



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES-DRAFT 1

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom General Membership Meeting	
Date: December 11, 2018 5:30 PM PST, 7:30 pm CST	Location: via Zoom

1. Roll Call at 7:34 pm CST

	Attending	Regrets
NAJC Full Organizational Members: 10 votes	Calgary Japanese Community Association: Shirley Shigematsu Edmonton Japanese Community Association: Sanae Ohki Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC: Ron Shimizu Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Assoc: Judy Hanazawa Hamilton Chapter NAJC: Patti Simpson Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon: Fumi Torigai Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba: Ken Teramura Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association: Terry Tsubouchi Ottawa Japanese Community Association: Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: Tsugio Kurushima	Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area Vernon Japanese Cultural Society
NAJC Supporting Organizational Members: 2 votes	Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society: Eiko Eby Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc: Joanne Rollins	Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre-Village of New Denver Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre
Individual Members: 1 vote	Carolyn Nakagawa Connie Kadota Lisa Uyeda Kendall Yamagishi (at 8:37 pm CST)	
Observer	Lynn Kobayashi-Toronto	



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National Executive Board Members:	Lorene Oikawa, President Keiko Miki, Vice President Les Kojima, Treasurer Eiko Eby, Secretary Kiyoshi Dembo, Director Bryan Tomlinson, Director (at 8:30 pm CST)	Dave Mitsui, Past President Susanne Tabata, Director Alex Miki, Director
Staff:	Kevin Okabe, Executive Director Karina Uehara, National Administrator	

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion 1:	To approve the agenda as presented.		
Moved by:	Tsugio Kurushima from Victoria	Seconded by:	Judy Hanazawa from GVJCCA
Result:	Carried		

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the NAJC Annual General Meeting

Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the September 21, 2018 Annual General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Terry Tsubouchi from Lakehead	Seconded by:	Tsugio Kurushima from Victoria
Result:	Carried		

4. 2019 COPANI Conference

- a. 20th Convention of Pan-American Nikkei will be held in San Francisco from September 20-22, 2019.
 - Conference is a gathering of Nikkei from across the Americas (North, Central and South America) and will provide opportunities to make connections, network with other Japanese people and organizations throughout the Americas and more specifically Japanese American organizations (potential to establish future, cross-border relationships, exchange organizational and program information, etc.).
 - Conference will provide an opportunity to showcase Canadian history and experience and gain insights on the experiences from South America and the US.
 - This will be the first time the conference will be held in North America since Canada and the NAJC last hosted the conference in Vancouver in 2005. This will make this conference more accessible because of the proximity to Canada and because the conference will be in English.



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- Much interest already generated regarding COPANI, and we expect a number of Japanese Canadians to attend the conference at their own expense. Local organizations could actively promote this conference and create excitement, which could re-energize the local community.
 - If there is sufficient Canadian presence, a separate meeting/event could be organized targeted at them, promoting the activities of the NAJC and its member organizations and possibly promoting the hosting of a future COPANI conference in Canada.
 - Further information under development, and will be posted to the following websites:
 - <http://copani.org/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/Copani2019>
- b. Attending COPANI San Francisco will be costlier than attending an AGM/Conference in Edmonton:
- Increased airfare costs from most Canadian locations
 - \$375 USD registration fee charged by COPANI to cover extra day for conference and related lunches/dinner
 - Increased accommodation costs (higher rate per day, more night's accommodation required)
 - Expenses incurred in US Dollars versus Canadian Dollars
 - The increase in cost can be mitigated by:
 - Postponing the 2019 Conference to 2020, and conducting the AGM at a separate time from COPANI, over Zoom/videoconference;
 - Capping subsidy levels for airfare and/or accommodation; and
 - Directing Community Development funds towards offsetting increased costs incurred.
- c. The NAJC National Executive Board is recommending that the NAJC promote attendance at COPANI XX and provide partial funding support to encourage widespread participation from our organizational membership. To facilitate this, the following motions are proposed:

Motion 3:	It is moved that In lieu of organizing a face-to-face Annual General Meeting and National Conference in 2019, the NAJC participate in the 2019 COPANI Conference in San Francisco September 20-22, 2019.		
Moved by:	Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples from OJCA	Seconded by:	Ken Teramura from JCAM
Result:	Carried.		



