

NAJC Membership Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 5 pm PST

Committee Members: Vivian Rygnestad, Tracey Suzuki, Eiko Eby (all present)

Regrets: Naomi Katsumi

Agenda

1. Membership 2018-19

- i. Request for Kevin Okabe to send E-News and email to the current membership to renew memberships with revised form
- ii. Currently 13 Full, 4 Supporting, 12 Individual
- iii. It was decided that no vetting is required of renewing members
- iv. New individual applications can be handled by the office ensuring not executive of a member organization
- v. Membership committee would only vet new Supporting applications
- vi. The committee still supports the freeze on full memberships pending future directions

2. Budget \$2500 allocated for 2018-19

- i. It was determined that we give some money to the BC Redress efforts
- ii. But will still allocate \$500 for Volunteer Appreciation at the AGM

3. Membership Bylaws

- i. Discussed whether everyone should be a member in good standing to attend the AGM
 - **Motion:** Attendees (observers) at the AGM must be members in good standing of either the NAJC or of a member organization of the NAJC.
- ii. Discussed whether anyone serving on a committee should be a member in good standing of the NAJC either through their local association or as an individual member.
 - With reference to article "1.1 Member. All members/volunteers of Standing Committees and Special Advisors shall be a current Individual Member or of a member organization of the NAJC."
 - **Motion:** As it pertains to article 1.1 Members of standing committees must be members in good standing of the NAJC. This includes the Young Leaders Committee
- iii. The membership committee questions the value of this policy in that volunteers are not in surplus. **Recommend** review.

Committees

- The National Executive Board may from time to time appoint one or more committees to assist and advise them in the carrying out of their duties:
- Special Committees and Advisory Bodies:

- The Membership may, when it deems necessary, form committees and advisory bodies, or appoint groups or individuals to further the objectives of the NAJC.
- Such bodies or individuals shall report to the Membership through the Executive Board.
- The Membership may, upon review and as deemed appropriate, dissolve or terminate the activities of such bodies or individuals.
- All appointments to Standing Committees must be approved by the National Executive Board.
- Volunteers on Standing Committees will be appointed by the Standing Committee Chair and their term of service will end at the conclusion of the project/assignment.
- **The term of all appointed members shall be for one term and may be extended for an additional term upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair.**
 - Committees are responsible for the following:
 - Coordinating their work with the National Executive Board in developing an annual and long-term program plan;
 - Coordinating their work with the National Executive Board in developing annual and long-term budgets;
 - Identifying current and developing issues;
 - Work with the National Executive Board to research and develop positions in determining priority issues;
 - On behalf of the National Executive Board and the Membership, deliver the annual work plan.
- **Motion:** To remove the clause for standing committees: “The term of all appointed members shall be for one term and may be extended for an additional term upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair.” And replace with “The term of all appointed standing committee members shall be for one term and may be extended for additional terms upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair. The Committee Chair has the right to revoke appointments at any time.”

iv. Kevin pointed out that under the NAJC bylaws,

“Organizational members need to:

- annually submit AGM minutes that show support for the NAJC Vision and Mission statements
- provide a total number of current individual and family members associated with their organization
- submit payment of membership fees
- The committee feels that it is no longer necessary to submit AGM minutes nor a motion to endorse the mission and values of the NAJC. The current practice is that this is not done since the Application Form has a checkbox reading

Individual membership

I, the undersigned, declare my support of the Vision and Mission statements of the NAJC, as found above.

Organization membership

I, the undersigned, on behalf of my organization declare our support of the Vision and Mission statement of the NAJC, as found above.”

Motion: To amend the bylaws to read “Organizational members need to:

- annually submit a Membership Form declaring their support for the NAJC Vision and Mission
- submit payment of membership fees

v. Committee Membership

- There was discussion on how we add members on to committees as there has been concerned about asking people for the CV’s especially long standing members or members who have already been vetted by the NEB on another committee
- Recommend that the Chair of the Committee vets the candidates and makes the recommendation to the NEB for approval. A CV is preferred by this is at the discretion of the Chair.

4. Storage – Vivian has the banner and poles, programs, pens, table clothes, etc. at her house. Ideally, we want these moved to the National office in Winnipeg but will wait until after Kevin goes to Winnipeg to look at the space