



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

**2015 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians
September 26-27, 2015
Victoria BC
Chateau Victoria**

Saturday September 26, 2015
Meeting called to order 9:04 AM

Opening Remarks by President Bev Ohashi, AGM Chair

Bev Ohashi introduced the members of the National Executive Board. Bev thanked them for the dedication, during her first year as President of the NAJC. Bev thanked Ken Noma and Jim Suzuki, who have provided increase communication, with member organizations over the last year. Bev also acknowledged Tracey Suzuki, NAJC Conference Coordinator, for her work in preparing the AGM booklet, and has summarized questions and concerns of the member organizations. These questions and concerns will be addressed by the NEB.

Welcome from Michael Abe, President of the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society

Michael Abe, provided greetings and welcome to Victoria, British Columbia, and acknowledged with respect, the history, customs, and culture of the Coast Salish, and Straits Salish, upon whose lands we are on today. Michael thanked Bev and Ken for the opportunity to host the 2015 AGM of the NAJC.

Appointment of Jim Suzuki as Recording Secretary
Appointment of David Mitsui, as Rules of Order Chair for the meeting.

Bev Ohashi welcomed the newest members of the NAJC, Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, and the Nikkei National Museum. Bev also welcomed the guest Michio Hirai, from the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal

Roll Call:

National Executive Board Members

President	Bev Ohashi
Vice President	Tosh Kitagawa
Treasurer	Kevin Okabe
Secretary	Susan Matsumoto
Directors	Lillian Nakamura Maguire Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin Lisa Schoenhofer Lisa Uyeda
Executive Director	Ken Noma
National Administrator	Jim Suzuki (recorder)

NAJC Member Delegates:

Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC <i>Alternate</i>	David Fujino <i>Kim Uyeda Kai</i>
Ottawa Japanese Community Association	Sachiko Okuda
Regina Japanese Canadian Club <i>Alternate</i>	Andre Boutin-Maloney <i>Joanne Rollins</i>
Calgary Community and Seniors Foundation	Shirley Shigematsu
Edmonton Japanese Community Association <i>Alternate</i>	David Mitsui <i>Sanae Ohki</i>
Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon	Fumi Torigai
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area	George Takeshima
Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC <i>Alternate</i>	Patti Simpson <i>Doug Ikeda</i>
Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association <i>Alternate</i>	George Uyeda <i>Karlau Uyeda</i>
Calgary Japanese Community Association <i>Alternate</i>	Joanne Planidin <i>Tomoko Button</i>
Individual Member	Keiko Miki
Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre	Eiko Eby
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association	Kristi Judge
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens` Association	Lorene Oikawa
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Art Miki
Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society	Michael Abe
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre	Sherrī Kajiwara
Guest	Michio Hirai - Montreal
Observers	Yukari Peerless Takashi Ohki Elena Kusaka

Motion (#1) to accept the 2014 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM Booklet

Moved by: Lorene Oikawa (Vancouver)

Seconded by: Joanne Planidin (Calgary JCA)

Carried

Motion (#2) to accept the 2015 Agenda of the AGM as printed in the AGM Booklet

Moved by: George Takeshima (Lethbridge)

Seconded by: George Uyeda (Kamloops)

Carried

Treasurer's Report

Kevin reviewed the Treasurer's Report contained in the AGM Booklet (Pages 30-36). The average return over the past 4 years has been 12%. It is expected this level of return cannot be sustained and that future levels of return will be considerably lower.

Motion (#3) to accept the Treasurer's Report as contained in the AGM booklet, excluding the 2016-17 Budget.

Moved by: Art Miki (Manitoba)

Seconded by: George Uyeda (Kamloops) Carried

Motion (#4) to accept the Unaudited Report as presented.

Moved by: George Takeshima (Lethbridge)

Seconded by: Michael Abe (Victoria) Carried

Motion (#5) to appoint the auditor of Runchey Miyazawa Abbott for the 2016-17 year.

Moved by: David Mitsui (Edmonton)

Seconded by Fumi Torigai (Yukon) Carried

Motion (#6) to appoint the auditor of Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2016-17 year.

Moved by: Patti Simpson (Hamilton)

Seconded by: George Takeshima (Lethbridge) Carried

Motion (#7) –Amended:

Whereas the NAJC has accumulated significant monies through wise investment by the money managers beyond the NAJC operating costs, and

Whereas many Japanese Canadian cultural/community centres are vitally necessary to provide the programs and community development but have refurbishing, retrofitting and renovation needs, and

Whereas many of the buildings are aging and deteriorating and the costs of improving these facilities have accumulated over the years,

Be it Resolved that the NAJC provide a one-time grant to the NAJC member organization cultural/community centres of \$24,000 or to Supporting members of \$4,000 for refurbishing, retrofitting or renovation of the building or in cases where no centre exists the money be used as down payment to purchase a facility or payment of rent for whatever time the grant will provide. The Community Development Committee can be responsible for drafting the Application form and administering the projects.

