

MINUTES OF THE NEB TELECONFERENCE
Monday February 11, 2013
5:00 PST; 8:00 EST

Call to order: 7:00 CST

Roll Call:

President: Ken Noma
Vice President: Lillian Nakamura Maguire
Secretary: Bev Ohashi
Directors: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin
Kevin Okabe
Lisa Schoenhofer
National Admin. Terumi Kuwada (recorder)

**Motion # 1 Approval of the Agenda:
Moved by Kevin, Seconded by Lisa Carried**

**Motion # 2 Approval of the Minutes of December 3, 2012
Moved by Bev, Seconded by Valerie Carried with the
following:
Recommend that motions be numbered and actions stated
and then be recorded separately at the end of the minutes,
as agreed upon earlier in the year.**

1. President's Report: (verbal report)

Ken advised that he had a discussion with Joy Kogawa, about the issue of the Nanking Massacre and Korean Comfort Women. The issue was highlighted in a recent article of the Vancouver Bulletin, in which members of the GJVCCA Human Rights Committee spoke about this dark time during WWII.

Ken gave an update on the Heritage Tours. There are 8 confirmed for the Hawaiian Tour. The Sakura Trip had to be cancelled. The Summer and Fall Japan tours will hopefully proceed.

There has been no response to the letter sent to the Prime Minister's Office, regarding the Idle No More Campaign.

2. Vice President's Report: (written report submitted)

Lillian provided highlights of her report. Lillian raised the question of the remaining budget for the Digital Story Workshop with Mltch Miyagawa. Kevin said that \$2600.00 would need to be split amongst the three standing committee, for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Action: The amount of \$2100, will be dispersed for the Digital Story Workshop. Kevin and Lillian will discuss this matter further.

Lillian advised that Keiko Miki has been monitoring the progress of the Canadian Museum of Human Rights and there appears to be some internal problems, as the staff turnover has been quite high.

Lillian would like the following action to be implemented:

Action: That a copy of the wording and plaque of Hastings Park be posted on the NAJC website. Ken agreed to do this.

Lillian advised that Kim Uyeda-Kai had attended a meeting in Hamilton and spoke about support for Aboriginal communities. Some of the community members remember the Aboriginal support during the Redress campaign.

Terumi shared some of the activities with the Ad Hoc group, "Standing Together", regarding the upcoming informal get-together with community members of the Idle No More Campaign.

3. Secretary Report (written report submitted)

Bev had sent a report to the NEB on February 9, outlining some of the changes of the Community Development Fund project. Discussed these changes, as well as the issues related to Associate Members. The amount of the grant (\$1500) may be used by an Associate Member Organization to become a Full member. The original intent of creating an Associate Member was for those organizations, outside the JC community that had an intention to show support to the NAJC. This has become confusing over the years and it may be timely to dissolve this category.

Motion# 3 To accept the Community Development Committee's proposal, as amended and include a letter of explanation regarding the Associate Member category.

Moved by Bev;

seconded by Lisa

carried.

4. Financial Report (written report submitted)

Kevin reported: Balance Sheet - \$10,000 over budget due to cost of NEB meetings. Investments are up and likely this year, will end up in a surplus position. Face to face meetings will cost about \$20,000, for next year. Annual return of investments is 5.6%.

5. Young Leaders Report (verbal report)

Lisa and Lindsay Tsuji are planning the Youth Leadership Workshop for the AGM, at the University of Toronto, with 30 attendees, open to all Asian Youth. Monies from Community Development were allocated for this workshop. Bev will confirm the amount. Kevin advised that \$5000 out of the \$7000, will come out of National Development Fund.

6. 2013 AGM and Banquet Dinner

Ken advised that the banquet will cost about \$16,000, which will be covered by the Toronto Chapter, NAJC. There will be a Silent Auction. Hastings Park Foundation has agreed to provide charitable receipts to donors.

7. Marketing and Sustaining Fund

Briefly brainstormed what needs to be done.

8. National Award

Recommend two letters of reference, for credibility purposes. Bio of the nominee to be included.

9. NEB face to face meetings

NEB will meet on August 24 weekend in Winnipeg

10. Vancouver City Council Apology

Tosh Kitagawa has strongly urged Ken to attend this historical event, on September 24, in Vancouver. B. C.

11. New Business:

Terumi provided a brief bio of the candidate for the National Administrator position, which will likely commence in July, 2013.

12. Next Meeting: to be determined

13. Adjournment

Motion #4 to adjourn the teleconference

Moved by Bev; seconded by Lillian

carried.

APPENDIX

MOTIONS MADE THIS TELECONFERENCE

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proposal, as amended and include a letter of explanation
regarding the Associate Member category.
Moved by Bev; seconded by Lisa carried.**
- Motion #4** **To adjourn the teleconference
Moved by Bev; seconded by Lillian carried.**

Actions to be implemented:

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