



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom National Executive Meeting	
Date: May 12, 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, Executive Director Karina Uehara, National Administrator	Regrets	
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2. 5:37 PM Acceptance of Agenda

Document:	2. May 12, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting Agenda		
Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the May 12, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last National Executive Board Meeting

Document:	2. Apr 14 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Minutes		
Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Summary of minutes to be posted in Members' only section of the website.	Assigned to:	Karina Uehara

Document:	2. May 2 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Minutes		
Motion 3:	To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu
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 Action Items

a. Constitution and Resolutions Committee

- Guest Committee Members Keiko Miki and Joanne Planidin

Document:	4. a) YLC By-Law Amendments
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- Keiko Miki: working on appointed positions for Young Leaders. 35 years old is the age limit for youth.
- Joanne Planidin: amendments 2021-02 (include YL as representatives into the board) and 2021-03 (YL committee).

b. BC Redress

- Press conference on May 5 about the Nikkei senior's fund. Eiko Eby is the project manager
- Stephane Hamade was interviewed in French by Guillaum Tzelepoglou of Radio Canada. Here is the link: <https://ici.radio-canada.ca/ohdio/premiere/emissions/boulevard-du-pacifique/segments/entrevue/354821/racisme-anti-asiatiques-internement-japonais-reparations>
- Create a separate website for BC Redress

9:09 5-minute break

c. Anglican Healing Fund

- Informational meeting on June 26 at 1 pm PST by Zoom. 1.5 hr meeting and 40-minute Q&A (poster)

d. Nominations

Document:	4. d) NAJC BALLOT COUNTING PROCESS
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- Terumi Kuwada, Lucy Yamashita and Karina Uehara at JCAM to do the counting with the scrutineers and Kevin on Zoom call.

Motion 4:	To extend the meeting for half an hour.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Lynn Kobayashi
Result:	Carried		

e. Communications



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Document:	4. e) SOCIAL MEDIA - Content Creation Guidelines
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- Postings include NAJC events/news, member organization's events, community information, news, cultural interests

f. Membership

- Dedicating Bulletin space to member organizations to be reviewed

Document:	4. f) Membership Benefit review matrix 4. f) MOTION to ALLOCATE A MONTHLY BULLETIN PAGE TO FULL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS
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5. 7:00 PM Other Committee Updates

a. Human Rights Committee

- Bulletin page for member organizations

Motion 5:	NEB recommends to the Membership committee the allocation of one page a month in the Bulletin rotated among our full member organizations lead by the NAJC secretary.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		

b. Arts, Culture, Education

- Canada Council application for the National Arts' conference. Dates to be determined (Sep or Oct 2022).

c. Young Leaders Committee

- Trivia night on May 16
- Brainstorming session in April to organize future events
- Future training sessions
- Roles inside the committee: communication person, event coordinator.



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- d. Treasurer’s Report
 - Audit starting by the end of May. Audit meeting in July. Audited financial statements presented in August meeting.
 - Investment meeting in July: revise investment policy
 - Summer Student Grant: Social media, newsletter.

- e. Community Development Fund
 - Deadline was on April 30. Applicants: 9 full member organizations and 4 supporting organizations

- f. Endowment Funds
 - Information session recorded with Q&A and posted on the website
 - Promotion on social media with material available on NAJC website
 - Deadline on June 30

- g. Other business
 - *Challenging Racist “British Columbia”: 150 Years and Counting*. Free download of the book here: <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/challengingracistbc>.

6. Upcoming Meetings, Events and Deadlines

Date	Type	Link/Via
May 19, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	NAJC Election Announcement	https://bit.ly/3mSzXLr Zoom
Jun 9, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	NEB Meeting	http://bit.ly/3qv4Mpl Zoom
Jun 16, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	NAJC General Membership Meeting	http://bit.ly/3bz2rWt Zoom
Jun 30, 2021	Endowment Fund Deadline	http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/
Jun 30, 2021	Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award Deadline	

7. Adjournment at 10:18 pm

Motion 6:	To adjourn the May 12, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu