



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom General Membership Meeting</b>	
Date: June 17, 2020 5:30 PM PDT, 7:30 PM CDT	Location: via Zoom

1. Roll Call at 7:32 pm CDT

	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
NAJC Full Organizational Members: 10 votes	Calgary Japanese Community Association: Roger Teshima  Edmonton Japanese Community Association: Sanae Ohki  Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC: Lynn Kobayashi  Greater Vancouver JC Citizens' Association: Judy Hanazawa  Hamilton Chapter NAJC: Patricia Simpson  Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon: Fumi Torigai  JCAM: Ken Teramura  Kamloops JC Association: George Uyeda	Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association: Terry Tsubouchi  Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area: David Tanaka  Vernon Japanese Cultural Society: Rick Ogasawara
	Ottawa Japanese Community Association: Melisa Kamibayashi  Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society: Tsugio Kurushima	



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NAJC Supporting Organizational Members: 2 votes	Central Vancouver Island JC Cultural Society: Tami Hirasawa  Regina JC Club In.: Michael Kobayashi  JAMSNET: Kiyoshi Dembo	Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre Village of New Denver: Amanda Murphy  Nikkei National Museum: Sherri Kajiwara
Individual Members: 1 vote	Okabe, Kevin Dembo, Kiyoshi Omatsu, Maryka Planidin, Joanne	Maebashi, Naoko Nakagawa, Carolyn Sugiman, Pamela Uyeda, Lisa Sora, April Kage, Tatsuo Kuwada, Terumi Maguire, Lilian Miki, Keiko Noma, Ken Shimizu, Kathy Tanaka, Ronald Thomson, Grace
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	
Appointed Chair	Joanne Planidin	
Staff:	Kevin Okabe, Executive Director Karina Uehara, National Administrator	
Observers	Stephane Hamade	

2. Acceptance of Agenda

<b>Motion 1:</b>	To approve the agenda as presented.		
<b>Moved by:</b>	George Uyeda Kamloops	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Roger Teshima Calgary
<b>Result:</b>	Carried		



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3. Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 18, 2020 NAJC Special General Zoom Meeting

<b>Motion 2:</b>	To approve the minutes of the March 18, 2020 NAJC Special General Zoom Meeting.		
<b>Moved by:</b>	Roger Teshima Calgary	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Tsugio Kurushima Victoria
<b>Result:</b>	Carried		

4. NEB Updates

a. Human Rights Committee Update

- Network with other organizations (Act2endracism, Eliminat8hate, Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ)) to share resources and information
- 5 reporting places online (covidracism.ca; act2endracism.ca; elimina8hate.org; stopracism.ca; najc.ca)
- Maryka Omatsu's session on Saturday, June 20
- Antiracism reports received on Google forms. The information is confidential but they are being followed up. Request to provide stats figures: number of incidents and from where
- Act2 endracism met with minister of Multiculturalism. Stats will report how the Covid has been affecting colored communities (Asian, East Asian)

b. BC Redress Update

- Report finalized and is for review now to get validation from stakeholders. No timeline established for now.
- Premier Horgan's omission of JC on June 3<sup>rd</sup>: acknowledged and responded with letters and videos.
- Advisory group for Resilience BC and Multiculturalism set up by BC government and will include a JC representative
- Suggestion to communicate to JC communities to get support

c. Upcoming Zoom or other Online Sessions

- June 13 to August 16, 2020 - Japanese American Memorial Pilgrimages
  - Visit for more information and registration link:  
<https://www.jampilgrimages.com/>
- June 18 7 PM PDT - NAJC Chats with John Endo Greenaway
  - Pre-register <https://bit.ly/2YpxRGY> in advance and receive an email with meeting information.



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- June 20 – NAJC Discusses Racism
  - Pre-register <https://bit.ly/2MKUJaz> and receive the meeting information
- June 23 - Mask Making with Laura Fukumoto
  - Further information forthcoming
- June 23 – Michael Prior – “Burning Province” poems, plays and prose in a time of a pandemic and protests. Registration [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7315922307706/WN\\_A5IzuXLRtIS1seTtNS1csA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7315922307706/WN_A5IzuXLRtIS1seTtNS1csA)
- August - Tetsuro Shigematsu - The Creative Process of Making a Play - Empire of the Sun
  - Further information forthcoming
- Next COVID-19 Sessions
  - Centre Reopening Plans
  - The Future of the Festival
  - Japanese Language Sessions being planned for the Fall 2020
- Sugar Beets documentary will be released soon

d. Treasurer’s Report

- March 31, 2020 unaudited financial statements

<b>Motion 3:</b>	To approve the unaudited financial statements of the National Association of Japanese Canadians for the year ended March 31, 2020.		
<b>Moved by:</b>	Roger Teshima Calgary	<b>Seconded by:</b>	Judy Hanazawa Vancouver
<b>Result:</b>	Carried		

- Investments are recovering slowly.
- Up to date bookkeeping ready for audit
- Audit will start next week
- Draft of financial statements will be revised by NEB before the AGM

5. General Notifications, Future Meeting and Events Calendar

a. Annual General Meeting

- Plan to hold 2020 Annual General Meeting virtually over Zoom on October 2, 2020 at 5:30 PM PDT/6:30 PM MDT/7:30 PM CDT/8:30 PM EDT



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- Due to Covid-19, virtual AGM on October 2. Mail-in ballots
- 2 committees: Nomination committee (Chair: Joanne Planidin), Election committee (Chair: Terumi Kuwada)
- Deadlines:  
 July 4: nominations for NEB and motions,  
 Aug 3: distributing ballots and elections rules. Membership renewal  
 Runoff in July  
 Sep 25: return ballots by mail
- No more than 2 delegates from an organization and no more than 3 from a municipality can run.
- 13 full member organizations, 5 supporting organizations, 17 individual members
- Candidates' forum to present ideas before voting

b. National Executive Board and Endowment Fund Elections

- o Elections will be done via mail-in ballot
- o Candidate's Forum to be held
- o Roles of Nominations and Elections Committees and scrutineers

Other deadlines:

- Endowment fund: June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Community development fund: July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Young leaders' fund: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

c. Summary Calendar of Upcoming Activities/Deadlines

Date	Activity
Jun 17, 2020	NAJC General Meeting
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
July 19, 2020	NAJC Young leaders' fund deadline
Jul 31, 2020	NAJC Community Development Deadline



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<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Aug 3, 2020	Deadline for renewing or applying for NAJC membership to be allowed to vote at the AGM.  Nomination papers, ballots, motions to be sent out to the membership
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 via Zoom

6. Adjournment at 8:48 PM CDT

<b>Motion 4:</b>	Moved that the June 17, 2020 NAJC Special General Zoom Meeting be adjourned.
<b>Moved by:</b>	Eiko Eby