



National Association of Japanese Canadians

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By: Eiko Eby

This is my second year as Chair of the Membership Committee.

Membership Committee: Vivian Rygnestad, Tracey Suzuki, Naomi Katsumi

Role of the Membership Committee: The committee is responsible for recruitment of membership, keeping the membership, ensuring that members are in good standing, and reviewing new applicants for suitability to the NAJC in accordance with the Articles, Constitution, and Bylaws.

2017-2018 Membership:

- 13 Full Member Organizations
- 3 Supporting Member Organizations
- 8 Individual Members

2018-2019 Membership:

- 13 Full Member Organizations
- 4 Supporting Member Organizations
- 52 Individual Members (5 Youth, 23 Individual, 24 Senior)

There is interest from Supporting Members to go to Full Member status. We also reached out to the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre of Montreal.

This year, the Membership Committee did the following:

1. increased the number of Individual memberships,
2. made recommendations to have the membership forms online on the NAJC website with the option to use PayPal,
3. revised the NAJC brochure,
4. recommended the Standing Committees and Special Advisors Code of Conduct for the Policy and Procedures Manual,
5. recommended a continued freeze of new Full Member Organizations until the NEB and Future Directions committee could discuss the value of adding new members at this point,
6. recommended that a review of the policy on the length of term on committees be done and that this policy is consistently enforced,
7. review the criteria for membership under the various categories (this will need to be completed by the next Membership committee),



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8. initiated volunteer appreciation, and
9. participated in the Powell Street Festival, August 4-5, 2018. The Membership and Arts, Culture, and Education committees organized the NAJC tent for the Powell Street Festival on August 4th and 5th, 2018. We gave NAJC pens and brochures and discussed programs of the NAJC and Japanese Canadian history. All in all, it was a very successful booth and was well attended.