



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom National Executive Meeting	
Date: August 11, 2021 5:30 PM PDT	Location: via Zoom

1. 5:30 PM Roll Call

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	
Guests:	Asuka Lapierre, Office Administrator		

2. 5:37 PM Acceptance of Agenda

Document:	2. August 11, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting Agenda		
Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the August 11, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Stephane Hamade
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last National Executive Board Meetings

Document:	2. July 14, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting minutes draft 2		
Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade	Seconded by:	Naomi Katsumi
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Summary of minutes to be posted in Members' only section of the website.	Assigned to:	Karina Uehara

4. Special Presentation

a. 5:45 PM Communications Presentation – Asuka Lapierre

- AGM Report: NEB reports personalized depending on the project, summary with appendices
- Project Planning Guide, Zoom guide, conference handbooks, e-news



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- b. 6:00 PM BC Redress
 - JC Survivors and Wellness Fund report received from Eiko Eby
 - Young leaders' letter: intergenerational wellness
 - Judy Hanazawa: community led wellness
 - Data from different sources (Takashi Ohki and others)
 - Monument: government identified a property in Victoria.
 - Community meeting in August
 - Heritage meeting in September

- c. 6:30 PM Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre

Document:	4. c) Email from B Kanbara re Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre
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- Cultural and Heritage thread: dialogue about the internment memorial centre.
- Concerns about sustainability of the site

- d. 6:45 PM EJCA Proposal re: Gordon Hirabayashi "Hold These Truths" Performance
 - Project generated by Human Rights committee

- e. 7:00 PM Awards
 - Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award
 - Final recommendation to be circulated via email motion for NEB approval

Document:	4. e) NAJC Hirabayashi Award Criteria
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Motion 3:	Whereas the 2022 is the 75 th Anniversary of the NJCCA/NAJC and it has been three years since the bi-annual award was given, and that there are 6 nominees in 2021 be it resolved that the NAJC Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award be granted in 2022 and as such be announced at the AGM on September 17, 2021.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu
Result:	Carried		

- Art Miki National Leadership Award
 - Nomination Received – Judy Hanazawa

Document:	4. e) Art Miki National Leadership Award Nomination (Folder)
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ACTION: Kevin will clarify the Art Miki National Leadership award: criteria, nomination, timing and process and bring recommendations to NEB.

- David Fujino Pioneering Artist Award
 - Confirmed award in 2022 by ACE committee
- NAJC Merit Award

ACTION: Naomi Katsumi will clarify the NAJC Merit award: criteria, timing, reboot and process with the Membership committee and bring recommendations to NEB.

5. 7:00 PM Other Committee Updates

a. Endowment Funds

Type of application	Applications Received	Funding Requested	Applications Approved	Approved Grants
CD	21	\$98,100.00	9	\$32,500.00
Type of application				
SEAD	6	\$15,000.00	4	\$7,000.00
TOTAL	27	\$113,100.00	13	\$39,500.00
FROM 2020-2021	1		1	-\$4,500.00
TOTAL				\$35,000.00
BUDGET				\$35,000.00

Document:	5. a) Proposed Endowment Fund Awards June 30 2021 Allocation Round		
Motion 4:	To approve the grant recommendations put forward by the Endowment Fund Committee totalling \$35,000 for the 2021-2022 budget year and a carry over award of \$4,500 from 2020-2021.		
Moved by:	Lorene Oikawa	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		



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- Successful campaign through social media, the information session and Q&A section on the website.
- Recommendations including orientation for fundraising

ACTION: The audit committee will review the budget and its sustainability

b. Membership

- Application to become Full Member Organization (from existing Supporting Member Organization)

ACTION: Naomi will check the process and criteria (community representation, votes in the AGM, subsidy for AGM participant, access to grants, etc.) with the Membership committee and bring the recommendations to the NEB.

c. Human Rights Committee

Motion 5:	To recognize the Human Rights Committee chair as an authorized spokesperson of NAJC with respect to human rights matters.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu
Result:	1 abstained 1 against Carried		

- Symposium: 2,5 days. Tentative days: Nov 4 & 5 or Nov 11, 12 and 13, 2022. Priority to membership as it is the 75th anniversary of NAJC. Possibly live streaming. TBD Budget, venue
- Open letter through e-news

ACTION: Constitution committee will review this motion 5's implementation and work out any conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.

d. Young Leaders Committee

Motion 6:	To approve the grant recommendations put forward by the Young Leaders Committee totalling \$_____ for the 2021-2022 budget year and authorize the transfer of \$500 from the Young Leaders Committee Budget to the Young Leaders Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.		
Moved by:		Seconded by:	
Result:	tabled		



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- Committee meeting this coming Sunday

- e. Arts, Culture, Education Committee
 - Preparing the Art Conference in Victoria: Sep 17 & 18, 2022

- f. Constitution and Resolutions Committee
 - NEB Direction sought on 2021-2022 work plan
 - P&P revision and bring back to NEB
 - Communication strategy policy: Kevin and Keiko working on it.

ACTION: The Constitution and Resolutions committee will work on these two issues and will bring back the recommendations.

- g. Treasurer

Document:	5. g) 21-NAJC-FS-Final-Signed
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- Maintain NAJC financials in a sustainable manner
- h. Other business
6. 8:00 PM Upcoming Meetings, Events and Deadlines
- a. September 17 Annual General Meeting
 - Presentations: AHF, HR Gordon Hirabayashi award, BC Redress
 - AGM: agenda, motions. CRC committee has 3 motions to be approved
 - Round table time for organizations.

ACTION: Kevin will create the AGM schedule

- b. 2021 Annual Report
 - Submit annual report by Thursday afternoon



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c. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Date	Type	Link/Via
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 9:20 pm

Motion 7:	To adjourn the August 11, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade