

2011 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians

October 15 & 16, 2011

Edmonton, Alberta – Edmonton Japanese Community Association (EJCA)

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Meeting called to order 9:00 am

Opening remarks by President Ken Noma, AGM Chair

Words of welcome by Cathy Tennant, President of EJCA and housekeeping items by Sanae Ohki, 1st Vice President of EJCA

Appointment of Bev Ohashi as recording secretary

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

Introduction of new associations by Ken Noma:

Yukon – Fumi Torigai as associate member

Victoria – Henry Shimizu, Michael Abe

Introduction of new members of the Executive:

David Iwaasa, Director

Bev Ohashi, Secretary

Roll Call:

National Executive Board Members

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

NAJC Member Delegates

Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society	Henry Shimizu
.....Alternate	Michael Abe
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association	Morgan Elander
.....Alternate	Jack Matsushita
Kamloops & Area Chapter NAJC	George Uyeda
.....Alternate	Eileen Wilms
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society	Janice (Ouchi) Buick
.....Alternate	----
Edmonton Japanese Community Association	Cathy Tennant
.....Alternate	Sanae Ohki
	Jim Hoyano
Calgary Japanese Community Association	Alan Tanaka
CJCA Community and Seniors Foundation	Rocky Oishi

Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area <i>Alternate</i>	David Tanaka -----
Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association <i>Alternate</i>	Geoff Miki <i>Mitsuko Miyamoto</i>
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association (LJCA) <i>Alternate</i>	Steven Seller <i>Hayden Murakami</i>
Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC (Toronto NAJC) <i>Alternate</i>	Charlotte Chiba -----
Ottawa Japanese Community Association <i>Alternate</i>	Hitomi Suzuta <i>Lisa Schoenhofer</i>
Individuals	Mike Murakami of Toronto Fumi Torigai of Yukon Susan Matsumoto of Calgary Kevin Okabe of Calgary Wendy Reddeman of Kamloops Taeko Torigai of Whitehorse Karlau Uyeda of Kamloops
New Individual Member	
Observers	

Motion to accept the 2011 AGM Agenda as written in the AGM booklet with the following correction to Motions 1 & 2 MJCCA Bylaw Changes and Motions 3, 4, & 5 Murakami/Tanaka Bylaw Changes and Yukon Verbal Report on Sunday, October 16

Moved by: Morgan Elander, Vancouver
 Seconded by: Hitomi Suzuta, Ottawa Carried

Motion to accept the 2010 AGM minutes as printed in the AGM booklet (pg.5) with the change to pg. 6 Vernon Janice Buick is the delegate; delete Hide Moniwa

Moved by: George Uyeda, Kamloops
 Seconded by: Hayden Murakami, Lakehead Carried

Treasurer's Report - Takashi Ohki

Email sent on October 1, 2011 sent including the following:

1. Historical Review of NAJC Finance
 2. Financial Statements 2011 Draft Sept. 1, 2011 (the first draft of the auditor's report)
 3. Notes on 2011 NAJC Financial Statements
 4. Treasurer's Report 2011
 5. Budget 2013 for AGM
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1. Review of the Performance of the NAJC Fund, page 25 highlighting
 - the endowment fund of \$2.8 M (perpetuity \$2.1 M)
 - sustaining fund for the operation of the NAJC of \$.9 M
 - the changes that took place in the NAJC Fund
 2. Review of the Auditor's Report (separate attachment, 12 pages)
 - Note of the NAJC Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2011 circulated to the membership

3. Appointment of the Auditor including the Minutes of the NAJC Audit Committee Telephone Conference on Oct. 4, 2011

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented

Moved by: Charlotte Chiba, Toronto
Seconded by: Morgan Elander, Vancouver Carried

Motion to accept the Auditor's Report as presented

Moved by: Hayden Murakami, Lakehead
Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton Carried

Motion to appoint the auditor of Runchey Miyazawa Abbott for the 2011/2012 year

Moved by: Janice Buick, Vernon
Seconded by: George Uyeda, Kamloops Carried

Motion to appoint the legal firm of Tapper Cuddy LLP as legal counsel for the 2011/2012 year

