



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING AGENDA

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| Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom General Membership Meeting | |
| Date: June 19, 2019 5:30 PM PDT | Location: via Zoom |

1. Roll Call

| | Attending | Regrets |
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| NAJC Full Organizational Members: 10 votes | Calgary Japanese Community Association: Roger Teshima Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC: Ron Shimizu, later Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Assoc: Judy Hanazawa Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon: Fumi Torigai Vernon Japanese Cultural Society: Bryan Yakura Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: Yukari Peerless | Edmonton Japanese Community Association Hamilton Chapter NAJC Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area Ottawa Japanese Community Association |
| NAJC Supporting Organizational Members: 2 votes | | Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society Kelowna Lake-country Japanese Culture Society Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre- Village of New Denver Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc |
| Individual Members: 1 vote | Carolyn Nakagawa Lisa Uyeda | |
| National Executive Board Members: | Lorene Oikawa, President Keiko Miki, Vice President Les Kojima, Treasurer | Dave Mitsui, Past President Bryan Tomlinson, Director Susanne Tabata, Director |



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| | Kiyoshi Dembo, Director Alex Miki, Director | Eiko Eby, Secretary |
| Staff: | Kevin Okabe, Executive Director Karina Uehara, National Administrator | |

2. Acceptance of Agenda

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| Motion 1: | To approve the agenda as presented. | | |
| Moved by: | Fumi Torigai | Seconded by: | Roger Teshima |
| Result: | Carried | | |

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

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| Motion 2: | To approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 NAJC General Zoom Meeting. | | |
| Moved by: | Roger Teshima | Seconded by: | Yukari Peerless |
| Result: | Carried | | |

4. BC Redress Update

a) BC Redress Community Consultations

- Conduct consultations May-July 2019
- Online consultations and online submissions
- Compile final report – October 2019

The consultations are on the way right now. The online consultations were scheduled 2 for BC and 2 outside BC. Detailed information and registration links are on the website. Maybe, more online consultations will be added later. Online submission will be on the website as well.

www.najc.ca/bcredress

The consultations will take place until July. The compilation will happen between August and September. The draft report will be discussed and reviewed by the National Council by October. The report may need to be extensive due to the variety of responses.

The JC communities are interested in the follow-up and checking the reports. Some consultations reported very detailed recommendations. Education and commemoration came up in all of them. They are looking for broad themes as Education and Commemoration but also specific ideas. There is an interest in looking of NAJC membership responses as suppose to JC in general. Not every JC is a member of NAJC. The BC gov are looking into JC affected.

Toronto has already 2 consultations and many JC communities attended.

Sometimes the personal approach to invite people to the consultations are more effective.



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5. 2019 COPANI Conference

a) Review of Conference Logistics

- July 31 - Next Registration Deadline Extension and Youth Registration Fee
- Proposed NAJC/Japanese Canadian Participation in Workshop Development
- NAJC subsidies for full member organizations and JCYL representatives

Next registration deadline to get discount was extended to July 31.

NAJC has helped develop the workshop with the YL, Keiko Miki, Maryka Omatsu, Kevin and Lorene for the Human Rights and Social Justice sessions. Maryka is leading the Social Justice and Human Rights workshop. Kevin, Keiko, Lorene and Judy are developing the Canadian context. The morning session will be about sharing the history of JC. The afternoon session will talk about the lessons the parallel stories. Also, what we face now: indigenous, islamophobia, forced relocation and dispossession.

The subsidy based on the budget approved for the organizations is on an Excel sheet. NAJC has blocked some rooms double occupancy.

ACTION: Kevin will send the subsidy Excel to the organizations. NAJC would like to know the Canadian representatives.

Yukon may not send any representative.

Lorene requested if there would be livestreaming on social media so more people can join the sessions.

6. NEB Updates

a. Committee Updates

• Human Rights

Tofino apology was on May 28, 2019 by the Mayor of Tofino. The video is on Youtube and on NAJC website. Keiko attended the ceremony as a NAJC representative. There was a resolution in 1947 by the City of Tofino to exclude Orientals. There were about 100 people living there at that time. The restrictions were since 1920s. when the internment started, the JC moved out of the island. When they came back to Tofino after the war, the resolution prohibited the JC to own property, conduct business and basically not to live there. There were a couple of families that tried to get an apology. The HR committee met on Sunday and gave feedback to Maryka about the COPANI workshop.



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NAJC will be more involved with CRRF consultation meetings: strategic directions, priorities, activities and check the act. The consultations will happen in different cities. Lorene attends the Vancouver one and Lynn the Toronto's.

- ACE/Heritage

- JC Young Leaders

May long weekend there was Ensoku in Vancouver Ensoku. It was well attended, around 36. There was a cooking class and discussions (identity, cultural heritage, LGBTQ). Walking tour around Vancouver and the museum.

The YL funds deadline is on June 22.

- Membership

The committee is preparing to support different festivals: new brochures in English and Japanese and pens.

Deadline of the membership renewal is on June 24.

There is a will to support new organizations: Kelowna. JAMSMET Canada will submit their application to be a member of NAJC.

- Constitution and Resolutions Committee

b. Committee Openings

- Endowment Fund Committee (1 opening)

Announcement of recipients soon.

- Human Rights Committee (seeking members)

- Audit Committee (3 openings)

- Constitution Committee (seeking members)

- Nominations Committee (3 openings)

7. Future Meeting and Events Calendar

a. AGM Notification

- June 25, 2019 – AGM motions circulated to membership

- July 15, 2019 – **Deadline for submitting reports for AGM Booklet**

- August 24, 2019 – AGM Held (Virtually, over Zoom)

b. Special General Meeting Notification

- March 18, 2020 – Bylaw Amendments to be Reviewed

c. Special General Meeting Proposed

- Review of BC Redress Report – October 16, 2019

Congratulations to the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society for their 25th anniversary

Request to the organizations to send pictures of events or anniversaries to NAJC



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8. Adjournment at 8:30 pm

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| Motion 7: | Moved that the June 19, 2019 NAJC General Zoom Meeting be adjourned. |
| Moved by: | Judy Hanazawa |



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APPENDIX 1: MEETING, EVENTS AND DEADLINE CALENDAR

| FUTURE MEETINGS, EVENTS AND DEADLINES | | |
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| Date | Event | Location |
| Jun 19, 2019 | NAJC General Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| 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 |
| Jul 15, 2019 | Annual Report Submission Deadline | Deadline for submitting report for inclusion in the AGM Booklet |
| Aug 14, 2019 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Aug 24, 2019 | NAJC Annual General Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Sep 11, 2019 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Sep 19-22, 2019 | COPANI Conference | Bi-Annual COPANI Conference, San Francisco, USA |
| Oct 9, 2019 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Oct 16, 2019 | NAJC Special General Meeting – BC Redress Report | Zoom Videoconference |
| Nov 13, 2019 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Dec 11, 2019 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Dec 18, 2019 | NAJC General Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Jan 8, 2020 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Feb 12, 2020 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Mar 11, 2020 | NEB Meeting | Zoom Videoconference |
| Mar 18, 2020 | NAJC Special General Meeting – Bylaws | Zoom Videoconference |



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| Date | Event | Location |
| Apr 9, 2020 | 100 th anniversary of the inauguration of the War Memorial Cenotaph | Identify if special event to be organized to commemorate anniversary |