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National Association of Japanese Canadians
National Executive Board
Video Conference Meeting

October 16, 2015

5:00 Pacific / 6:00 pm Mountain / 7:00 pm Central / 8:00 pm Eastern

Meeting called to Order, October 16, 2015 at 7:03 pm Central Daylight Time (CDT)

A. Welcome and Roll Call

The Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting, was to discuss the newly formed Community Renewal Fund, and to review the 2015 AGM in Victoria.

Bev Ohashi, President, Chair
Tosh Kitagawa, Vice President
Kevin Okabe, Treasurer
Susan Matsumoto, Secretary
Lisa Uyeda, Director
Lisa Schoenhofer, Director
Lillian Nakamura Maguire, Director
Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin, Director
Ken Noma, Executive Director
Jim Suzuki, National Administrator – Recorder

B. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Tosh Kitagawa
Seconded: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin
Carried

C. Review of the AGM Draft Minutes

Deferred to November NEB meeting

D. Business arising from AGM Meeting

1. Rep for Community Renewal Committee
 - Art Miki was elected as chair of the Community Renewal Committee.
 - The committee comprises of Eiko Eby, Art Miki, David Mitsui, Lorene Oikawa, Sachiko Okuda
 - The NEB nominate Tosh Kitagawa as NEB representative to the Community Renewal Committee. Tosh agrees to sit on the committee as the NEB representative.
 - Application form, and Application Criteria have been prepared
 - Bev will contact Art, and advise Tosh is the NAJC representative.

2. National Council Meetings

- It was determined Interim National Council Meetings, should occur with the membership to increase communications.
- Participants would include:
- 14 member organizations, 3 supporting organizations, 10 Individual members, and the National Executive Board.
- Agenda Items for the National Council Meeting would include:
 - Pass 2016-17 budget
 - Auditors Report
 - Pass Member and Committee reports.
 - Budget for Community Renewal Fund (CRF) Committee
- Propose a National Council Meeting for December 2015, and April 2016, NEB Meeting to be held in January 2016

E. Main Business

1. AGM Feedback

16 feedback forms – being compiled by Tracey Suzuki
1 workshop was dropped
Satisfaction rate was quite high.

2. Financial Plan for 2016-17

The financial plan will be impacted by the new Community Renewal Committee.

3. NEB Reports

1) ED and NA Updates

The AGM for 2016 will be in Calgary will be an election year for the NEB.
Contracts for 2015-16 CDF have been issued
Initial payments (50%) have been issued.

2) Membership Committee Report

Valerie met with her committee members, and will submit the minutes of the meeting to NEB members this week.

There has been a request for translation of Brochure into Japanese

It was agreed the brochure should be updated, which will include the new Supporting members.

Young Leaders felt that by being a member of the Young Leaders should automatically allow for membership in the NAJC, however the existing bylaws do not allow this.

Other issues for discussion include:

Video Production

Proxy Voting – There are no allowances for proxy votes at the AGM.

The committee will look at Individual Memberships

The NEB should review the \$130 registration fee for the AGM, with regard to individual members, young leaders, etc.

Policy manual – Ken and Jim will be updating the policy manual

There was discussion, regarding the AGM, and if individual members, can speak at the AGM, and they are required to pay the registration fee, in order to speak.

Ken will provide a Draft of the Procedures manual, to NEB Members, 1 week before the November NEB meeting.

Jim indicated that all NEB members have access to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Procedure Manuals of the NAJC, which are all located on the NAJC Dropbox folder.

3) President's Report

a) Long range planning

Establish an advisory committee to look at various options:

Is the NAJC just a Granting organization?

Is the NAJC a Voice for the National Community?

As a group, the National has more power

What are tangible benefits at the local level?

The locals indicate in order to survive, they need:

membership, funds, direction, leadership, young leaders ...

How can the National deliver these services?

Provide range of options, to take back to the membership to get broader feedback from the member organizations.

b) Strategic Planning

What has been accomplished at the end of 2015?

What do we want accomplish in 2015-16

Aligning the financial commitment.

Local initiative – Ken will provide when contacting member organizations.

c) Fund Raising, Scholarships

- Send bill Runchy Miyazawa \$500

Fund raising within National Council / NEB

The NEB should look at establishing a fund raising committee

The National Council should be consulted, in establishing this committee.

At large National Conferences, such as the AGM, the NAJC could approach, businesses, to fund specific portions of the conference such as lunches, the banquet, etc.

4. New Members on Standing Committee

i. Human Rights Committee

To accept 2 new members to the Human Rights Committee

Lorene Oikawa and Wanda Yamamoto

Moved by: Tosh Kitagawa

Seconded by: Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin

Carried

Human Rights Issues:

- i. Niqab issue

Niqab is for modesty only, and is for men and women.
The Supreme Court has ruled on this issue.

- ii. Nanking Massacre
- iii. Comfort Women

It is requested the Human Rights Committee make recommendations to the NEB, regarding these issues.

- F1. AGM 2016 - Calgary
7 people on Calgary AGM 2016 committee
Major fund raising for Banquet
2 conference streams (Heritage/Young Leaders) running in conjunction with AGM
There is an exhibit of the Military Museum of Issei Volunteers.
Start AGM Conference on Friday.
- F2. Bev Ohashi will be the chair of the nominating committee
Bev will recruit 2 committee members for this committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm CDT

Planning for AGM 2016 Meeting

Participants: Kevin Okabe, Bev Ohashi, Ken Noma, Jim Suzuki

The Calgary Planning Committee will review comments from the AGM 2015.

The Business of the AGM will include Election of NEB Officers.

Plenary session Saturday morning – National Community Conference

Start AGM on Friday afternoon

Ken indicated with Interim National Council Meetings, some of the NAJC AGM Business can be dealt with prior to the AGM Meeting.

For interim National Council meetings, with larger groups (14 members, plus 10 Individual members, plus 10 NEB members) would not work if there are discussions regarding the Vision of the NAJC. If there is only motions and voting without discussion,

Plan to have the AGM as administrative to fulfill the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Committee, is trying to increase the size of the event by partnering with the Ethno-Cultural Council, Asian Heritage Organization. This will have a larger event, within the existing budget.

Sponsorship for lunches, and banquets, will be easier if we are partnering with other groups, and having a prominent Keynote speaker.

To have Member Organizations setup booths at the Conference Banquet.

Strategic Planning Workshop

Young Leaders

- Provide structure for future conference

- Outcome focused.

- Utilize the Graphics from Vancouver Youth Conference to promote Young leaders

Heritage or Human Rights Stream

The Calgary Planning Committee will be meeting in approximately 2 weeks