Moved by: Alan Tanaka, Calgary
Seconded by: Geoff Miki, Manitoba Carried

Motion to accept the proposed fiscal year ended 2013 budget as presented (page 12 & 13 or pages 7-9 of the Notes of the Financial Statements)

Moved by: Morgan Elander, Vancouver
Seconded by: Hayden Murakami, Lakehead Motion withdrawn

Motion to table the budget of 2013 to Sunday, October 16, 2011 until discussions have occurred regarding the administrator's position

Moved by: Hitomi Suzuto, Ottawa
Seconded by: Charlotte Chiba, Toronto Carried

NEB Members Reports

1. President Ken Noma: as written on pages 14-18 of the AGM booklet
2. Vice President/Human Rights Committee Chair Lillian Nakamura Maguire: as written on pages 19-24 of the AGM booklet
3. Treasurer Takashi Ohki: as presented and written on pages 25-27 of the AGM booklet
4. Director David B. Iwaasa: as written on pages 27-28 of the AGM booklet
5. Director Steven Seller: as written on page 29 of the AGM booklet
Community Development Committee: update as presented by Steven Seller
6. Past President Terumi Kuwada: as written on pages 30-31 of the AGM booklet

Committee Reports

1. Heritage Committee Report: as written by Ken Noma, Chair on pages 32-37 of the AGM booklet (distributed the CD Directory of Japanese Residing in Canada prepared by Nakayama Jinshiro; 1929 edition)
2. Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) Report: as written by Arthur Miki, Representative to NAJC on pages 38 & 38 of the AGM booklet

3. Japanese Canadian War Memorial Committee Report: as written by Nancy Kato, Chair on pages 40 & 41 of the AGM booklet

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

Moved by: Hitomi Suzuta, Ottawa
Seconded by: Fumi Torigai, Individual Carried

Lunch and Recognition

Recognition of Consul General Fukuda and Mrs. Fukuda of Calgary
Kendo demonstration

Digital Storytelling Workshop

Presented by David Tanaka

Resolutions

Resolution No. 1 – put forth by MJCCA

Motion to add duties of the Past President 13.5 as written on page 42 of the AGM booklet with the removal of “immediate” and 13.5.2 which will change subsequent order whereby 13.5.3 becomes 13.5.2 and 13.5.4 becomes 13.5.3; change “shall” to “should” except for the new 13.5.3 remain as “shall”.

Amended motion for 13.5 to read and renamed as follows:

13.5 Past President

13.5.1 The Past President should provide advice and support to the Executive Board, regarding past practices and other matters to assist the Board in governing the Association.

13.5.2 The Past President should be a resource to current and future Presidents.

13.5.3 The Past President shall be the Chair of the Nominations Committee.

Moved by: Geoff Miki, Manitoba
Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton Carried with 2 abstentions

Resolution No. 2 – put forth by MJCCA

Motion to amend 10.6 next as written on page 42 of the AGM booklet with the removal of “immediate” and eliminate 10.6.1.

Amended motion for 10.6.2 to read as follows and renamed as 10.6.1:

The Past President shall remain in office for at least one term or as long as the term(s) of the current President, if so desired.

Moved by: Geoff Miki, Manitoba
Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton Carried with 1 abstention

Resolution No. 3 – put forth by Murakami/Tanaka

Motion of membership bylaw as written on page 43 of the AGM booklet

Moved by: Bob Tanaka
Seconded by: Mike Murakami Carried with 1 abstention by Toronto

Resolution No. 4 – put forth by Murakami/Tanaka

Motion of Committee Terms as written on page 43 of the AGM booklet; amended to change 21.2.6 from “for 4 years” to “appointed for one term” and delete bracket “excluding members of the Endowment Fund Committee” as well as “an additional term of 2 years” and may be extended for “an additional term”.

Amended motion 21.2.6 to read as follows:

The term of all appointed members shall be for 1 term and may be extended for an additional term upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair.

