



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS**

**2014 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians  
September 19-20, 2014  
Vancouver, B. C. - Greater Vancouver JCCA**

**Saturday, September 19, 2014**

Meeting called to order 9:15AM

Opening remarks by President Ken Noma, AGM Chair  
Appreciation to Derek Iwanaka and Kathy Shimizu, GVJCCA  
Acknowledgement to the Aboriginal community for the Sacred Land, that we are occupying

Announcement:  
Words of welcome by Derek Iwanaka, President, GVJCCA  
Thank you to GVJCCA volunteers, information about Wi-Fi access

Appointment of Terumi Kuwada as recording secretary  
Appointment of Lucy Yamashita as Rules of Order Chair for the meeting

**Roll Call:**

**National Executive Board Members**

President	Ken Noma
Vice President	Lillian Nakamura Maguire
Acting Treasurer	Kevin Okabe
Secretary	Bev Ohashi
Directors:	Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin Lisa Schoenhofer (attending Young Leaders Conference) Susan Matsumoto
Past President	Terumi Kuwada at large
Recorder:	Terumi Kuwada

**NAJC Member Delegates**

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society  
.....Alternate  
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association  
.....Alternate  
Kamloops and Area Chapter NAJC  
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society  
Edmonton Japanese Community Association  
.....Alternate  
Calgary Japanese Community Association  
.....Alternate  
CJCA Community and Seniors Foundation  
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area  
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba  
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association  
Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC  
.....Alternate  
Ottawa Japanese Community Association  
Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon  
NAJC Hamilton

Michael Abe  
Yukari Peerless  
Derek Iwanaka  
Lorene Oikawa  
Morgan Elander  
Janice Buick  
David Mitsui  
Yoko Azumaya  
Cindy Nagata-McMillan  
Joanne Terakita Planidin  
Shirley Shigematsu  
George Takashima  
Geoff Miki  
Sharon Young  
David Fujino  
Yosh Inouye  
Jen Matsunaga  
Fumi Torigai  
Patricia Simpson

**Individuals:**

Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC

Kim Uyede-Kai

**Observers:**

Kumiko Sato  
Patti Ayukawa

Ken asked the delegates to announce the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Redress Foundation in their newsletters.

**Motion (#1) to accept the 2014 AGM Agenda as written in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: David Mitsui (Edmonton)  
Seconded by: Michael Abe ( Victoria) Carried

**Motion (#2) to accept the 2013 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM booklet**

Moved by: Cindy Nagata-McMillan (Calgary)  
Seconded by: Morgan Elander (Kamloops) Carried

**Interim Treasurer's Report – Kevin Okabe**

Financial reports are on pages 33-39 in AGM Booklet.

Kevin distributed copies of unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2014.

Kevin summarized the highlights as follows:

Power presentation - concise explanation of revenue/expenses.

Endowment Funds – entrusted from JCRF, which funds our national programs

Sustaining Funds - for operations. Investment income allows us to provide programs, grants.

Offset our deficits by investment income explained in the auditor's report

**Motion (#3) to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented**

Moved by: Janice Buick (Vernon)

Seconded by: David Fujino (Toronto) Carried

**Motion (#4) to accept the Auditor's Report as presented**

Moved by: Shirley Shigematsu (Calgary Srs)

Seconded by: Michael Abe (Victoria) Carried

Report will now get approved and signed by auditor, following Council's acceptance.

**Motion (#5) to appoint the auditor of Runchey Miyazawa Abbott for the 2013/14 year**

Moved by: Cindy Nagata-McMillan (Calgary)

Seconded by: David Fujino (Toronto) Carried

**Motion (#6) to appoint the legal firm Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2013/14 year** Ken mentioned that we have received pro bono work.

Moved by: Morgan Elander (Kamloops)

Seconded by: Fumi Torigai (Yukon) Carried

**Motion (#7) to amend the 2014-2015 budget with the addition of \$35,000. The additional funds will be used to establish a part time Executive Director position for one year; to cover increased office expenses and new program initiatives. The NEB will be responsible for the tasks as outlined.**

Moved by: Jennifer Matsunaga (Ottawa)

Seconded by: David Tanaka (Lethbridge) Carried

**Motion (#8) : to accept the 2015-16 budget as outlined on pages in the AGM booklet**

Kevin Okabe stated that the ED position will likely increase the deficit but there has been surplus in the past few years, and this will hopefully cover this deficit.

**Moved by: George Takashima (Lethbridge)**  
**Seconded by: Michael Abe (Victoria) Carried.**

**Motion (#9) re: that under Article IV, Rights and Obligations of Membership, Section 4.1 Organizations, that the term "Associate" be replaced with "Supporting " to reflect the membership bylaw change 4.1.2 passed at the Annual General Meeting of September 21, 2013, held in Toronto, Ontario.**

**Moved by: David Fujino (Toronto)**  
**Seconded by: Keiko Miki (Winnipeg) Carried**

**Supporting members have two votes and speaking privileges.**

**Motion (#10) to accept the member reports/neb reports**

**Moved by: Janice Buick (Vernon)**  
**Seconded by: Cindy Nagata-McMillan (Calgary) Carried**

Bev provided information about the newly designed website of the NAJC. Discussion took place regarding the "Members Only Section". Each member will have an individual password. Googles Analytics has shown the NAJC has had 2000 hits since the website has been redesigned. The next phase of the website will be registering online, and payment options. ED will have standards about what can be posted to ensure appropriate information.

When photographs are added to the website, the web designer must ensure the source of the photograph, and verify the NAJC has copyright permission to use the photographs.

Lillian wanted to encourage membership about ensuring a presence of a HR rep in every community. There will be a major human rights conference this year, so, encourage young people to participate in this event.

Ken talked about the Heritage Tours and benefit to the membership. A commission goes to the membership. Some new ideas of tours, e.g., genealogy.

Fumi : website. Asked about the ability to put things on the website, if you (member organization) don't have a website.

Lillian: comments from questions about the lack of communication between the NAJC and the membership. What can be done about this. Joanne suggests having a webinar on a quarterly basis. New ED position, travel \$\$ to connect with the membership. Renewed effort to connect. Put out a question to the membership of the month, collect responses.

**Motion (#11): that the Annual General Meeting/National Conference for 2015, be held in Victoria, BC.**

**Moved by: Michael Abe (Victoria)**  
**Seconded by: Derek Iwanaka (Vancouver) Carried**

Council unanimously agreed to support Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society in its offer to host the 2015 NAJC AGM/National Conference.

Ken introduced the 2014-16 National Executive Board, as per the Nomination Slate that was sent to the Membership. The positions were filled by acclamation.

President: Bev Ohashi  
Past President: Ken Noma  
Vice President: Tosh Kitagawa  
Treasurer: Kevin Okabe  
Secretary: Susan Matsumoto  
Director: Lillian Nakamura Maguire  
Director: Lisa Schoenhofer  
Director: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin

Endowment Fund Committee Member  
Tomiye Ishida

GVJCCA Award of Merit Presentation by Derek Iwanaka  
to: Consul General Seiji Okada  
April Shimizu

Presentation to Outgoing President, Ken Noma by Terumi Kuwada, Past President.

2014-15 President's Message delivered to the National Council by Bev Ohashi.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM  
Moved by: David Fujino (Toronto)  
Seconded by: David Mitsui (Edmonton)