



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom Annual General Meeting	
Date: October 2, 2020 5:30 PM PDT/6:30 PM MDT/7:30 PM CDT/8:30 PM EDT	Location: via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

	Attending	Regrets
NAJC Full Organizational Members: 10 votes	<p>Calgary Japanese Community Association: Roger Teshima, Maureen Coleman (Alternate)</p> <p>Edmonton Japanese Community Association: Sanae Ohki</p> <p>Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC: Kim Uyede-Kai, Lynn Kobayashi (Alternate)</p> <p>Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association: Judy Hanazawa, Cary Sakiyama (Alternate)</p> <p>Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon: Fumi Torigai</p> <p>Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba: Ken Teramura, Art Miki (Alternate)</p> <p>Ottawa Japanese Community Association: Melisa Kamibayashi</p> <p>Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: Tsugio Kurushima</p>	<p>Hamilton Chapter NAJC</p> <p>Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association</p> <p>Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association</p> <p>Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area</p> <p>Vernon Japanese Cultural Society</p>
NAJC Supporting Organizational Members: 2 votes	<p>Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society: Eiko Eby</p> <p>Nikkei National Museum: Sherri Kajiwara</p> <p>Japanese Medical Support Network in Canada: Kiyoshi Dembo</p>	<p>Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre - Village of New Denver</p> <p>Regina Japanese Cultural Club</p>
Individual Members: 1 vote	<p>Terumi Kuwada</p> <p>Keiko Miki</p>	<p>Lillian Maguire</p> <p>Grace Thomson</p>



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	Kiyoshi Dembo Maryka Omatsu Kevin Okabe Lisa Uyeda	Naoko Maebashi Sarah Matsushita Joanne Planidin
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	
Rules of Order Appointed Chair		
Staff:	Kevin Okabe, Executive Director Karina Uehara, National Administrator	
Observers	Stéphane Hamade (Toronto) Kelly Kaita (Winnipeg) Wendy Matsubuchi (Vancouver)	

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. APPOINTMENTS

- Chair of Meeting – Lorene Oikawa, President
- Minutes of Meeting taken by – Karina Uehara, National Administrator

4. ROLL CALL

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 1:	To approve the AGM 2020 Agenda as presented.		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima (Calgary)	Seconded by:	Tsugio Kurushima (Victoria)
Result:	Carried		

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2:	To approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2020 NAJC General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Ken Teramura (Winnipeg)	Seconded by:	Roger Teshima (Calgary)
Result:	Carried		

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW NAJC NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Motion 3:	To accept the election of the new NAJC National Executive Board by acclamation to serve until the 2022 NAJC Annual General Meeting:		
	<p style="text-align: center;">President: Lorene Oikawa Vice President: Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi Treasurer: Les Kojima Directors: Susanne Tabata, Maryka Omatsu</p>		
Moved by:	Kim Uyede-Kai (Toronto)	Seconded by:	Judy Hanazawa (Vancouver)
Result:	Carried		

Motion 4:	To appoint Stéphane Hamade to the NAJC National Executive Board as a Director representing the Japanese Canadian Young Leaders, to serve until the 2022 NAJC Annual General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Susanne Tabata	Seconded by:	Judy Hanazawa (Vancouver)
Result:	Carried		

8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Motion 5:	To appoint Yukari Peerless to the Endowment Fund Committee for a two-year term ending at the NAJC 2022 Annual General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Tsugio Kurushima (Victoria)	Seconded by:	Susanne Tabata
Result:	Carried		

Motion 6:	To appoint Ryan Mark, Ryan Sakauye and Ken Teramura to the Audit and Review Committee for a two-year term ending at the NAJC 2022 Annual General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Terumi Kuwada (Winnipeg)
Result:	Ken Teramura abstained; Art Miki voted Carried		

9. APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL FIRM

Motion 7:	To appoint Thompson, Dorfman Sweetman LLP as the legal firm of the NAJC until the NAJC 2021 Annual General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima (Calgary)	Seconded by:	Tsugio Kurushima (Victoria)
Result:	Carried		

- Lawyer for counseling, guidance for potential litigation. No charge until used.



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10. TREASURER'S REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion 8:	To accept the NAJC's audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2020 as presented.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Ken Teramura (Winnipeg)
Result:	Carried		

- Chart of accounts remapped. Straightforward audit.
- Eligible for Canada Wage Subsidy
- Statements cleaner and simpler
- Application to charitable status

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT FIRM

Motion 9:	To appoint Magnus LLP CPA as the auditor for the NAJC for the March 31, 2021 fiscal year.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Roger Teshima (Calgary)
Result:	Carried		

12. APPROVAL OF NAJC ANNUAL REPORT

Motion 10:	To accept the 2020 NAJC Annual Report as presented.		
Moved by:	Tsugio Kurushima (Victoria)	Seconded by:	Terumi Kuwada (Winnipeg)
Result:	Carried		

- Annual report attached to these minutes.
- Thanks to Susanne and the BC Redress committee!
- Thanks to Joanne Planidin for her work in the Constitution and bylaws committee!
- Thanks to Terumi Kuwada for your work in the Elections committee!
- Thanks to Art Miki and the Community renewal fund!
- Awards: revisit the process to nominate recipients for next year AGM.
- Annual report will be posted on NAJC website.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- Federal emergency community support fund: open on October 6. Details posted on website and social media.



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- Acknowledged the NEB who finished their term: Keiko Miki, Eiko Eby, Kiyoshi Dembo and Alex Miki. Thank you all!
- Share the information of programming and community events.

14. NEXT MEETING

NAJC General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
5:30 PM PST/6:30 PM MST/7:30 CST/8:30 PM EST

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 11:	To adjourn the 2020 NAJC Annual General Meeting.		
Moved by:	Eiko Eby	Seconded by:	Tsugio Kurushima (Victoria)
Result:	Carried.		