



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom National Executive Meeting	
Date: February 10, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	Location: via Zoom

1. 5:30 PM Roll Call

NAJC Attendees:	Lorene Oikawa Lynn Kobayashi Les Kojima Stéphane Hamade Maryka Omatsu Susanne Tabata Kevin Okabe Karina Uehara	Regrets	
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2. 5:37 PM Acceptance of Agenda

Document:	2. February 10, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting Agenda		
Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the February 10, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Susanne Tabata
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last National Executive Board Meeting

Document:	3. January 13, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Minutes v3		
Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Summary of minutes to be posted in Members' only section of the website.	Assigned to:	Karina Uehara



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4. 5:45 PM Future Planning

a. Planning Calendar and Key Tasks – Remainder of Fiscal Year

- March
 - NAJC General Membership Meeting
 - Annual Budget Approval
- May
 - By-Election Confirmation of Elected NEB Members
- June
 - NAJC General Membership Meeting
- September
 - NAJC Annual General Meeting

5. 5:50 PM Project Updates

a. BC Redress

- Timeline was delayed due to the election in the fall

b. Anglican Healing Fund

- Expected a written proposal

6. 6:00 PM Committee Updates

a. Human Rights Committee

Document:	6. a) HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE BUDGET 2021-22_CDF format
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b. Community Development

Document:	6. b) Community Development Committee February 2021 report to NEB
Motion 3:	To approve the recommendations from the Community Development Committee for the following additional 2020-2021 Community Development Fund awards (\$9500 total):



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			Approved	
		Member Organizations		
		Calgary Japanese Community Association	2,000	
		Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area	1,500	
		Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association (Thunder Bay)	700	
		Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC	2,000	
		Ottawa Japanese Community Association	1,300	
		Supporting Organizations		
		National Nikkei Museum and Cultural Centre (Burnaby)	1,000	
		Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (New Denver)	1,000	
		Total	9,500	
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Susanne Tabata	
Result:	Carried			
Action:	Contact grant recipients and disburse funds in accordance with approved motion.	Assigned to:	Karina Uehara and Kevin Okabe	

c. Endowment Fund Committee

Document:	6. c) NAJC Endowment Fund Committee Notes 2021Jan26
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- Deadline for 2021 Grant Awards will be June 30, 2021.

d. Constitution and Resolutions Committee

Document:	6. d) CRC REPORT TO NEB FEB. 2021
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e. Treasurer's Report

Document:	6. e) High Level Financial Report and Budget 6. e) NAJC Dec 31 2020 Financials and 2021-22 Budget SUMMARY 6. e) Financial Report and Budget – Detailed			
Motion 4:	To approve the proposed 2021-2022 Annual Budget			
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu	
Result:	Carried			
Action:	Budget to be circulated to the NAJC Membership	Assigned to:	Kevin Okabe	

- Charitable application was declined – application was withdrawn and can apply again in the future.



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Document:	6. e) Canada Summer Jobs Application 2021
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f. Membership Committee

g. Arts, Culture, Education

- Series “In conversations with ...”:
Feb 18, 5 pm PST: Next generation artists
March 13, 1 pm PST: Terry Watada, poetry & prose moderated by John Greenaway
March 27th, 1 pm PST: Grace Thomson, her memoir, moderated by Sally Ito

Motion 5:	To extend the meeting by 15 up to 30 minutes.		
Moved by:	Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Stéphane Hamade
Result:	Carried		

h. JCYL

- Trivia night on January 31: 12 participants, chats in groups of 5
- Planning for intergenerational/intersectionality sessions planned for February and March. 1st activity on Feb 25 panel: “Privilege and Oppression: a Japanese Canadian conversation”. 2 workshops: March 20 and 28.

i. Nominations Committee

- Deadline Feb 18.

j. Community Renewal Fund

7. 8:00 PM Membership Meeting, Correspondence and Communications

a. March 17 Membership Meeting

- Review strategy and budget
- Update on by-election and NEB vacancies

b. Marketing Channels



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- Website
- Social Media
- Nikkei Voice
- Bulletin Feb 25, 2021
- NAJC Newsletter February 11, 2021, March 11, 2021 (release, deadline March 1, 2021)
- Next membership distribution should include:
 - Budget
 - Strategic Plan
 - Newsletter
 - Membership Committee Survey
 - Constitution and Resolution Committee Feedback

Document:	7 b) February 2021 Membership Distribution DRAFT
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Motion 6:	To approve a donation of \$1000 to the Nikkei Voice in recognition of their publication of articles on behalf of the NAJC during the past year.		
Moved by:	Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Susanne Tabata
Result:	Carried		

- c. Recommendation to create quarterly report to membership, to be distributed one month prior to each general meeting
- December 2020 Quarterly Report – Issue by February 15, 2021, including budget and strategic plan update
 - March 2021 Quarterly Report – Issue by May 15, 2021 including unaudited financials
 - 2020-2021 Annual Report – Issue by Aug 1, 2021
- d. Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship

Document:	7. d) lam_michelle_FRIENDLY MANITOBA Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship Thesis
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- e. New Book Announcements

Document:	7. e) NEW-BOOK-ChiruSakura-FallingCherryBlossoms Grace Thomson's book
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- f. COPANI Update



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- Virtual meeting will be held on February 12, 2021. Karina will attend on behalf of the NAJC (Spanish will be main language)
- Kevin attended session to announce results of Global Nikkei Young Adult Research Project. Detailed reports were generated and available from SYNC. Some attendees expressed concerns about study approach or methodologies so clearly there are differing views on “What Does It Mean to Be Nikkei in 2021?”. However, the breakout sessions were quite interesting, interacting with Europeans, South Americans, Australians, Americans and some Canadians. There was a real desire to maintain an ongoing dialogue and further the exploration about identity.

Document:	7. f) SUMMARY Nippon Foundation Global Nikkei Young Adult Research Project 7. f) Nippon Foundation Global Nikkei Young Adult Research Project - Detailed Report
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8. Upcoming Meetings

Document:	NAJC Calendar (see file on main Sync shared folder)		
	Date	Type	Via
	Feb 25, 2021	NAJC Newsletter Deadline	
	Mar 10, 2021 5:30 PM PST	NEB Meeting	Zoom
	Mar 17, 2021 5:30 PM PST	NAJC General Membership Meeting	Zoom
	Mar 25, 2021	NAJC Newsletter Deadline	
	Mar 31, 2021	Endowment Fund Deadline?	
	Apr 14, 2021 5:30 PM PST	NEB Meeting	Zoom
	Apr 23, 2021	NAJC Newsletter Deadline	

- a) Demonstration of the use of Zoom Breakout Rooms

9. Adjournment at 7:55 pm

Motion 7:	To adjourn the February 10, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Les Kojima