



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom General Membership Meeting	
Date: March 20, 2019 5:30 PM PDT	Location: via Zoom

1. Roll Call at 7:30 pm CST

	Attending	Regrets
NAJC Full Organizational Members: 10 votes	Calgary Japanese Community Association: Roger Teshima Edmonton Japanese Community Association: Sanae Ohki Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC: Ron Shimizu, later Lynn Deustcher Kobayashi 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 Ottawa Japanese Community Association: Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: Yukari Peerless	Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association Lakehead Japanese Cultural 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 Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre: Sherri Kajiwara Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc: Joanne Rollins	Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre- Village of New Denver
Individual Members: 1 vote	Joanne Terakita Planidin Connie Kadota Maryka Omatsu Kendall Yamagishi Lisa Uyeda Carmel Tanaka-observer	

2. March 20, 2019 NAJC General Zoom Meeting Minutes



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

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion 1:	To approve the agenda as presented.		
Moved by:	Judy Hanazawa	Seconded by:	Sherri Kajiwara
Result:	Carried.		

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

Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 NAJC General Zoom Meeting as corrected.		
Moved by:	Ron Shimizu	Seconded by:	Patricia Simpson
Result:	Carried.		
	Amend to include that Patricia Simpson moved Motion 4, seconded by Sanae Ohki. Fumi Torigai attended as observer		

4. BC Redress Update

a) BC Redress Community Consultations

- Conduct consultations May-June 2019
- Compile final report – October 2019

b) Community Consultation Steering Committee

- Proposal submitted to BC Government to fund community consultation process. Expect proposal to be accepted and contract to be signed before the end of March



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- Steering Committee tasked with organizing community consultations and compiling report findings by October 2019.
- Due to the creation of this committee, the role of the BC Redress Advisory Panel and the BC Redress committee of BC Presidents will be reviewed.
- Review Steering Committee composition

Whereas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BC Government has been approached by the NAJC for funding to support a community consultation process to develop recommendations for a meaningful follow-up to the 2012 British Columbia government apology for Japanese Canadian Internment during World War II; and • If approved, the consultations will need to be undertaken within a short time frame, with expected delivery of a final report by October 2019. 		
Motion 3:	The NAJC establish the BC Redress Steering Committee to spearhead the organization of the community consultations and to coordinate the production of the final report and recommendations to be provided to the BC Government by October 2019. This is contingent on receiving funding for these consultations from the BC Government.		
Additional Notes:	<p>The members of the Steering Committee will include:</p> <p>Eiko Eby, Nanaimo (NEB) Les Kojima, Winnipeg (NEB) Judy Hanazawa, Vancouver Art Miki, Winnipeg Maryka Omatsu, Vancouver/Toronto Lynn Kobayashi, Toronto Kevin Okabe, Calgary (NAJC ED and staff support)</p> <p>The chair will be identified after the first meeting of the Steering Committee.</p>		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima	Seconded by:	Ken Teramura
Result:	Carried.		

Comments:

- There appears to be a short timeframe drawn up for the consultation process in order to meet Governmental budgetary timelines.
- Short timeframe for conducting consultations is concerning as it leaves a very short time to make community aware of the consultations (especially if in-person meetings are concerned). We need to consider that many of the potential participants will be seniors, so we need to ensure that the meetings are accessible (i.e. use of technology – may not be familiar to many people in the community, especially our target audience. In addition, the time of meeting, especially for people living in Eastern Canada, needs to be considered – not too late)



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- Important for NEB representatives (e.g. President and/or Vice President) to appear in front of the community, especially in Toronto.
- Steering committee will need to examine the holding of meetings and consultations across Canada, as it is important that everyone gets the same information
- Regarding timeline – may be able to start meetings in April if the Steering Committee is ready (in addition to the months of May and June)
- April deadline for Nikkei Voice is Friday, March 22. It would be good to get some word out about the consultations or steering committee by that time.
- April deadline for Vancouver Bulletin will be March 26.
- Vancouver planning consultation meeting for end of April.
- **ACTION: Kevin to coordinate the dissemination of any information for the immediate future.**

