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**2017 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians
September 23, 2017
Canadian Museum of History
Ottawa/Gatineau, Ontario**

Meeting called to order at 8:36 am

Welcome and announcements by David Mitsui, President of NAJC

David Mitsui welcomed the delegates, alternates, observers and the National Executive Board to the NAJC AGM in Ottawa.

Opening Remarks by Sachiko Okuda, President of OJCA

She invited to read page 7 of the booklet that talks about the Reflections on the History of the Ottawa Japanese Community. Sachiko also thanked publicly the Ambassador Monji for the exceptional reception occurred the day before.

Appointment of Karina Uehara as Recording Secretary

Appointment of Kim Uyeda-Kai Rules of Order Chair for the meeting.

Roll Call:

National Executive Board Members:

President	David Mitsui
Vice-President	Lorene Oikawa
Secretary	Michiko Yano Shuttleworth
Treasurer	Noreen Kuroyama
Director	Lisa Uyeda
Director	Susan Matsumoto
Director	Eiko Eby
Director	Susanne Tabata
Director	Bryan Tomlinson - regrets

Past President	Beverly Ohashi
Executive Director	Ken Noma
National Administrator	Karina Uehara

Regrets: Director Bryan Tomlinson

NAJC Member Delegates

Full member organizations:

Calgary Japanese Community Association	Roger Teshima
alternate	Harvey Tanaka
Edmonton Japanese Community Association	Yoko Azumaya
Alternate	Sanae Ohki
Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC	Janet Sakauye
alternate	Randy Sakauye
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens 'Association	Lorene Oikawa
Hamilton Chapter	Patti Simpson
alternate	Marlene Frazer
Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon	Fumi Torigai
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Art Miki
alternate	Ken Teramura
Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association	George Uyeda
alternate	Shelley Uyeda
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association	Jane Eddington
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area	No delegate
Ottawa Japanese Community Association	Sachiko Okuda
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society	Rick Ogasawara

	Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society	Yukari Peerless
Supporting organizations:	Central Vancouver Island JCCS	Eiko Eby
	Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre	Linda Kuwamoto Reid
	Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc	No delegate

Individual members:	Kim Uyede-Kai
	Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin
	Lillian Nakamura Maguire
	Keiko Miki
	Brefni Shuttleworth

Regrets:

David Tanaka from Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area, Koreto Yamauchi from Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc, Jennifer Hashimoto, Natasha Mandryk and Maryka Omatsu

David Mitsui introduced the NEB members and thanked them for the hard work and dedication. David announced that Ken Noma will continue as an Executive Director until September 2019. David also introduced the new National Administrator, Karina Uehara, who joined the NEB in spring of 2017. David thanked the Past President, Bev Ohashi and the Interim Administrator, Terumi Kuwada, who has a lifetime contract to be on-call for NAJC. She dedicated many hours to train Karina and provide support the transition. Words to keep in mind from Nelson Mandela: "No-one is born hitting another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People can learn to hate, they can learn and be taught to love. Love comes more naturally to the human being"

Motion (#1) to accept the 2017 Agenda of the AGM as printed in the AGM Booklet

Moved: George Uyeda (Kamloops) seconded: Brefni Shuttleworth (individual member). Carried

Motion (#2) to accept 2018 AGM & Conference location in Winnipeg (Sep 21-23, 2018)

Moved: Roger Teshima (Calgary) seconded: Eiko Eby (Nanaimo). Carried.

Motion (#3) to accept the legal firm of Booth Dennehy, LLP for 2017-2018

Moved: Brefni Shuttleworth (individual member) seconded: Art Miki (Winnipeg). Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Noreen Kuroyama

1) March 2017 financial unaudited report: some areas still working on. Revenues and expenditures are almost in line with the budget.

2) Investment outlook: Clark O'Connor provided updates. In the 2015 Treasurer's report a conscientious decision was made to operate with the cashflow deficit to find initiatives. These deficits along with market conditions are beginning to impact on our total investment fund. The NAJC portfolio value was around 4.5 million since 2015. Decreasing the principal affect future earning power and recovery of our investment. If we are to maintain the funds for the future, it is necessary to keep the expenses in line with investment income, to maintain the equity plus inflation strictly budgeted driven.

3) Proposed budget 2018-2019: this in line with previous budgets. Community renewal fund is still included so the budget shows a deficit. It is recommended to maintain Miyazawa as an auditor for 2017-2018.

Motion (#4) to accept the Treasurer's Report, March 31, 2016 Audit.

Moved: Brefni Shuttleworth (individual member), seconded: Eiko Eby (Nanaimo). Carried

Question from Art Miki, Winnipeg: requested a previous budget to compare. It is included in the booklet.

Question from Lillian Maguire, individual member around pay role increase: the reasons for staff expenses increase due to a raise in salaries; hiring of a Quickbooks consultant and a part-time accountant, Hiroe St.Louis.

Motion (#5) to appoint the auditor of Miyazawa and Company for the 2017-18 year.

Moved: Valerie Hoshizaki (individual member), seconded: Rick Ogasawara (Vernon). Carried

2018-19 Budget

Question from Sachiko Okuda: is there flexibility within the budget when needed such as website master. There is flexibility but the change would go back to the NEB and then to the National Council if there is a total increase in the approved budget. The NEB has the latitude to move funds around as long as they do not exceed the approved final annual budget.

Comment from Lillian Maguire: difficulty of approving the budget as Future Directions Team has not presented yet and their suggestions will impact the allocation, there is lacking of details.

Comment from Art Miki from Future Directions Team: their recommendations will not be implemented in this budget 2018-2019. Some changes will be applied in 2018-2019.

Comment from Bev Ohashi: get more input from the members in order to get more directions. The goal is to reduced budget to balance the expenditures with the investments.

David Mitsui: National Council has to approve the changes and the goal is to reduce the expenditures.

Comment from Sachiko Okuda: she understood that efficiencies were referring to improve programming. David clarified that efficiencies referred to cut the expenditures.

Motion (#6) to accept 2018-19 Budget.

Moved: George Uyeda (Kamloops), seconded: Eiko Eby (Nanaimo). Carried (Lillian Nakamura Maguire abstained).

Motion (#7) to accept the unaudited Report, March 31, 2016 Audit.

Moved: Patti Simpson (Hamilton), seconded: Brefni Shuttleworth (individual member). Carried

Motion (#8) to accept the 2017 AGM reports

Moved: Janet Sakauye (Toronto), seconded: George Uyeda (Kamloops). Carried

Motion (#9) to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2017 National Council Meeting as printed in the AGM Booklet, page 21

Moved: Roger Teshima, (Calgary), seconded: Yoko Azumaya (Edmonton). Carried

David Mitsui recognized members from the Montreal Nikkei in the audience. He also wanted to inform the National Council that the Village of New Denver has requested membership to NAJC. Finally, he announced that the Calgary Community and Senior Foundation has decided to withdraw their membership.

Motion (#9) to adjourn: 9: 16 am

Moved: Lillian Maguire, (individual member), seconded: Brefni Shuttleworth (individual member). Carried