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	<p>Motion will allow the NAJC to engage in discussions with the COPANI organizing committee to determine the extent and nature of NAJC involvement in COPANI.</p> <p>The NAJC needs to come back to the NAJC Membership with a detailed proposal about the extent of involvement, budgetary impact, etc. Fact that full conference will not be held may free up some funds towards travel subsidies.</p> <p>Some organizations requested breakdown of cost and detailed agenda of topics and events.</p>		
Motion 4:	It is moved that the 2019 Annual General Meeting be held virtually (via Zoom) on Saturday, August 24, 2019 10 AM PDT, 11 AM MDT, 12 noon CDT, 1 PM EDT.		
Moved by:	Patti Simpson from Hamilton Chapter NAJC	Seconded by:	Sanae Ohki from Edmonton
Result:	Carried		
Motion 5:	It is moved that for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the budget that would have been allocated to the NAJC Community Development Fund be used to support participation in the 2019 COPANI Conference.		
Moved by:		Seconded by:	
Result:	MOTION DEFERRED		

5. Landscapes of Injustice Proposal

WHEREAS: The NAJC is committed to the promotion of teaching about Japanese Canadian history and internment in school curriculums nationally which was confirmed as one of the main priorities at the NAJC AGM in Calgary, and

WHEREAS: The NAJC is supportive of developing curriculum resource materials, lesson plans and assisting teachers in the teaching of Japanese Canadian experiences in the classroom at all levels of education; and

WHEREAS: The Landscapes of Injustice project has entered into its knowledge mobilization phase, which includes a commitment to develop teacher resources at the primary and secondary levels. Led by outstanding and experienced teachers—Greg Miyanaga (Primary) and Mike Perry-Whittingham (Secondary)—the Teacher Resources cluster of Landscapes of Injustice will work over the coming two years to develop teacher resources for use in primary and secondary school classrooms across Canada: and

WHEREAS: Landscapes of Injustice project has received commitment of \$16,000 in federal funds to support teachers who will write lessons over the course of two summers and the Vancouver Japanese Language School has contributed \$20,000 for primary school resources and teacher training.



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Motion 6:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT: NAJC contribute \$30,500 towards the development of high school curriculum and teacher training to supplement the funding from other sources. The NAJC Funds would be used to support:</p> <p>1. Secondary school resource development: The teacher resource website will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Lesson plans based in inquiry and problem-based approaches • Links to curriculum in all provinces and the Yukon • 35 photographs, maps, and diagrams • 50 archival documents • 15 archival film and audio files • 10 short films for students • 10 training videos for teachers <p>2. Secondary school teacher training: 8 outstanding teachers from across Canada will be awarded grants to British Columbia for an intensive course at UVIC and a tour of internment sites co-organized by the Nikkei National Museum. They will, in turn, commit to present these materials in teacher Professional Development in their home regions.</p> <p>Landscapes of Injustice will launch its teacher resources at the NAJC AGM of 2020, after development and piloting for a two-year period. Progress toward objectives will be reported bi-annually to the Steering Committee of Landscapes of Injustice, of which an NAJC representative is Vice-Chair.</p> <p>The project budget of \$30,500 for the NAJC Project is attached</p> <p>Request from the NAJC: \$30,500</p>		
Moved by:	Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Seconded by:	Greater Vancouver JCCA
Result:	MOTION DEFERRED		

Motion deferred so more detailed information will be requested to LOI such as budget and time frame.

