

**National Association of Japanese Canadians**  
**National Executive Board Teleconference Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2012 @ 8:00 pm (EST)**

**Agenda**

Roll Call

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the NEB teleconference minutes of May 23, 2012

Main Business

1. Financial Bylaw Changes
2. 2013-2014 Committee Budgets
3. 2012 Kamloops AGM Draft Agenda
4. Nominations Committee
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business
7. Next NEB Meeting: **August 25-26, 2012 in Vancouver. Accommodations @ Carmana Plaza**
8. Adjournment

**Minutes of NEB Teleconference Meeting  
Wednesday, June 20, 2012  
5:00 pm PST, 8:00 pm EST**

**Call to order: 8:05 pm EST**

**Roll Call:**

**National Executive Board Members**

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

**Motion to accept the Agenda as amended**

Moved by: Terumi Kuwada

Seconded by: David Iwaasa

Carried

**Motion to accept the NEB Teleconference minutes of May 23, 2012**

Moved by: Takashi Ohki

Seconded by: Lillian Nakamura Maguire

Carried

**1. Financial Report Changes by Takashi Ohki**

- the following procedural changes will be presented at the AGM as part of the financial operations report by the treasurer:
  - a) the SEAD component and CD component of the Endowment Fund be combined into a single fund that can be allocated to both SEAD and CD projects based on merit of projects, regardless of the categories of grant applications.
  - b) the Sustaining Fund and the National Development Fund portion of the Endowment Fund be combined into a single fund.
  - c) the NAJC apply an annual rate of return on investment to the average current market value of the NAJC Fund over the five most recent fiscal years to decide the revenue from investment income available to the NAJC budget. The annual rate of return on investment will fall within a range between 3% and 5%

**2. 2013-14 Committee Budgets**

- Heritage Committee and Human Rights Committee will prepare their budget for the August NEB meeting in Vancouver

- Community Development Committee is proposing \$15,000 of which a maximum of \$1,500 could be allocated to each chapter/association; application submission by each organization should be aligned to their area of need identified in their AGM 2012 report; further discussions will occur at the August NEB meeting.

DECISION: To support the funding needed by the 3 committees as well as other projects, the 4.5 % rate of return will generate about \$31,000

### 3. 2012 Kamloops AGM Draft Agenda by Ken Noma

- an overview of the AGM was provided for discussion
- Kamloops is still looking for a keynote speaker on Saturday evening
- will need to review the AGM Local Host City Guidelines and Responsibilities to ensure adequate funding is provided as well as clear expectations of the host city
- the agenda is still a draft where input from the NEB members is appreciated before the agenda becomes final

### 4. Nominations Committee by Terumi Kuwada

- 1 person in Winnipeg may be a potential candidate
- need 2 people for the endowment committee; looking for someone in Alberta and also Vancouver; usually not filled at the AGM but appointed
- by July 15<sup>th</sup>, membership should be informed of the candidates for the NEB
- 1 person has been nominated for a director position
- still need a candidate to fill the Treasurer's position

### 5. Unfinished Business

- Emergency Response Protocol submitted by Kevin Okabe will be discussed at the August NEB meeting

### 6. New Business

#### a) Awards: Terumi Kuwada

- Timelines of the 2 awards were clarified; an exception was made in 2010 to present the National Award to Ann Sunahara; however, this award was to be presented every 2 years in the odd year but no award was given in 2011.

DECISION: The National Award will be presented in 2013 and the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award will be presented in 2012. These 2 awards will be presented in alternate years.

- Nomination deadline date for the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award will be extended to July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- David Iwaasa will look into making a nomination for the Human Rights Award

b) Documentary Film on the Redress: Bev Ohashi

- Discussion about supporting a documentary film on the redress will continue at the August NEB meeting once the budget for 2013-14 is determined; in addition, AGM reports due on August 1<sup>st</sup> from the local chapters and associations will identify areas of needs

c) Letter from Hon. Naomi Yamamoto: Ken Noma

- Letter in response to NAJC's letter of May 25<sup>th</sup> provided an acknowledgement that advance notice could not be given about the motion made by the B.C. government's apology for JC Internment during the World War II
- Vancouver JCCA and Winnipeg offices did not receive an invitation

d) Dr. Roland Coloma, OISE, University of Toronto: Terumi Kuwada

- Roland who came to the Winnipeg Office en route to meeting Dr. Anderson; Dr. Anderson has decided to relinquish his files to U of T
- Ken Noma will be speaking to U of T and Dr. Coloma about creating a policy of access so that the public can also have access to these documents

7. Next NEB Meeting: August 25-26, 2012 in Vancouver; Accommodations at Carmana Plaza

**Motion that the NAJC NEB Teleconference be adjourned**

Moved by: Terumi Kuwada

Seconded by: David Iwaasa

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm EST