new associations by Ken Noma:

Regina – Regina Japanese Canadian Club as an Associate Member

**Roll Call:**

**National Executive Board Members**

President	Ken Noma
Vice President	Lillian Nakamura Maguire
Treasurer	Takashi Ohki
Secretary	Bev Ohashi
Directors:	David Iwaasa (absent)
	Steven Seller
	Kevin Okabe
Past President	Terumi Kuwada (absent)

**NAJC Member Delegates**

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society		Michael Abe
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association		Gary Matson
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Mieko Amano</i>
Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC		Merv Mochizuki
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society		Janice Buick
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Rick Ogasawara</i>
Edmonton Japanese Community Association		Sanae Ohki
	<i>Alternate</i>	<i>Yoko Azumaya</i>
Calgary Japanese Community Association		Joanne Planidin
CJCA Community and Seniors Foundation		Cindy Nagata-McMillan
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area		David Tanaka
Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association		Mistuko Miyamoto
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association		Jane Eddington
Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC		Norm Ibuki
	<i>Alternate</i>	Lindsay Tsuji



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Ottawa Japanese Community Association		Hitomi Suzuta
Individuals	<i>Alternate</i>	Jennifer Matsunaga Fumi Torigai (Yukon)
Observers		Brefni Shuttleworth Michiko Yano-Shuttleworth Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin Pat Jette

**Motion to accept the 2012 AGM Agenda as written in the AGM booklet**

Moved by:	Hitomi Suzuta, Ottawa	
Seconded by:	David Tanaka, Lethbridge	Carried

**Motion to accept the 2011 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM booklet (pg. 16 with the change to date 2011)**

Moved by:	Merv, Mochizuki, Kamloops	
Seconded by:	Sanae Ohki, Edmonton	Carried

**Treasurer's Report – Takashi Ohki**

Email sent on September 2, 2012 including the following:

1. NEB Treasurer's Report: Budget Review 2011-12 Fiscal Year
2. New Budgeting Process
3. 2013-14 Budget
4. Set of Presentation Graphs

Financial Workshop for delegates was offered by Takashi Ohki and Kevin Okabe on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

- Total portfolio value as of March 31, 2012 is \$ 3,698,350.
- Investment income has been decreasing since 2005, and this trend would last for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the NAJC has to look for new sources of income.
- Presentation of the graph charts was distributed to provide overview of the budget and the economic trends.
- Acknowledgement of the deficit in the operating funds of \$ 10,415 comparing to the budget proposed at the 2010 Ottawa AGM for the 2011 -2012 fiscal year.
- Les Miyazawa, the NAJC Auditor presented the auditor's report dated March 31, 2012 was distributed.

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

Moved by:	Joanne Planidin, Calgary	
Seconded by:	Merv Mochizuki, Kamloops	Carried

**Motion to accept the Auditor's Report as presented**

Moved by:	Michael Abe, Victoria	
Seconded by:	Janice Buick, Vernon	Carried

**Motion to appoint the auditor of Runchey Miyazawa Abbott for the 2012/13 year**

Moved by:	Janice Buick, Vernon	
Seconded by:	Jane Eddington, Lakehead	Carried



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**Motion to appoint the legal firm Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2012/13 year**

Moved by: Norm Ibuki, Toronto

Seconded by: Gary Matson, Vancouver

Carried

Break: 10:15 AM

Ken Galloway introduced his documentary film, “Japantown,” its purpose and plans for interviewing individuals.

- Treasurer’s reports continues in presenting the 2013-2014 budget
- Total investment income is \$120,000 for 2012-13, but the projected total investment income is \$154,000 for 2013-2014. This is based on the estimated annual return of investment as.
- Presentation of the two major changes in the 2013-2014 budget: 1. Increase of the investment income; 2. Increase of the National Development Project Expenditures to \$31,800
- Revisit the mandate that the issues of equity and human rights is a requirement to become a chapter member

**Motion to accept the proposed fiscal year ended 2014 budget as presented (page 34 and 35 )**

Moved by: Joanne Planidin, Calgary

Seconded by: David Tanaka, Lethbridge

Carried with 1 abstention

Importance of fundraising was discussed.

Community Development Pilot Project Report Booklets were distributed.

**NEB Members Reports**

1. President Ken Noma / Heritage Committee Chair: as written on pages 17-22 of the AGM booklet
2. Vice President Lillian Nakamura Maguire/ Human Rights Committee Chair: as written on pages 23-25 of the AGM booklet
3. Director Steven Seller: as written on page 26 of the AGM booklet
4. Treasurer Takashi Ohki: as presented and written on pages 27-35 of the AGM booklet
5. Secretary Bev Ohashi / Community Development Chair: as written on pages 36-37 of the AGM booklet
6. Director Kevin Okabe: as written on page 38 of the AGM booklet
7. Past President Terumi Kuwada: as written on pages 39-40 of the AGM booklet

**Committee Reports**

1. Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) Report: as written by Arthur Miki Representative to NAJC on pages 41-43 of the AGM booklet
2. NAJC Archival Project: as written by Arthur Miki, Chair of Organizational Team on pages 44 & 45 of the AGM booklet
3. Japanese Canadian War Memorial Committee 2011 Report: as written by Linda Reid on pages 46 & 47 of the AGM booklet



