



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
BY ZOOM – June 10, 2020
MINUTES**

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom Meeting with National Executive Board	
Date: June 10, 2020 5:30 PM PDT	Location: Via Zoom

1. 5:30 PM Roll Call

NAJC Attendees:	Lorene Oikawa Keiko Miki Eiko Eby Les Kojima Susanne Tabata Kiyoshi Dembo Alex Miki Kevin Okabe Karina Uehara	Not in Attendance:	
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2. 5:35 PM Acceptance of Agenda

Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the June 10, 2020 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Eiko Eby	Seconded by:	Kiyoshi Dembo
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Eiko Eby
Result:	Carried		



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The following motions were circulated and approved by the NAJC National Executive Board via a poll captured in Google Forms by May 30, 2020:

Motion 1: To appoint Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples to the Community Development Committee effective June 1, 2020 to the completion of the granting of the 2020 Community Development Fund.

Motion 2: To appoint Joanne Planidin of Calgary as Chair of the NAJC Nominations Committee effective May 28, 2020 until the October 2, 2020 NAJC Annual General Meeting.

Motion 3: To appoint Terumi Kuwada of Winnipeg as Chair of the NAJC Elections Committee effective May 28, 2020 until the completion of the 2020 Elections, October 2, 2020.

Motion 4: To appoint Michelle Walters of Toronto to the NAJC Nominations Committee effective May 28, 2020 until the October 2, 2020 NAJC Annual General Meeting.

4. 5:45 PM AGM and National Conference Update

Motion 3:	To approve the Election Procedures (V6) as drafted by the Constitution and Resolutions Committee and as edited by the National Executive Board below.		
Moved by:	Keiko Miki	Seconded by:	Kiyoshi Dembo
Result:	<p>Carried with Amendments as follows:</p> <p>Delete section: “As per the NAJC Constitution and By-laws, members of the Endowment Fund Committee shall be approved every year.” The previous section in the document speaks to the responsibility</p> <p>Nominations Committee should not see nominations or vet them until after the deadline for nominations has passed. They should not see details about the nominations that have been received by the office prior to the nomination deadline.</p>		

- For future consideration:
 - Should people be allowed to run for more than one position?
 - Should nominations be allowed from the floor?



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6:00 PM Project Updates

a) BC Redress

- Report was presented to the BC Redress Negotiations Strategy team for their review and input with confidentiality to be maintained
- Letter and Video posted – John Horgan omission in acknowledging the racist actions of the BC Government towards Japanese Canadians

b) Future Zoom Session

- NAJC Talks Written Interviews
 - Steven Kariya
- June 18 – NAJC Chats with John Greenaway
- June 20 - Racism: The Past, the Present, and what can we do now? (Maryka Omatsu)
- June 23 – Mask Making with Laura Fukumoto
- August ? – The Creative Process of Making a Play - Empire of the Sun (Tetsuro Shigematsu)
- Future COVID19 sessions under development:
 - Building Reopening Plans
 - The Future of the Festival
 - Follow COVID19 Session in Japanese – with medical representatives from Edmonton, Calgary and Montreal (around AGM timing?)
 - Presentation from Dr. Shibata?

5. 6:45 PM Committee Updates

- Constitution and Resolutions Committee
 - Report on activities from committee
- a) Human Rights Committee
- ACT2endracism update: post ACT2 images and resources to the NAJC website
 - Black Lives Matters release



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- Maryka Omatsu Session being organized for June 20. Lorene will introduce the session, Alex willing to facilitate
 - NAJC Toronto's Bystander training was very well attended (over 500)
 - Antiracism reports submitted on Google forms: 7. Confidential information. Collaborate with other 3 organizations to collate the data
- b) Membership
- Still trying to recruit a couple of members (one Japanese speaking member and one young leader (possibly bilingual))
 - Need to set up criteria for admitting new Organizational Members
 - Need to update members-only section with revised By-laws after filing with Corporations Canada
 - JAMSNET AGM: on June 7th with Dr Shibata presentation in Japanese.
- c) JCYL
- Cancelled in-person conference so exploring alternative programming or workshops, possibly in conjunction with other committees
 - Hosted online dinner party, blurb will be submitted
- d) ACE
- Working on Artist's Criteria for admitting Organizational Members?
 - Powell Street Festival: national online event
 - Conference 2021
- e) Endowment Funds Committee
- Deadline June 30th.
 - Sync folder with applications
- f) Community Development Fund Committee
- Melisa Kamibayashi Staples and David Mitsui will be on the committee this year
 - Deadline July 31st.



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g) Treasurer's Report

- Audited Financial Statements- Targeting presentation of the audited financial statements by October 2020 AGM
- Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
- Charity Application – in progress (one query received but addressed)
- The market value of the investment portfolio on June 10th was approximately \$4.5 million, up from less than \$4.1 million at March 31, 2020, but still below the pre-Covid highs of over \$4.6 million.

6. Correspondence

a) COPANI

- Will see if Chika Buston would be willing to sing on June 20th as a representative of Canada in the International Nikkei Day
- Zoom Greeting will be sent for International Nikkei Day on June 20th

7. Next Member Update

- Extension of existing organizational memberships
- Virtual AGM and cancellation of conference
- Mail-In Voting and Election Procedures
- Reminder about deadline for Nominations for NEB and Endowment Fund Committee
- Human Rights Activities updates
- BC Redress updates
- Financial Report (Unaudited)

8. 8:42 PM Adjournment

Motion 4	To adjourn the June 10, 2020 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Eiko Eby



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Appendix 1: Upcoming Important Dates

FUTURE EVENTS		
Date	Event	Location
Jun 17, 2020	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Jun 30, 2020	NAJC Endowment Funds Deadline (SEAD and Cultural Development)	
Jul 4, 2020	Deadline for returning nomination papers for the NEB and proposed motions for the AGM. Membership to be informed of any proposed by-law changes to be presented at the AGM	
Jul 8, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Jul 19, 2020	Written reports need to be submitted by this date in order to be included in the NAJC's Annual Report	
Jul 31, 2020	NAJC Community Development Deadline	
Aug 3, 2020	Deadline for renewing or applying for NAJC membership in order to be allowed to vote at the AGM. Nomination papers, ballots, motions to be sent out to the membership	
Aug 12, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference



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Date	Event	Location
Sep 2, 2020	Target date for distribution of the AGM booklet and audited financial statements to membership	
Sep 9, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Sep 25, 2020	Deadline for returning mail-in ballots in order to be counted for the 2020 NAJC NEB elections	
Oct 2, 2020	NAJC AGM and Conference	Edmonton
Oct 14, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Nov 11, 2020	Remembrance Day Activities	Vancouver
Nov 11, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Dec 9, 2020	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Dec 16, 2020	NAJC General Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Dec 16, 2020	By-Law Changes and Financial Statements to be forwarded to Membership along with the proposed 2020-2021 Budget so that they can be passed at the March 2021 meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Jan 13, 2021	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference (or possibly in-person meeting scheduled for weekend in January)
Feb 10, 2021	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Mar 10, 2021	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference



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Date	Event	Location
Mar 17, 2021	NAJC Special General Meeting – By Law Changes and 2021-2022 Annual Budget	Zoom Videoconference
Mar 10, 2021	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference
Apr 14, 2021	NEB Meeting	Zoom Videoconference