



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom National Executive Meeting	
Date: June 9, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	Location: via Zoom

1. 5:37 PM Roll Call and Video Greeting

NAJC Attendees:	Lorene Oikawa Lynn Kobayashi Les Kojima Stéphane Hamade Naomi Katsumi Maryka Omatsu Susanne Tabata Kevin Okabe, Executive Director Karina Uehara, National Administrator	Regrets	
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Short video greeting – We are Nikkei!

2. 5:37 PM Acceptance of Agenda

Document:	2. June 9, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting Agenda		
Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the June 9, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last National Executive Board Meetings

Document:	2. May 12 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom minutes draft 2		
Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Lynn 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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Document:	2. NEB Zoom meeting June 5 2021 minutes draft 2		
Motion 3:	To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting as discussed & amended		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Stephane Hamade
Result:	Carried		
Action:	NEB only	Assigned to:	

Document:	Email June 1, 2021 F1.0 2021 Noble Strategies-NAJC Consulting Agreement.pdf		
(Online) Motion 4:	The proposed 2021 Consulting Agreement and Terms of Reference with Noble Strategies for a contract value of \$32,000 plus GST be approved, to be funded out of the \$50,000 expected to be received from the BC Government.		
Moved by:	Susanne Tabata	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried. 1 abstained		

4. 5:45 PM Action Items

a. Constitution and Resolutions Committee

Documents:	4. a) YLC By-Law Amendments - Rev 1 bis (Amendment #2021-2 & #2021-3)		
Motion 5:	To recommend the proposed by-law amendments be presented to the NAJC Membership for approval as discussed & amended.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Stephane Hamade
Result:	Carried		
Action:	NEB provides instructions to the Chairs of the Constitution and Young Leaders' committees to address the concern about the geographical impact of the Young Leader chair participation in the NEB. The Chairs will provide recommendations to the NEB.		

Documents:	4. a) Proposed Amendment to the NAJC By-Laws - Rev 2 bis (Amendment # 2021-1)		
Motion 6:	To recommend the proposed by-law amendments be presented to the NAJC Membership for approval as discussed & amended.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Lynn Kobayashi
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Kevin will send this change 90 days before the AGM.		



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Documents:	4.a) Nomination for Constitution and Resolutions Committee -Fumi T 2021.pdf		
Motion 7:	To appoint Fumi Torigai to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for a two-year term ending June 8, 2023		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Stephane Hamade
Result:	Carried		

- Survey on meeting timelines/deadlines: will be sent with the registration of the General Membership meeting on June 16, 2021. During the meeting, it will be presented.

b. BC Redress

- BC Seniors Grant: fair criteria will come from the project officer.

c. Anglican Healing Fund

Documents:	4. c) ACC comments on draft facilitator TORs and draft legal agreement 4. c) AHFC briefing note for June 9 NEB meeting 4. c) NAJC Agreement with Church (ACC comments) 4. c) P Wallace, Resume, 2021 May		
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- June 26, 2021 informational meeting by Zoom

5. 6:45 PM Other Committee Updates

a. Human Rights Committee

Document:	5. a) Kevin Higa - Resume - August 2020		
Motion 8:	To appoint Kevin Higa to the Human Rights Committee for a two-year term ending June 8, 2023		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		

Motion 9:	To extend the deadline to apply for the Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award by one month to July 31, 2021.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Update the organizations and the website		

- Statement on London Murders



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Document:	5. a) Statement-London, ON, hate-killings. Discussed and edited.
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- Events or workshops: start in November.
- Human Rights Symposium in the fall of 2022, 75th anniversary of NJCCA and NAJC in Toronto. Probably in November.

b. Young Leaders Committee

Document:	5. b) Tea Miyanaga Resume		
Motion 10:	To appoint Tea Miyanaga (Edmonton) to the Young Leaders Committee for a two-year term ending June 8, 2023		
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		

Document:	5. b) YLF-GrantApplication 2021 5. b) YLF-InfoForApplicants2021
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- 75% upfront amount, 25% after final report

Motion 11:	To extend the meeting for half an hour.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Stephane Hamade
Result:	Carried		

c. Community Development Fund

Document:	5. c) Community Development Committee June 2021 report to NEB		
Motion 12:	To approve the funding recommendations from the Community Development Committee for the 2021-2022 fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Susanne Tabata
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Agreement for Yukon: final pay up to \$3000.		

