



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type/Purpose: INTERNAL – Zoom National Executive Meeting	
Date: November 10, 2021 5:30 PM PST	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. November 10 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting agenda		
Motion 1:	To approve the agenda for the November 10, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Maryka Omatsu	Seconded by:	Stephane Hamade
Result:	Carried		

3. 5:40 PM Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes from the last National Executive Board Meetings

Document:	3. a) October 13 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting minutes d2		
Motion 2:	To approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.		
Moved by:	Les Kojima	Seconded by:	Naomi Katsumi
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. Updates

a) 5:45 PM BC Redress

- NAJC BC Redress Legacy Initiatives Summary and Report. Currently discussing and revisiting outstanding issues. Set up a centralized process for all the ministries.
- JC Wellness grant. Fund closed on October 31 and over 1800 individuals' applications were received, numerous organization and group proposals. Question to be followed up with JCSHWF.
- Residual benefits from working with BC government: Anti-racism grant awarded to GVIJCCA, PNE confirmed plans for JC Interpretive Centre at Hasting Park in Vancouver
- Impressive engagement from the BC government

b) 6:05 PM Anglican Healing Fund

- Interviews with candidates for project manager will be completed on Nov 16
- Still awaiting receipt of the first 30% of the funding

Documents:	4. b) AHFC briefing note for November 10 2021 NEB meeting
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5. 6:15 PM Other Committee Updates

a) Treasurer

Documents:	5. a) Spending Policy 5. a) Treasurer's Briefing Note for November 10 2021 NAJC NEB Zoom Meeting 5. a) Oct 31 2021 Financials and Preliminary Budget Template – Summary 5. a) Oct 31 2021 Financials and Preliminary Budget Template - Detailed
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- Approved the spending policy: 5.3% of the investment can be spent on a giving year. The budget: \$243800 for the coming year.
- Socially responsible investment criteria (SRI) will be applied.
- Budget: based on operational expenses, grants and awards, projects and committees.
- Finalize the budget before the next General Membership meeting

b) Human Rights Committee

- National Forum on Anti-Asian Racism: Building Solidarities. Ended on Nov 10.



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- Planning for a 2022 Event/75th Anniversary? luncheon
- Community development fund: move funds to the anniversary celebrations?
- Human Rights Symposium: virtual, only HR committee members in-person and leaders from the chapters
- Dec 9 event: David Suzuki film screen

5-minute Break

c) Membership

- Membership structure
- Membership support: strategic planning?, how to raise money, centralized system?
- Meeting on Nov 6: present a work proposal to improve the reach to member organizations
- One-page in the Bulletin: framework for the organizations

d) Arts, Culture and Education Committee

- JC Arts Symposium: GEI. Sep 16, 17 & 18, 2022
- Canada Council grant confirmed
- Detailed projected budget prepared with University of Victoria

e) Constitution and Resolutions Committee

- Electronic Voting
- Policies and Procedures

Document:	5. e) By-Law Amendments - Oct 2021 5. e) NAJC Online Voting Presentation
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- Online voting PowerPoint will be presented in December General Membership meeting. Trial: Feel free to test it out yourself here: <https://forms.gle/khwtTicSCaC7CWDR7> Demo will be presented to show how it is done.
- Suggestion of a new Ijusha position in NEB?

f) Young Leaders Committee

- Nov 21: virtual retreat agenda, document in Sync
- Turnover, new members

6. 7:30 PM Other business



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- a) NEB Health Check
 - Health check of the NEB: internal communication and treatment, long-term goals, priorities, NAJC identity
 - Board development on Nov 24, 6 pm PT
 - Plan for an in-person meeting next year and will look at having a facilitator.

- b) Email Issues
 - Applied for non-profit status with Microsoft.
 - Webhosting will be maintained on Blue Host

- c) Update from New Denver Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre
 - Planning to do a new strategic plan in consultation with the community and key stakeholders
 - Currently applying for funding to offset \$30K cost

Document:	6. b) NIMC Proposal_28October21
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7. 8:00 PM Upcoming Meetings, Events and Deadlines

a. Upcoming Meetings and Events

Date	Type	Link/Via
Nov 19, 2021	NAJC Hosts Free Films at CLiFF	https://bit.ly/NAJC2021CLiFF
Dec 8, 2021	NAJC NEB Meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/2WZR718
Dec 9, 2021	LEGACIES - The Nature of David Suzuki	Zoom: https://bit.ly/3wrEOrJ
Dec 15, 2021	National Membership meeting	Zoom: https://bit.ly/3atz6uY

8. Adjournment at pm

Motion 3:	To adjourn the November 10, 2021 NEB Zoom Meeting.
Moved by:	Stephane Hamade