Moved by: Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by: Lorene Oikawa, President, Greater Vancouver JCCA

Motion (#8) –It is proposed that Motion (#7) be amended as follows:

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Whereas many of the buildings are aging and deteriorating and the costs of improving these facilities have accumulated over the years.

Be it Resolved that the NAJC provide a one-time grant to the NAJC member organization cultural/community centres of up to \$24,000 or to Supporting members of up to \$4,000 for refurbishing, retrofitting or renovation of the building or be used as down payment to purchase a facility or payment of rent or to support program and other needs, for whatever time the grant will provide.

The formation of the Community Renewal Fund Committee will be responsible for drafting the application form, the criteria, the timelines, and administering the projects.

This will be implemented in the 2016-17 budget year.

Moved by: David Mitsui, President, Edmonton Japanese Community Association

Seconded by: Fumi Torigai, President, Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon

Carried

Motion (#7) – As Amended

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Moved by: Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by: Lorene Oikawa, President, Greater Vancouver JCCA

Carried

A recorded vote was requested.

Roll Call Vote

Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Ottawa Japanese Community Association	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Regina Japanese Canadian Club	Supporting	In Favour	2 Votes
Calgary Community and Seniors Foundation	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Edmonton Japanese Community Association	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC	Full	Abstained	10 Votes
Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Calgary Japanese Community Association	Full	Opposed	10 Votes
Individual Member – Keiko Miki	Individual	In Favour	1 Votes
Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre	Supporting	In Favour	2 Votes
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens` Association	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society	Full	In Favour	10 Votes
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre	Supporting	In Favour	2 Votes

117 votes in favour, 10 votes opposed – 10 votes abstained,

Carried

Motion (#9)

To Nominate Art Miki as chair of Community Renewal Fund Committee

Formation of committee for funding

Structure 4 to 5 people

Representation from full and supporting members.

Moved: Lorene Oikawa (Vancouver)

Seconded: Fumi Torigai (Yukon)

Carried

Motion (#10)

To table Motion (#9)

Moved by: George Uyeda (Kamloops)

Seconded by: George Takeshima (Lethbridge)

Carried

Motion (#11)

Formation of Community Renewal Fund Committee, to develop a criteria and plan, to implement Motion #7, and representation to be 4 to 5 committee members, ensuring there is representation from full member organizations, supporting member organizations, and the NEB. The Community Renewal Fund will consist of 3 Full Members, 1 Supporting Member, and one NEB Member,(including the chair of the Committee).

Moved by: Lorene Oikawa (Vancouver)

Seconded by: George Uyeda (Kamloops)

Carried

Motion (#12)

To nominate Art Miki as chair of the Community Renewal Fund

Moved by: Lorene Oikawa (Vancouver)

Seconded by: Fumi Torigai (Yukon)

Carried

Motion (#13):

We, the undersigned, move to nominate David Fujino as a candidate for a position on the Endowment Fund Committee.

Moved by: Bruce Tatemichi, Vice President, Toronto NAJC

Seconded by: Yosh Inouye, Board Director, Toronto NAJC

Carried

Motion (#14):

To nominate Ken Teramura as a candidate to serve on the NAJC Endowment Fund Committee.

Moved by: Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by: Joy Letkemann, Director, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Carried

David Fujino, and Ken Teramura, were elected to the NAJC Endowment Fund committee, by **acclamation**, to replace the two vacant positions on that committee.

Motion (#15)

To amend the By-Laws of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, as identified in the document "Proposed By-Law Amendments – September 2015".

Moved by: Art Miki, President, Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Seconded by: Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association

Motion (#16)

To amend Motion (#15) as follows:

1. Motion to amend: that amendment 2014-49, 2015-50, 2015-51, 2015-58, 2015-59, and 2015-65 be amended to remove the words “or its designate” from the amendments.
2. Motion to amend: That Amendment 2015-55 be amended to retain new Paragraph 15.6 in the bylaws.
3. Motion to amend: That amendment 2015-82 be amended to add subparagraph 20.13.2 (d) as follows:
(d) cannot raise matters which form, in substance, a question of privilege.
4. That Amendment 2015-29 be amended to retain the original wording to retain the original wording of subparagraph 13.1 (a)

Moved by: Keiko Miki (Individual Member)

Seconded by: Art Miki (Manitoba)

Carried

Motion (#15)

To amend the By-Laws of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, as identified in the document “Proposed By-Law Amendments – September 2015”. (As amended by Motion #16)

Moved by: Art Miki (Manitoba)

Seconded by: George Uyeda (Kamloops)

Carried

The Location of the 2016 AGM will be Calgary, Alberta

The year 2016, marks the 100th anniversary of Issei Volunteers in the Canadian Battalions of the British Army. They served for the British Army in Europe.

The Location of the 2017 AGM will be Ottawa, Ontario, which marks the 150th Birthday of Canada, as well as the 75th Anniversary of the Internment. The AGM will be held at the Museum of Canadian History.

Motion to adjourn the Meeting.

Moved by: George Uyeda (Kamloops)

Seconded by: Fumi Torigai (Yukon)

Meeting adjourned 12:26 pm