



**National Association of Japanese Canadians  
National Executive Board  
Minutes Webex Conference Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
5:00 pm PST, 6:00pm MST, 7:00 pm CST, 8:00 pm EST**

A. Welcome and Roll Call

Present

Bev Ohashi – Chair

Tosh Kitagawa – Vice President

Lisa Uyeda Director

Lisa Schoenhofer Director

Valerie Hoshizaki Nordin Director

Lillian Nakamura Maguire Director

Susanne Tabata Director

Ken Noma – Executive Director

Jim Suzuki – Recorder

Regrets

Kevin Okabe - Treasurer

Susan Matsumoto - Secretary

B. Approval of the Agenda

Moved: Tosh

Seconded: Lisa U

Carried

C. Approval of:

1. NEB Minutes of March 7, 2016

Correction to Minutes of March 7

Page 6 motion to approve the 4 candidates

Add the Names; Terry Watada, Sally Ito, Angela Kruger, and Erica Isomura

Motion to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2016 as amended.

Moved: Tosh

Seconded: Susanne T.

Carried

D. Business Arising from Minutes

Action #1 (from Feb 8, 2016): Investigate charitable status and cost  
Current research indicates that rather than the NAJC moving towards a charitable status it would be best to create an “arms length” charitable foundation. Ken hopes to have the Executive Director of West Coast Environmental Law speak to the NEB at the May executive meeting to give us further insights. Kevin’s comments along with the input from Tapper-Cuddy will be shared prior to the May meeting.



Action #6: Lisa Schoenhofer to provide breakdown of the Young Leaders

Action #1: Lisa is to provide YL Budget to NEB because the allocation has changed to reflect the full amount of \$15,000

Strategic Plan Updates:

Item 1.5 Organize activities to celebrate the International Day to Eliminate Racism in: Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Lethbridge, Toronto, and Whitehorse  
Ken to provide update from HR Committee

Item 3.9 Strengthen Member Organizations  
The review of eligibility of directors will not be changed at this time.

Item 3.11 Provide Workshops, community development in partnership with Nikkei National Museum  
Update by Lisa U in Heritage Report

Item 4.5 Increase Membership on standing committees  
Jane Eddington and Gary Matson on Nominations Committee  
Heritage Committee -1 committee member  
ACE (Susanne) - 4 members  
Membership – none-  
YL – 2 new members  
Future Directions Team – 3 members  
Endowment Fund Committee – 2 members

Item 4.6 – Revise NAJC Brochure  
Complete

Item 5.10 – Evaluate and support heritage related needs of the community based on the Heritage Survey  
Lisa U will provide report at May NEB meeting.

Item 6.6 - Establish Tactical Plan for ED  
Ken advises the tactical plan for ED has been expanded with the addition of action items identified by the HR Committee at their April meeting in Vancouver.

Item 6.8 - Post merchandise on website  
The initial Online Order form is not user friendly and has been operational for several months. Paypal and charge cards payments are accepted. Limited number of items are available on line but sales has been very sluggish.



E. Main Business

E.1 Constitution & Resolution Committee

Lillian

Chart of proposed revisions has been issued.

Paragraph 20.12.3 - Supporting Member Organization - will be allowed to move and second motions

Paragraph 20.12.3c - Correct numbering, Should refer to 24.8

Definition of Emergency Motions. It was determined that to identify specific emergencies could be problematic and best to leave it vague.

Terms for Committee Members

Executive member can serve up to 3 terms. NEB is recommending that it should be the same as NEB directors' terms.

Nomination Committee

Currently the Chair is past president

Change the chair to a member of the NEB or designate.

Decision about motion from the floor at the AGM

It was decided to leave this clause with no change.

In the Bylaws there is no reference to the National Council but the council is referred to as the "Membership" in the bylaws. The current Policy and Procedure refers to the same body as "NAJC Council".

E.2 Fund-raising

Tosh

Powell Street Festival

Table is booked at the Powell Street Festival.

Hormel will provide 100 Spam Kits for sale at Powell Street Festival

Global Village Festival - Toronto

Festival - June 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is an opportunity to get a Free Booth at this event.