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### **Member Reports**

1. Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: as written by Michael Abe, President on pages 48 -53 of the AGM booklet
2. Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association: as written by Gary Matson, President on pages 54 – 59 of the AGM booklet and Activity Report of the GVJCCA Human Rights Committee: as written by Judy Hanazawa on pages 60 – 66 of the AGM booklet
3. Kamloops Chapter of the NAJC: as written by Brenda Sawada, President on pages 67 – 70 of the AGM booklet
4. Vernon Japanese Cultural Society (VJCS): as written by Janice (Ouchi) Buick, VJCS Newsletter Editor on pages 71 – 74 of the AGM booklet
5. Edmonton Japanese Community Association: as written by Cathy Tennant, President on pages 75 – 82 of the AGM booklet
6. Calgary Japanese Community Association: as written by Cindy Nagata-McMillan, Secretary and Joanne Terakita Planidin, President on pages 83 – 88 of the AGM booklet
7. Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area: as written by David Tanaka, President on pages 89 – 93 of the AGM booklet
8. Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens Association: as written by Geoff Miki, President on pages 94 – 97 of the AGM booklet
9. Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association: as written by Steven Seller, President on pages 98 – 101 of the AGM booklet
10. Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC: as written by Ken Noma, President and Norm Ibuki, Vice President on pages 102 – 106 of the AGM booklet
11. Ottawa Japanese Community Association: as written by Hitomi Suzuta, President on pages 107 – 112 of the AGM booklet
12. Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon: as written by Fumi Torigai, President on pages 113 – 116 of the AGM booklet

**Endowment Fund Recipients Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Report:** as written by Ken Noma, Chair on pages 120 – 125 of the AGM booklet

### **Lunch, Recognition, and Presentation**

Recognition of departing NEB Members: David Iwaasa, Terumi Kuwada, Takashi Ohki and Steven Seller

Presentation by Linda Gadwa, Principal of Kehewin Community Education Centre introduced and thanked by Bev Ohashi, Secretary

### **Strengthening Identity and Member Organization Discussion**

Kamloops Project – Museum and Archives by Eileen Willms

Small group discussions focused on the following topics:

1. Communication among and between NAJC and Member Associations  
- facilitated by Joanne Planidin  
- see appendix A, page 7
2. Action items on National and Community issues:  
- facilitated by Kevin Okabe  
- see appendix B, page 8



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- 3. JC identity and history
  - facilitated by Takashi Ohki
  - see appendix C, page 10
- 4. Membership
  - facilitated by Lillian Nakamura Maguire
  - see appendix D, page 12

Groups summarized comments to the larger group. Report was also made by the Young Leaders from their morning seminar co-chair and presented by Lisa Schoenhofer and Lindsay Tsuji. See appendix E, page 15.

**Introduction of the 2012-13 NEB Committee Members by Steve Sellers**

President	Ken Noma
Vice President / Human Rights Chair	Lillian Nakamura Maguire
Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary / Community Development Chair	Bev Ohashi
Directors	Kevin Okabe
	Lisa Schoenhofer
	Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin

Endowment Fund Committee Members Asa Mori

The position of Past President will be vacant for next year. The NEB shall come up with a plan for the nomination committee which has been led by the Past president.

**Motion to accept the 2012-13 NEB Members and Endowment Committee**

Moved by:	Janice Buick, Calgary	
Seconded:	Norm Ibuki, Toronto	Carried

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

Moved by:	Gary Matson, Vancouver	
Seconded by:	Fumi Torigai, Yukon	Carried

Adjournment for the day 4:20 PM

**Social Time**

**Dinner**

Presentation of the NAJC Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award; introduction and presentation by Lillian Nakamura Maguire to 2012 Tatsuo Kage from Vancouver.

1942 Internment and Evacuation Presentation by Roy Inouye, Merv Mochizuki, Eileen Wilms, Debbie Cairns. A booklet was distributed to capture the stories collected from individuals who experienced the internment during World War II.

Display tables gave participants opportunity to buy some of the books available at the NAJC Office for reasonable prices.

Silent Auction - \$550 was raised for the NAJC special project funds.



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**Sunday, September 16, 2012**

Meeting began 8:40 AM

**Workshops:**

**A) Web Design** – John Greenaway

Overview was given on elements of creating a web page. John used the NAJC website and the Toronto NAJC website as examples to highlight features on the web.

**B) Creating Digital Storytelling** - Lillian Nakamura Maguire and David Tanaka

Overview was given in how digital storytelling (DST) can capture personal stories. DSTs were presented by Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Jessica Whitehead, Brendan Taro Yakura, Lily Chen, Keiko Marumo and Mike Abe

**Approval of 2013 AGM Location**

Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC has accepted to be host centre for the next AGM in September 21 and 22, 2013

Member organizations should consider budgeting funds towards supporting a young adult delegate for the 2012 AGM in Toronto. It is critical that the momentum continues to ensure the continuation and growth of this organization by supporting our youth and young adults to be part of the JC community and the NAJC organization.

Completed feedback form will be appreciated to improve plans for our next AGM.

NEB will investigate filling the vacancies on the NEB, especially the treasurer position. In addition, a Calgary representative will be considered for a vacancy on the Endowment Committee.

Ken Noma thanked the member organizations, Niseis, George Uyeda, Betty and Roy Inouye for their involvement in hosting the AGM.

**Motion that the 2012 NAJC AGM be adjourned**

Moved by: Hitomi Suzuta, Ottawa

Seconded by: Janice Buick, Vernon

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM