



# Japanese Canadian Citizens Association

Greater Vancouver Chapter

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## MINUTES OF J. C. C. A. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Held - September 23, 1984, at 475 Alexander Street, Vancouver, B. C.

1. C. Kadota's opening remarks re: Japanese Canadians taking more political and social position in Canadian Society.  
Tatsuo Kage acted as the translator for the entire evening.
2. C. Kadota introduced J.C.C.A. Board of Directors present.
3. Mr. J. Takashima moved and Mary Seki seconded that the Agenda be accepted as presented. Passed - no objections.
4. C. Kadota noted numerous articles in the Vancouver Province last week all favorable to Redress and reported that almost \$ 6,000.00 in seed money had already been raised to promote Redress Activities.
5. C. Kadota explained why the Board on May 14/84, decided to expand from 20 to 23 members rather than publicly embarrassing 3 members who had a lesser vote but allowing admission of 3 members entitled to sit on the Board. The Board now has the required 20 members due to 3 resignations since May. C. Kadota invited questions from the floor regarding this temporary expansion. No Questions came forth.
6. Sam Shishido moved and Fumiko Greenaway seconded that the temporary expansion of the Board be accepted by the General Meeting. A majority accepted the motion. There were no objections.
7. Roy Miki presented the Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the Greater Vancouver J.C.C.A. Redress Committee. These were attached in printed form to the Agenda which was publicly circulated to the meeting. Roy Miki introduced the names of those who served on the Steering Committee up to this point. He also noted the valuable input fo the community at the three public meetings put on by the Steering Committee. The Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure were explained point by point, and the meeting followed this on their own copies.  
Roy Miki invited questions on Section I, Terms of Reference but no questions were asked.  
Question by R. Enomoto on Section III, Election Procedure: If there are resignations from the Redress Committee, is a General Meeting of the J.C.C.A. necessary to replace such resignations? R. Miki responded that the Redress Committee might fill such vacancies at its own meeting by elections. C. Kadota noted that the Redress Committee is permitted to function with as few as 12 members.  
Roy Akune - question re: "delegate" vs. "delegation, Section I, Point 4. Could there be a split vote at a N.A.J.C. Meeting? Roy Miki responded that split votes were allowed and the word "delegate" was because of N.A.J.C. practice of having only 2 delegates per centre - purely of economics of providing transportation and lodging expenses.  
Roy Akune asked whether the J.C.C.A. Board was not in a position to dominate the Redress Committee. Roy Miki pointed out that if this were the case, no special effort would have gone into organizing the Redress Committee.  
Mr. M. Iwanaka asked if the Redress Committee was independent of the J.C.C.A. Board of Directors. Roy Miki explained that the Redress Committee was protected against the Board but that it was still a sub-committee of the J.C.C.A.

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Randy Enomoto suggested that to further protect the autonomy of the Redress Committee, that the appointment of the two liasson members from the J.C.C.A. Board be deferred until after the Redress Committee has elected its executive.

8. Cassandra Kobayashi explained the details of the voting procedures.

9. Charles Kadota introduced the candidates for the Redress Committee who had been nominated prior to the meeting. 22 Candidates were named and listed on the slate board for all to see. The chair then called for nominations from the floor, and the following persons were nominated.

Ed Teranishi - nominated by D. Tokawa, seconded by H. Hayashi

Roy Sumi (Issei) - nominated by H. Kobayakawa, seconded by M. Iwanaka

Mary Seki - nominated by I. Nemeth, seconded by S. Enomoto

Moved by J. Takashima and seconded by E. Minato that nominations be closed. Passed unanimously.

10. The J.C.C.A. Board held an emergency meeting to consider waiving of signature requirements of the nominees to qualify some candidates who gave verbal consent but were not present. Board members present were: R. Miki, F. Kamiya, T. Kage, F. Yada, K. Shikaze, K. Matsune, T. Wakayama, D. Tokawa, C. Kadota, T. Yamashiro, I. Nemeth, S. Enomoto, R. Enomoto, G. Mayede, and T. Wakabayashi. It was moved by T. Yamashiro and seconded by T. Wakabayashi that the signature requirements for nominees be waived. Vote results: 13 for, none opposed, 2 abstentions. Carried.

11. R. Miki reported to the meeting on the results of our recent polling of the Federal Candidates before the Election and noted the support of Progressive Conservative M.P.'s Tom Siddon, John Fraser and Pat Carney.

12. Voting by secret Ballot took place.

13. Fred Yada, chairman of the Scrutineers reported the results of the election as follows:

Number of Ballots cast - 77

Number of Spoiled Ballots - none.

The names of those persons elected were announced.

14. Moved by I. Nemeth and seconded by E. Minato that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.



MINUTES OF J. C. C. A. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (cont'd.)

Randy Enomoto suggested that to further protect the autonomy of the Rabess Committee, that the appointment of the two Rabess members from the J.C.C.A. board be deferred until after the Rabess Committee has elected its executive.

8. Cassandra Kobayashi explained the details of the voting procedures.

9. Charles Kabata introduced the candidates for the Rabess Committee who had been nominated prior to the meeting. 22 Candidates were named and listed on the state board for all to see. The chair then called for nominations from the floor, and the following persons were nominated.

Ed Teramishi - nominated by G. Tokawa, seconded by H. Hayashi

Ray Sato (Izumi) - nominated by H. Kobayashi, seconded by M. Jannaki

Mary Sato - nominated by I. Honeth, seconded by S. Enomoto

Moved by J. Honeth and seconded by E. Minato that nominations be closed. Passed unanimously.

10. The J.C.C.A. board called an emergency meeting to consider waiving of signature requirements of the non-qualified candidates who gave verbal consent but were not present. Present were: R. Miki, F. Lamija, T. Kaga, F. Yada, K. Shirata, T. Watsyama, D. Tokawa, C. Kabata, T. Yamashiro, I. Honeth, S. Enomoto, R. Enomoto, G. Hayada, and T. Watsyama. It was moved by T. Yamashiro and seconded by T. Watsyama that the signature requirement for non-qualified candidates be waived. Vote results: 13 for, none opposed. Carried.

11. R. Miki reported to the meeting the results of our recent polling of the Rabess Candidates before the election and noted the support of Progressive Conservative M. P. ... and Pat Carney.

12. Voting by secret ballot.

13. Fred Yada chair.

Number of Spotted Ballots: ...

Number of Ballots: ...

The names of those present at the meeting:

14. Moved by I. Honeth and seconded by ... that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

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