5. 2019 COPANI Conference

a) Review of Conference Logistics

- Early Bird Registration Deadline Extension and Youth Registration Fee
- Current Conference Program and Content
- Proposed NAJC/Japanese Canadian Participation in Workshop Development
- COPANI Costing Analysis

Motion 4:	The NAJC provides subsidies to member organizations, NAJC NEB members, NAJC staff and JC Young Leaders to facilitate their attendance to COPANI XX 2019 in accordance with the Copani Costing Analysis to a maximum total budget of \$25,000.		
Moved by:	Sanae Ohki	Seconded by:	Lynn Kobayashi
Result:	Carried. Abstain: Kendall Yamagishi		

Comments:

- Currently in discussions with COPANI conference organizers about involving Maryka Omatsu in the Social Justice stream
- The AGM for 2019 is being done virtually so it is proposed that the costs associated with the AGM \$25,000 be redirected towards providing subsidies to allow member organizations, NEB board members and staff to attend COPANI 2019
- A detailed budget estimate spreadsheet was reviewed



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- Comment that the cost associated with sending NEB members and staff seem quite costly, and question was raised whether this should be reduced.
- A portion of the JC young leaders annual budget \$1150 is being directed towards sending young leaders to the conference in addition to their own fundraising efforts.
- Should some additional funds from the COPANI budget be dedicated to JCYL involvement?
- Flight costs could be volatile so member organizations need to be vigilant in searching for economical airfares. Consider adding a contingency to the subsidy to cover unexpected increases.
- Member organizations or attending individuals will still need to cover an amount that is around \$1,000.
- Question about having a NAJC gathering in San Francisco

6. Landscapes of Injustice Proposal

a) Updated Funding Request

Motion 5:	<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.</p> <p>The NAJC Funds would be used to support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Secondary school resource development: The teacher resource website will include:<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 teachers2. 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>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</p>
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	<p>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 will be spread across two fiscal periods (April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020 and April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021). To help offset the magnitude of this expense, the Hide Hyodo-Shimizu Research Scholarship will no longer be offered.</p> <p>Request from the NAJC: \$30,500</p>		
Moved by:	Art Miki (JCAM)	Seconded by:	Eiko Eby (Central Vancouver Island)
Result:	Carried.		

Comment:

- While additional (significant) funding has been received, size and scope of the project is very large
- Other funding received does not fund public school or high school educational development
- To fit into NAJC's budget, the \$30,500 ask will be spread over two fiscal years. In addition, the joint scholarship that was offered by the NAJC and LOI will not be offered so that the funds that were committed to that scholarship could be redirected to this new project proposal.
- Encouraging teachers to attend this training is a way to encourage them to get this included into the curriculum. Teachers need to be motivated to teach this.
- This is a good way for the NAJC to leave a mark with respect to the development of educational material.
- Applications will be evaluated based on the commitment of teachers to teach the material, but ethnicity (i.e. Japanese Canadian background) not identified as a specific criteria for consideration. Proportional allocation (based on geography) being considered.
- Member organizations should encourage getting Japanese Canadian educators to promote this.
- Question – can application forms be circulated/promoted amongst member organizations?
- **ACTION: Art Miki to determine whether application forms are still being accepted and that the deadline has not been passed**

b) Community Development Funding for 2019-2020

Whereas:

- Redundant projects coming in for Community Renewal Fund, Endowment Fund and Community Development Funds;



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- Given this is the final year for Community Renewal Funding, the focus should be on completing those projects; and
- Cost savings can be redirected to supporting Landscapes of Injustice proposal that was passed above.

Motion 6:	Moved that the Community Development Fund budget for 2019-2020 be reduced to zero.		
Moved by:	Art Miki (JCAM)	Seconded by:	Fumi Torigai (JCAY)
Result:	Carried.		

- Measure needed to help offset the deficit being projected for the coming year.
- Suspension of Community Development Fund program will just be for the upcoming year.
- Fund was started back in 2010-2011 as a way to encourage local communities to take on projects that support national priorities that were established. During the past year, \$10,000 was expended on grants.
- Perhaps a public statement needs to be issued to explain the different grant funds available, and the fact that Community Development Funds will not be available for the upcoming year.
- **ACTION: Lorene and Kevin should work on a communication to be circulated on the website and perhaps in newsletters, enews, etc.**

7. JC Working Group

Whereas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many young people, the majority of whom were boys, were victimized by the sexual predation of Gordon Nakayama, a minister of the Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican Church) and the large majority of these victims were of Japanese ancestry; and • These assaults took place prior to, during and after Canada’s incarceration of Japanese Canadians between 1941 to 1949; and • These victims suffered physical, emotional and psychological harm and consequential harm has been suffered by their families and succeeding generations; and • There is a need to promote healing of individuals and within the larger Japanese Canadian community; and • The Japanese Canadian Working Group (JCWG) has undertaken to investigate the need for and to advocate the provision of services directed to healing individuals and the community and the JCWG has entered into negotiations with the Anglican Church and some of its dioceses to assist in the funding of these healing services and programs; and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Anglican Church has advised that any funds it would provide for this purpose should be controlled by a legally-defined entity with the capacity to control and be accountable for funds; and The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) is a Society lawfully incorporated under the laws of Canada and the NAJC has the capacity to manage, account for, and report on the use of funds under its control. 		
Motion 7:	The NAJC agrees in principle to work with the Japanese Canadian Working Group to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the NAJC and JCWG prior to entering into negotiations with the Anglican Church to obtain financial support towards the provision of services and programs for individual and community healing of the wounds caused by the assaults of Gordon Nakayama.		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima	Seconded by:	Lynn Kobayashi
Result:	Carried.		

Comments:

- Anglican Church needs to have a national organization behind this initiative in order to enter into discussions around a possible settlement/agreement and implementation.
- The monies will be used to have a national conference
- The Japanese Canadian Working Group is prepared to be integrated with NAJC as an ad-hoc committee.

8. Strategic Plan and 2019-2020 Budget

- Review of Financial Results to March 20, 2019 (Year-to-Date)
- Proposed Budget 2019-2020

Motion 8:	Moved that the proposed budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 be approved.		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima (CJCA)	Seconded by:	Judy Hanazawa (GVJCCA)
Result:	Carried.		

- Update on Organizational Strategic Planning Process

9. NEB Updates



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- a. Funding Deadline Updates
 - Endowment Fund Deadline – March 31, 2019
 - Community Renewal Fund
- b. Committee Updates
 - Human Rights
 - ACE/Heritage
 - JC Young Leaders
 - Membership
 - Constitution and Resolutions Committee
- c. Committee Openings
 - Endowment Fund Committee (1 opening)
 - Human Rights Committee (seeking members)
 - Audit Committee (3 openings)
 - Constitution Committee (seeking members)
 - Nominations Committee (3 openings)

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

- a. AGM Notification
 - March 27, 2019 – Deadline for issuing Call for Motions
 - May 26, 2019 – AGM motions need to be provided to the NAJC by this date
 - 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)

11. Adjournment at 10:04 pm CST

Motion 9:	Moved that the March 20, 2019 NAJC General Zoom Meeting be adjourned.
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu



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APPENDIX 1: MEETING, EVENTS AND DEADLINE CALENDAR

FUTURE MEETINGS, EVENTS AND DEADLINES		
Date	Event	Location
Mar 20, 2019	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (to be confirmed)
Mar 27, 2019	Call for Motions Issued	Notice of Motions for AGM need to be provided to the membership by this date (150 days before AGM)
Mar 31, 2019	Fiscal Year End	
Mar 31, 2019	Endowment Fund Deadline	
April 30, 2019	Community Development Fund Deadline	May change – based on prior years
Apr 10, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
May 3-5, 2019	NEB Meeting	Winnipeg (Face-to-Face Meeting)
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
Jun 1, 2019	Begin Annual Report Compilation	
Jun 12, 2019	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
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



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