



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom National Executive Meeting	
Date: September 8, 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	
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2. 5:37 PM Acceptance of Agenda

Document:	2. September, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting Agenda		
Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the September 8, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Maryka Omatsu
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last National Executive Board Meetings

Document:	2. August 11, 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting minutes draft 2		
Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade	Seconded by:	Susanne Tabata
Result:	Carried		
Action:	Summary of minutes to be posted in Members' only section of the website.	Assigned to:	Karina Uehara

Document:	Email sent on August 24, 2021 GH Award Committee Recommendation Letter.docx		
Motion 3: (online)	The National Executive Board ratify the recommendation of Shin Imai as the recipient of the 2021 Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award.		
Moved by:	Lynn Kobayashi	Seconded by:	Les Kojima
Result:	Carried		



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4. Updates

a) 5:45 PM BC Redress

- Meeting with BC government (cabinet ministers, multiple deputies and staff) to present the Heritage, Community and Culture asks. Community representation attended to support them. Waiting for government response.
- JC Wellness grant selection committee:
Art Miki MB
Susan Matsumoto AB
Ruth Coles BC
Cathy Makihara BC
Eiko Eby BC

b) 6:00 PM Anglican Healing Fund

- Agreement received with 3 signatures from the Anglican Church thanks to Les. NAJC President will sign, date, convert in PDF file and submit
- 30% of the funds will be sent once the agreement is signed.
- 5 years agreement and starts upon signing

ACTION: President will sign the agreement dated Sep 9, 2021.

5. 7:00 PM Other Committee Updates

a) Human Rights Committee

- Lynn and Kevin met to start planning the symposium for 2022
- Meeting with CRRF who agreed to help financially with the symposium

b) Membership

- Organization members: review requests from supporting organizations that would like to become full members. Issues: moratorium on membership, review of membership categories, criteria. Develop a transparent process
- Individual Members: continue allowing new members, admission, criteria, screening of applications



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- Membership fees, types of organizations, limits per municipalities, number of votes depending on category, admission based on criteria

ACTION: committee will bring recommendations to the NEB

- NEB may require additional information from the Constitution and Resolutions Committee
- Election procedures: electronic voting

c) Constitution and Resolutions Committee

- AGM: 3 motions to be moved at the AGM, sent by email on June 9
- NEB to agree on statements going out on behalf of the organization
- Tasks of the committee: electronic voting, policy and procedures manual, communication strategy, get governance training for NEB
- Leadership, vision
- Partnership, capacity building in the organizations

d) Young Leaders Committee

Motion 4:	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		

ACTION: Stephane will send an email to complete the motion

e) Arts, Culture and Education Committee

- Working on the organization of the conference 2022
- JCAD continues with Yukari

f) Treasurer

- Financial statements ready for the AGM
- Audit and review committee met with the investment manager
- JCAM looking for a new administrator

ACTION: bring a recommendation about the investment policy and spending policy in October NEB meeting.



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6. Other business

a) Memories of the World Nomination

- UBC requested endorsement for the nomination of Joan Gillis' letters.

ACTION: Kevin will meet with UBC about the support. Be careful with the content of the letters and the family of the persons who wrote the letters

7. 8:00 PM Upcoming Meetings, Events and Deadlines

a. September 17 Annual General Meeting 5 PM PDT/6 PM MDT/7 PM CDT/8 PM EDT

- 5:00 PM Presentations: HR Gordon Hirabayashi award
- 5:45 PM Annual General Meeting Begins
- 6:30 PM BC Redress
- 7:00 PM Anglican Healing Fund Presentation
- 7:30 PM Round table time for organizations: 1 hour
- 8:30 PM Adjournment

b. 2021 Annual Report

- Submit annual report by Thursday afternoon

ACTION: the organization report will be distributed by the end of the week.

c. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Date	Type	Link/Via
Sep 17, 2021	NAJC Annual General Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/354tQeH
Oct 13, 2021	NAJC NEB Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/2WZR718

8. Adjournment at 9:04 pm

Motion 5:	To adjourn the September 8, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu