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| **Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom Annual General Meeting** | |
| Date: March 17, 2021  5:30 PM PDT/6:30 PM MDT/7:30 PM CDT/8:30 PM EDT | Location: via Zoom |

1. Roll Call at 7:30 PM CDT (Kevin Okabe)

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|  | **Attending** | **Regrets** |
| NAJC Full Organizational Members:  10 votes | -Calgary Japanese Community Association- Roger Teshima  -Edmonton Japanese Community Association- Paul Fujishige  -Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC- Kim Uyede-Kai, alternate Stephane Hamade  -Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian- Judy Hanazawa  -Hamilton Chapter NAJC- Patti Simpson  -Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon- Fumi Torigai  -Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba- Kelly Kaita  -Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association, Brenda Sawada  -Ottawa Japanese Community Association- Melisa Kamibayashi Staples  -Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society Citizens’ Association – Tsugio Kurushima | Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association  -Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area,  -Vernon Japanese Cultural Society |
| NAJC Supporting Organizational Members:  2 votes | -Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society- Tami Hirasawa  -Japanese Medical Support Network in Canada- Yumi Shoenhoer delegate  -Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre - Village of New Denver, Leonard Casley | -Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre  -Regina Japanese Cultural Club |
| Individual Members:  1 vote | Kevin Okabe  Lisa Uyeda  Terumi Kuwada  Keiko Miki  Maryka Omatsu  Joanne Planidin |  |
| National Executive Board Members: | Lorene Oikawa, President  Lynn Kobayashi, Vice President  Les Kojima, Treasurer  Susanne Tabata, Director  Maryka Omatsu, Director  Stephane Hamade, Director |  |
| Staff: | Kevin Okabe, Executive Director  Karina Uehara, National Administrator |  |
| Observers | Henry Shibata, Ottawa  Maureen Coleman, Calgary  Tamara Sutherland, Edmonton  Ramses Miki Hanson, Saskatoon |  |

1. Approval of Agenda (Lorene Oikawa)

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| **Motion 1:** | To approve the Agenda as presented. | | |
| **Moved by:** | Tsugio Kurushima | **Seconded by:** | Kelly Kaita |
| **Result:** | Carried | | |

1. Approval of Minutes (Lorene Oikawa)

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| **Motion 2:** | To approve the Minutes of the Dec 16, 2020 General Membership Meeting. | | |
| **Moved by:** | Kelly Kaita | **Seconded by:** | Tsugio Kurushima |
| **Result:** | Carried | | |

1. NAJC Election for Vacant Secretary Position (Joanne Planidin, NAJC Nominations Committee Chair and Terumi Kuwada, NAJC Elections Committee Chair)
   * 2 nominations received for the position of Secretary - Naomi Katsumi (Ottawa) and Fumi Torigai (Whitehorse)
   * Nomination papers and election procedures circulated via email to NAJC Membership earlier today
   * Timeline:
     + - March 20 - Ballots will be circulated by mail to addresses of members on record with the NAJC (those can be updated here: <https://forms.gle/XBVWWKJm2Q1oEmSG8>)
       - April 8 – Candidates form to be held over Zoom
       - May 12 – Mail in ballots need to be returned to the NAJC Office. To protect the privacy of the vote, the ballot must be placed inside the unmarked ballot return envelope, and then placed in the self-addressed, stamped envelope to be returned to the NAJC.
       - May 19 – NAJC General Meeting to announce election results
   * Retuning officer: Lucy Yamashita.
   * Scrutineers: Ken Teramura and Valerie Hoshizaki-Nordin
2. NAJC 2021-2022 Budget (Les Kojima and Kevin Okabe)

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| **Motion 3:** | To approve the 2021-2022 NAJC Annual Budget as presented. | | |
| **Moved by:** | Patti Simpson | **Seconded by:** | Yumi Schoenhofer |
| **Result:** | Carried | | |

* + Investments are at 4.8 million
  + Expenses: operational (office, salaries, meetings, communications, website, emails, audit, legal fees), ongoing grants(SEAD, CD), project section (BC redress, ceremonies, awards, conferences), committee work (programs)
  + Expanded Community Development Fund to support organizations.
  + BC redress allocation: last year funds used to IFSD consultation.
  + Budget substantially unchanged from the version circulated to the membership back on March 2 except for some reallocations to increase the budgets for some committee programming with the increase offset by decreases to the budgets for miscellaneous expenses and other projects
  + Charitable status with CRA: withdrawn the application, not declined.

1. BC Redress Update (Susanne Tabata)
   * Political engagement: meeting with different parties
   * Requesting portion of the package can be directed out of province due to the history of dispossession
   * Diverse projects to address different issues: education, health, heritage, wellness, seniors, next generations, archives
   * Legislative changes related to anti-racism issues
2. Other NAJC Updates
   * Constitution and Resolutions (Maryka Omatsu)
     + - Schedule changes shown in an Excel sheet for motions, meetings and elections. Ask for comments
       - Electronic voting in the future and emails for correspondence
       - More representatives from other areas such as Nanaimo, New Denver, Regina, NNM and JAMSNET.
   * Community Development Fund (Les Kojima)
     + - Deadline April 30, 2021
       - 30k allocation, open to proposals on April 1, 2021
       - Only member organizations are eligible
   * Endowment Fund (Lorene Oikawa)
     + - Deadline June 30, 2021
       - Open to public
       - Application forms and information: <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/>
   * Anglican Healing Fund Committee (Les Kojima)
     + - Written agreement to be signed and announced soon
       - Healing and reconciliation
       - 610k will be administered by NAJC, facilitator
   * Human Rights committee (Lynn Kobayashi)
     + - Statement about Dr Suess book
3. Upcoming Events and Important Dates

| **Date** | **Description** | **Links** |
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| **Mar 20, 2021** | Mail in ballots for election of Secretary to be distributed | None (sent by mail) |
| **Mar 20, 2021**  2:00 PM PDT  3:00 PM MDT  4:00 PM CDT  5:00 PM EDT | Anti-Oppression Workshops with PeerNetBC organized by Young Leaders of NAJC  Our priority registration for panel talk attendees ends Friday, and registration opens to the public. | Register here:  <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/anti-oppression-workshop-with-peernet-najc-young-leaders-tickets-143860052289> |
| **Mar 22, 2021**  5:00 PM PDT  6:00 PM MDT  7:00 PM CDT  8:00 PM EDT | Wild Apricot Membership Application Demonstration  Via Zoom  Targeted to NAJC Member Organizations, the Edmonton Japanese Community Association has graciously offered to provide a demonstration of their recently implemented membership application. Designed to automate membership processes, this will be a great chance to see the power of technology in action! | Register here: <http://bit.ly/2N8Xhag> |
| **Mar 25, 2021**  4:30 PM PDT  5:30 PM MDT  6:30 PM CDT  7:30 PM EDT | Human Rights Presentation  Remembering Gordon Hirabayashi  Via Zoom  <https://mailchi.mp/a363e1c2579c/remembering-gordon-hirabayashi-with-matt-miwa-jeanne-sakata-10886774> | Information: <http://najc.ca/remembering-gordon-hirabayashi/>  Register Here: <https://bit.ly/3dFtWPu> |
| **Mar 27, 2021**  1:00 PM PDT  2:00 PM MDT  3:00 PM CDT  4:00 PM EDT | ACE Presentation: Grace Thomson Via Zoom | Information: <http://najc.ca/in-conversation-with-grace-eiko-thomson/>  Register here: <http://bit.ly/GThomson> |
| **Mar 28, 2021**  10:00 AM PDT  11:00 AM MDT  12:00 PM CDT  1:00 PM EDT | Anti-Oppression Workshops with PeerNetBC organized by Young Leaders of NAJC  Our priority registration for panel talk attendees ends Friday, and registration opens to the public. | Register here:  <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/anti-oppression-workshop-with-peernet-najc-young-leaders-tickets-143860052289> |
| **Apr 17, 2021**  1:00 PM PDT  2:00 PM MDT  3:00 PM CDT  4:00 PM EDT | Ishusha conversation in Japanese, Fumi Torigai, Human Rights committee | Register here:  <http://bit.ly/30TLgZC> |
| **Apr 30, 2021** | Community Development Fund Deadline | Information:  <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/> |
| **May 12, 2021** | Mail in ballots must be **RECEIVED** by the NAJC National Office by this date (return in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided) |  |
| **May 19, 2021**  5:30 PM PDT  6:30 PM MDT  7:30 PM CDT  8:30 PM EDT | Results of election for Secretary to be announced at NAJC General Meeting held on this date |  |
| **Jun 16, 2021**  5:30 PM PDT  6:30 PM MDT  7:30 PM CDT  8:30 PM EDT | NAJC General Membership Meeting via Zoom |  |
| **Jun 30, 2021** | Endowment Fund Deadline | Information:  <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/> |
| **Sep 17, 2021**  5:30 PM PDT  6:30 PM MDT  7:30 PM CDT  8:30 PM EDT | NAJC Annual General Member Meeting via Zoom |  |

1. Other Business

* NAJC is willing to help promote members’ events in social media, especially those that are available online
* Open to receive ideas for national programming: fundraisers, programs, e-news, social media and website
* Send us pictures of events

1. Adjournment

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| **Motion 4:** | To adjourn the March 17, 2021 National Council Meeting. | | |
| **Moved by:** | Lynn Kobayashi |  |  |
| **Result:** | Carried | | |