- Les Kojima resigned as an Interim Chair of the Community Development Fund Committee. Naomi Katsumi will take over. Welcome Naomi to the NEB!

d. Arts, Culture, Education

Report from Arts Culture Education Committee submitted by Susanne:



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- Township of Esquimalt Mayor Barb Desjardins has confirmed that the Gorge Park Pavilion / Takata Tea House will be donated as a venue for the national arts symposium called the “GEI” Symposium, September 16-18, 2022.
 - Emiko Muraki will be working with the Parks planning group to form the partnership. Esquimalt will be a partner for the symposium.
 - Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (AGGV) is meeting with ACE to determine the space for the visual arts exhibition - Bryce Kanbara will create the template for the exhibition with committee input
 - Yukari Peerless has taken over social media for the Japanesecanadianartists.com and is also managing the website.
 - UVIC has confirmed 20K cash and NAJC has confirmed 20K cash.
 - Committee is comprised of Bryce Kanbara, John Ota, Sally Ito, Yukari Peerless, Emiko Muraki, Melisa Kamibayashi, Kunji Ikeda.
- e. Communications
- f. Membership
- Naomi Katsumi will take over as the chair of the committee.
- g. Treasurer’s Report
- Audit underway.
 - Presentation to simplify the financial statements.
- h. Endowment Funds
- Deadline June 30.
 - Materials were posted on social media
- i. Other business
- Canada Summer Jobs position
 - Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship
 - special announcement of the winner soon
 - *Challenging Racist “British Columbia”: 150 Years and Counting*. Free download of the book here: <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/challengingracistbc>.
 - **Anti Racism conference**



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- Free 2-day event, June 10 and 11, 2021

https://events.ubc.ca/national-forum-on-anti-asian-racism/?utm_campaign=&utm_content=1621290911&utm_medium=sprout&utm_source=twitter&mc_cid=b5a5c7c038&mc_eid=2a6e47ee93

- **Creative Work**, Susanne Tabata
 - Acknowledgment to the authors

6. Upcoming Meetings, Events and Deadlines

- a. June 16 General Membership Meeting agenda
 - Presentation from New Denver
 - BC Redress Update
 - Anglican Healing Fund Update
 - Motion to approve NAJC By-Election Results
 - Motion to destroy ballots from the NAJC By-Election
 - Bylaws updates to be approved at the AGM
 - Survey to the membership

Date	Type	Link/Via
Jun 16, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	NAJC General Membership Meeting	Zoom: http://bit.ly/3bz2rWt
Jun 30, 2021	Endowment Fund Deadline	http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/
Jun 30, 2021 (July 31?)	Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award Deadline	
Jul 14, 2021	NAJC NEB Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/3qv4Mpl
Aug 11, 2021	NAJC NEB Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/3qv4Mpl
Sep 8, 2021	NAJC NEB Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/3qv4Mpl
Sep 17, 2021	NAJC Annual General Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/354tQeH

7. Adjournment at 10: 31 pm

Motion 13:	To adjourn the June 9, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade and Maryka Omatsu



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Document:	Email June 15, 2021		
(Online) Motion 14:	To amend the proposed By-law amendment for Section 13.4 by inserting the word "Election" in front of AGM so that the sentence will now read: "The Appointed Member(s) shall serve until the next NAJC Election Annual General Meeting". --- The intention of this clause was to ensure that appointed members of the NEB will be able to serve out the full term of their appointment until the next NEB election is held.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Lynn Kobayashi
Result:	Carried.		