6. NEB Updates

a. BC Redress

- Lorene provided update
- GVJCCA - asked about whether there was a Government response to our request to fund costs – none received yet
- Toronto NAJC – should have broader, national consultation as proposal not discussed outside of BC or NEB



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- Request response and circulation of original letter from Toronto to membership
 - Original documentation should be distributed to members as well
 - Need to improve communication beyond on-line distribution and possibly in-person appearance
 - Identify structure for negotiations – should not be limited to BC or NEB
- b. Human Rights Committee
- JC Working Group
 - Response required Dec 15, 2018
 - Nanjing Stand
 - Keiko provided update
 - Can dialogue be initiated with other groups and organizations?
 - Soften stand to state that the NAJC cannot currently support commemoration day
- c. Fund Updates
- Endowment Fund Deadline – March 31, 2019
 - Community Renewal Fund: last call on March 31, 2019. Pre-applications can be submitted for feedback before formal submission.
- d. Committee Openings
- Endowment Fund Committee (1 opening)
 - Human Rights Committee (seeking members)
 - Audit Committee (3 openings)
 - Constitution Committee (seeking members)
- e. Strategy and Budget Making Process

7. Contact and Portfolio Information

Name	Role	Email
Lorene Oikawa	President BC Redress Landscapes of Injustice Endowment Funds JC Working Group	president@najc.ca
Keiko Miki	Vice President Human Rights	vp@najc.ca
Les Kojima	Treasurer	treasurer@najc.ca
Eiko Eby	Secretary Community Development Funds Community Renewal Funds	secretary@najc.ca



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Alex Miki	Japanese Canadian Young Leaders JCYL Fund	youngleaders@najc.ca
Susanne Tabata	Arts, Culture, Education	ace@najc.ca
Bryan Tomlinson	Constitution and By-Laws	governance@najc.ca
David Mitsui	Past President Nominations Remembrance Day	pastpresident@najc.ca
Kevin Okabe	Executive Director COPANI	ed@najc.ca
Karina Uehara	National Administrator	national@najc.ca

8. Future Meeting and Events Calendar (See Appendix 1)

9. Adjournment at 10:10 pm CST

Moved by:	Judy Hanazawa from Greater Vancouver JCCA
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APPENDIX 1: MEETING, EVENTS AND DEADLINE CALENDAR

FUTURE EVENTS		
Date	Event	Location
Dec 11, 2018	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Jan 9, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Feb 13, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Mar 13, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Mar 20, 2019	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Mar 27, 2019	Call for Motions Issued	Motions for AGM need to be provided to the NAJC by this date (150 days before AGM)
Mar 31, 2019	Fiscal Year End	
Mar 31, 2019	Endowment Fund Deadline Community Renewal fund: last call	
Apr 10, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
May 8, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
May 26, 2019	Motions Due Notice of bylaw change to be sent to the membership	Motions for AGM need to be provided to the NAJC by this date (90 days before AGM) Bylaw changes sent to the membership 90 days before AGM or Special General Meeting
May 30, 2019?	Community Development Fund Deadline	May change – based on prior years
June 15 2019	Young Leaders fund deadline	
Jun 1, 2019	Begin Annual Report Compilation	
Jun 12, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)



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Date	Event	Location
Jun 19, 2019	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Jun 25, 2019	Motions Sent to Membership	Motions for AGM need to be provided to the membership by this date (60 days before AGM)
Jul 10, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Aug 14, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Aug 24, 2019	NAJC Annual General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Sep 11, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Sep 19-22, 2019	COPANI Conference	Bi-Annual COPANI Conference, San Francisco, USA (May hold NAJC event during weekend too)
Oct 9, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Nov 13, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Dec 11, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Dec 18, 2019	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Jan 8, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Feb 12, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Mar 11, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (need to discuss timing)
Mar 18, 2020	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Apr 9, 2020	100 th anniversary of the inauguration of the War Memorial Cenotaph	Identify if special event to be organized to commemorate anniversary