Moved by: Bob Tanaka

Seconded by: Mike Murakami

Carried with 1 abstention by Toronto

Resolution No. 5 – put forth by Murakami/Tanaka

Motion of Nominations Committee as written on page 43 of the AGM booklet with an amendment to 21.10.2 to delete “maximum of 4 members” to change to “a minimum of 3 members and add “with consideration to”.

Amended motion for 21.10.2 to read as follows:

The Nominations Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of 3 members appointed by the National Executive Board with consideration to geographical representation and who are currently members of a Member Organization or Individual Member in good standing.

Moved by: Bob Tanaka

Seconded by: Mike Murakami

Carried

Endowment Fund Committee

Terumi Kuwada, Nomination Chair introduced Geoff Miki, MJCCA President to present Mitsuko Miyamoto to be nominated for the NAJC Endowment Committee to fill a vacancy.

Moved by: Geoff Miki, Manitoba

Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton

Carried

Presentation of Artwork “Power of People – Power of Nature”

Sanae Ohki, first vice president made the introduction of Artist, Toshiaki Koike for his work of art “Power of People – Power of Nature”

Recognition for Departing NEB Members

Pamela Sugiman, Director is currently a professor at Ryerson University who has departed. Angela Foreman has fulfilled 8 years on the NEB as treasurer and secretary and chair of the Community Development portfolio. Good wishes are given to both of them by Terumi Kuwada, Past President on behalf of the NAJC.

2012 Anniversary of JC Internment

Additional funds are needed to support this event. Suggestions should be directed to Ken Noma, President for possible projects to celebrate the 2012 anniversary of the JC Internment.

Adjournment for the day 4:15 pm

Social Time

Karaoke participation

Sake Tasting

Dinner

Recognition and criteria for the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award presented by Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Vice President who also introduced Gordon's partner, Susan Carnahan, and daughter, Marion Oldenburg.

Sunday, October 16, 2011

Meeting called to order 9:03

Ken Noma, President thanked Cathy Tennant for the dinner hosted by the Edmonton Japanese Community Association.

Order has been changed to accommodate individuals leaving early.

Executive Director Report

NAJC Executive Director Report presented by Steven Seller: as written on pages 93 – 96 of the AGM booklet

- Highlighted the changing role of the Administrator's Position is expanding to become the Executive Director position and the process for advertising this position. It is a transitional step to enhance the position by including grant proposal submissions.
- David Tanaka, Lethbridge proposed that some discussion occur regarding the hiring of a professional fundraiser; discussion will occur at the December 2011

Moved to accept the Executive Director Report as written on page 93 of the AGM booklet.

Moved by: David Tanaka, Lethbridge

Seconded by: Janice Buick, Vernon

Carried with 1 abstention
by Toronto

Continuation of the Budget Discussion that began yesterday presented by Takashi Ohki, Treasurer.

Motion to untable the 2012 budget

Motion to accept the proposed fiscal year ended 2013 budget as presented

Moved by: Alan Tanaka, Calgary

Seconded by: George Uyeda, Kamloops

Carried

Discussion occurred regarding archiving documents by hiring a person to scan these documents and forming a selection team with historical knowledge to determine which documents are to be archived. Art Miki's committee will be reporting on the process of archiving data.

Approval of 2012 AGM Location

Kamloops & Area Chapter of the NAJC has accepted to be host centre for the next AGM in October 2012. Suggestions made:

- Include the tour of the internment camp in Kamloops because it is the 70th anniversary of the internment.
- Consider inviting Kelowna back to the organization.

Discussion occurred on whether the AGM has to be delayed to the fall when the fiscal year ends at March. Executive Committee will review this reporting process at the December meeting.

Member Reports

1. Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society presented by Michael Abe and as written on pages 46 – 48 of the AGM booklet
2. Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizen's Association presented by Morgan Elander and as written on page 49 – 51 of the AGM booklet; and the Greater Vancouver JCCA Human Rights Committee as written on pages 52 – 59 of the AGM booklet
3. Kamloops & Area Chapter of the NAJC presented by George Uyeda and as written on pages 60 of the AGM booklet
It was suggested that the NEB liaison system be brought back since the member organizations found it to be successful in maintaining lines of communication between the national and local organizations. The NEB will discuss this matter at the next meeting.
4. Vernon Japanese Cultural Society presented by Janice Buick and as written on page 61 & 62 of the AGM booklet
Discussion on how to increase their volunteer base.
5. Edmonton Japanese Community Association presented by Cathy Tennant and as written on pages 63 – 66 of the AGM booklet
Discussion on investigating the involvement of the Nikkei group and acknowledgement of the redress in the presentations of the Japanese Communities
6. Calgary Japanese Community Association presented by Alan Tanaka & Rocky Oishi and as written on pages 67 & 68 of the AGM booklet
7. Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area presented by David Tanaka and as written on page 69 & 70 of the AGM booklet

Break at 10:35 am; reconvened 11:05 am

8. Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association presented by Geoff Miki and as written on pages 71 & 72 of the AGM booklet

9. Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association presented by Hayden Murakami & Steven Seller and as written on pages 73 & 74 of the AGM booklet
Heritage Committee will support the campaign in Northern Ontario to have the Neys Provincial Park to be commemorated as a dispersal location
10. Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC presented by Charlotte Chiba and as written on pages 75 – 82 of the AGM booklet. Charlotte Chiba was asked by Ken Noma when the Toronto chapter planned to hold their annual general meeting since it was a topic for discussion at the 2010 AGM in Ottawa. Charlotte replied that the AGM will be held in November 2011
11. Ottawa Japanese Community Association presented by Hitomi Suzuta and as written on pages 83 – 85 of the AGM booklet
Five recommendations in a report to the Liberal Party presented as follows:
 - A. To continue to advocate and urge the Government to pass legislation, policies and educational practices for human rights and dignity for Canadians and the international community regardless of sex, race, religion, relationship, challenges and the like.
 - B. To continue to advocate and urge the Government to work with the indigenous populations to resolve land claims, expedite the residential school issues and to assist in helping the indigenous populations to become self-sustaining communities.
 - C. To urge the Government to reinstate the mandatory long form census in order to accurately provide a detailed analysis of the Canadian multicultural landscape.
 - D. To continue to urge the Government to reach the 200,000 immigration target in order to ensure that Canada will continue to have a vibrant and sustaining multi-cultural workforce.
 - E. To continue to urge the Government to promote and provide arts and cultural funding to communities in order to enhance the multicultural fabric of our country.
12. Whitehorse, Yukon (associate member) report was presented by Fumi Torigai as an individual member. The verbal report includes:
 - Film Festival to generate funds towards the Japan Earthquake/Tsunami disaster; 700-800 people attended; donated approximately \$40,600 to Red Cross; experience has prepared them on how to plan future events as a community group
 - Planning a series of events to keep the community connected, eg. music performances
 - Shared a discriminatory incident where being represented by an organization like YJCA will give it more status
13. Presentation by Henry Shimizu about the New Denver Memorial Museum and marking the 70th Anniversary of the Internment a significant event. Consider applying to the government for a substantial grant like the U.S. in support of the 70th Anniversary. Planning for this event will happen as soon as the HPF is aligned with NAJC that can issue tax receipts.

Scholarships and Awards

- Reminder to member organizations to order the Award of Merit certificates to Ken Noma and Lucy Yamashita

- Candidates should also be submitted to Ken Noma and Lillian Nakamura Maguire for the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award
- Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship: as written on page 86 of the AGM booklet
- Endowment Fund Grant Recipients Fall 2010 & Spring 2011: as written on pages 88 – 92 of the AGM booklet

Motion to accept the NAJC member reports as presented

Moved by: Morgan Elander, Vancouver

Seconded by: Janice Buick, Vernon

Carried

NAJC Priorities – Ottawa Workshop

Future Planning Workshop Report: as written on pages 97 – 99 of the AGM booklet

Email Ken Noma any suggestions to be discussed at the December meeting

Motion that the 2010 NAJC AGM be adjourned

Moved by: Hitomoi Suzuta, Ottawa

Seconded by: Cathy Tennant, Edmonton

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am