Action #2: Lisa S. will ask Toronto Young Leaders if they are interested in promoting JCYL.

E.3 AGM & Conference

Ken indicated 12 of 17 members who can attend the AGM to be held on the Friday, September 9 in the afternoon.

Action #3: Kevin will provide report by email to NEB.



E.4 Heritage Committee

Lisa U

Report issued to the NEB.

Motion to appoint Sachiko Okuda as a member of the Heritage Committee.

Moved Lisa U.

Seconded: Lillian

Carried

Webinar Session for Heritage Committee will be held  
Wednesday – Webex - May 18.

E.5 Community Forums

Ken

Community Forum – Post forum meeting.

The Chairs of the Forum discussed who would follow up on the recommendations and implementation dates. Future Community Forums should be left up to the new executive and not called until after the September AGM if necessary.

Spread out meetings over several months if they are to continue.  
Some topics were repetitive.

Smaller communities do not have resources

Utilize NAJC to provide leverage for bulk purchases such as  
Happi coats, and tee shirts.

Update should be made to the National Council. Any followup can be coordinated by Executive Director who took the lead in establishing these forums.

Elevator Pitch around the benefits of membership to the NAJC should be compiled with input from Membership Committee. It was pointed out that we already have a brochure with a listing of benefits available.

Deadline for recommendations will not be completed during the term of the current National Executive Board.



## E.6 Executive Director's Report

Ken

### Eatonville Roadhouse

Structure could be destroyed before the Spring Planting Season. Hamilton and Toronto are not interested in purchasing this building.

Discussions continue with the Toronto NAJC and Hamilton NAJC over Historic Markers for the site.

Mayor Of Chatham-Kent is interested in helping to source funds for the creation a permanent exhibit to recognize JC Families who farmed in this area.

### Landscapes of Injustice.

Spring Institute is being held at the University of Victoria from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Members of the Community Council will be in attendance as well as Lisa Uyeda who will officially represent the NAJC executive.

### Human Rights Committee

Meeting of the Committee was held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Minutes of the meeting to follow.

Action #4: Ken will forward minutes of the HR Committee to NEB

### Hide Hyodo-Shimizu Scholarship

A recipient was selected for the 2016 year. The University and Ken will be examining how best to increase interest and thereby application for the 2017.

## E.7 President's Report

Bev

A President's Report was submitted about meetings with JCCC, Canadian Race Relations Foundation, and Consul General Nakayama; Suzuka University scholarship, webex meeting with Brazil, and Endowment Fund Update. No queries were raised by NEB.

A draft of the Terms of Reference were provided for Honorary Advisory Council revised and presented by Bev.

Motion to accept Terms of Reference for Honorary Advisory Council

Moved: Tosh

Seconded Valerie

Carried

Action #4: Bev will provide a list of candidates for positions on the Honorary Advisory Council



F. New Business

F.1 Agenda for National Council Meeting- April 26

Bev

- By-Law Amendments
- Community Forums
- AGM - Specify – about what is covered by NAJC.
  - Cost of Local Transportation.
- Nominations for NEB
- Blank motion forms have been distributed
- By-Laws amendments will be reviewed - Lillian
- Update on Strategic Plan
  - Heritage, Lisa U
  - By-Laws, Lillian
  - Standing committees YL, Lisa S
  - Arts, Susanne
  - Executive Director, Ken,

- F.2 Webex with Tom Ikeda. – report by Ken and Tosh  
Densho – has amassed 50,000 photographs/document and 900 interviews with the objective of posting all online.  
Should be compatible with technology of the Future.  
Meeting with Tom Ikeda, Ken, Tosh, Lisa U and representatives of the Nikkei National Museum will be held mid – June in Vancouver.  
Densho is investing over \$1M per year on its website.

G. Other Business

G.1 National Council Meeting, Tuesday, April 26

G.2 NEB Meeting, May 28 & 29, Vancouver

G.3 NEB Meeting, Monday, June 27, webex

G.4 NEB Meeting, Tuesday, August 30, webex

G.5 NEB meeting at AGM. September 9

H. Adjournment - Susanne moved.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm