

NAJC Membership Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 30th, 2017 5 pm PST

Committee Members: Vivian Rygnestad, Tracey Suzuki, Naomi Katsumi, Eiko Eby (all present)

Agenda

1. Membership

- Discussed the current membership numbers are:
 - 13 Full Member Organizations (Calgary Seniors did not renew)
 - 4 Supporting Member Organizations (addition of Village of New Denver)
 - 10 Individual Members

2. Budget \$5000 allocated for 2017-2018

- Expenses TOTAL \$2959.85
 - \$1433.60 brochure printing
 - \$647.32 Powell Street expenses
 - \$146.19 Thank you cards for volunteer appreciation
 - \$78.60 dry cleaning table clothes
 - \$374.40 Volunteer Appreciation (\$700 gift cards minus \$325.60 raised on spam sushi kits)
 - \$279.74 NAJC sponsored teach workshop October 20, 2017
- Balance of \$2040.15 contributed for Redress committee and new website
- For 2018-19 allocated \$2500

3. Membership Bylaws

- Discussed whether everyone should be a member in good standing to attend the AGM
 - **Motion:** Attendees (observers) at the AGM must be members in good standing of either the NAJC or of a member organization of the NAJC.
- Discussed non-Japanese Canadians or married to a Japanese Canadian to be on the NEB
 - Decided to leave this alone for now (tabled for future discussions)
- Discussed whether anyone serving on a committee should be a member in good standing of the NAJC either through their local association or as an individual member.
 - With reference to article "1.1 Member. All members/volunteers of Standing Committees and Special Advisors shall be a current Individual Member or of a member organization of the NAJC."
 - **Motion:** As it pertains to article 1.1 Members of standing committees must be members in good standing of the NAJC. This includes the Young Leaders Committee.
- Vivian asked the question, by email about the voting rights of the NAJC National Honorary Advisory Council – tabled to next meeting

4. Future Directions Team

- Eiko to send the draft of the FDT report

5. Membership Freeze

- **Recommend** that the freeze on full memberships continue until after the Future Directions changes have been implemented.

6. Length on Committees (and NEB)

- The membership committee questions the value of this policy in that volunteers are not in surplus. **Recommend** review.

- **1. Committees**

- The National Executive Board may from time to time appoint one or more committees to assist and advise them in the carrying out of their duties:
- Special Committees and Advisory Bodies:
 - The Membership may, when it deems necessary, form committees and advisory bodies, or appoint groups or individuals to further the objectives of the NAJC.
 - Such bodies or individuals shall report to the Membership through the Executive Board.
 - The Membership may, upon review and as deemed appropriate, dissolve or terminate the activities of such bodies or individuals.
 - All appointments to Standing Committees must be approved by the National Executive Board.
 - Volunteers on Standing Committees will be appointed by the Standing Committee Chair and their term of service will end at the conclusion of the project/assignment.
 - **The term of all appointed members shall be for one term and may be extended for an additional term upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair.**
 - Committees are responsible for the following:
 - Coordinating their work with the National Executive Board in developing an annual and long-term program plan;
 - Coordinating their work with the National Executive Board in developing annual and long-term budgets;
 - Identifying current and developing issues;
 - Work with the National Executive Board to research and develop positions in determining priority issues;
 - On behalf of the National Executive Board and the Membership, deliver the annual work plan.

- **Motion:** To remove the clause for standing committees: “The term of all appointed members shall be for one term and may be extended for an additional term upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair.”

And replace with “The term of all appointed standing committee members shall be for one term and may be extended for additional terms upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair has the right to revoke appointments at any time.”