

JSAC 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2015 – Executive Dining Room, Canadian Embassy, Tokyo

1. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Fumiko Ikawa-Smith, Seconded by Norio Ota

2. Acceptance of Minutes – Moved by Ken Coates, Seconded by Tom Waldichuk

3. President's Address

JSAC/JF Toronto lecture series – Since our last AGM in October 2014, JSAC has supported a lecture by Jeff Alexander on the history of the beer sector. He spoke at Saint Mary's University. The talk was videocast and **the link will be** on the JSAC website. Suzanne Pragg of the Japan Foundation told JSAC about a budget for a Japanese scholar to come to Canada in 2015-16 and give a series of lectures. The Japan Foundation must approve the scholar selected. He/she must be willing to give talks at two university campuses and at the JF Toronto.

The spring JSAC newsletter went out earlier this month.

In November 2014, Jacob Kovalio put out selected papers from JSAC 2012. Thank-you, Jacob!

Thanks very much to the executive for all their hard work this year.

David Edgington is president of JSAC until October 2016. At the next JSAC we will need nominations for a new president. Thanks very much, David, for your efforts!

4. 2014 Conference Report

Jim Tiessen reported on JSAC 2014 which was held at Ryerson University from Oct. 17 – 19, 2014. The theme was Post Growth Japan; 80 people attended. The Japan Foundation contributed \$20,000 and Ryerson University contributed \$10,000. (The Ryerson contribution was significant considering it is an institution without any Japan Studies focus.) Thank you to the Japan Foundation and to Ryerson for their support. Jim will be publishing proceedings from the conference. Jim has submitted the financial report to the Japan Foundation.

5. 2015 Conference Report

Two years ago it was suggested that the 2015 conference would be held in Tokyo and now we are here. This year's conference with its theme of Culture, Identity and Citizenship and the involvement of JACS and JCIRN has been very successful. There are 104 people registered and there are 100 presentations on 24 panels. It is truly integrated conference with both Japanese and Canadian participation. We would like to give our sincere thanks to Norio Ota, TK Chan, **Filipe Medeiros**, David Edgington and the staff of the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo. The possibility of a publication will be explored.

JSAC was not sure if the Japan Foundation would fund a Canadian group funding a conference outside of Japan but we are grateful they did! Reimbursement for airfare for full JSAC members is therefore possible. Receipts (with boarding passes) should be sent to Norio Ota. As it is not clear how much money can be reimbursed, please keep copies of your documents.

6. 2016 JSAC Conference

JSAC 2016 will be held at UBC Okanagan from October 28 – 30, 2016. The theme will be *Pop, Politics and Protest*. Thank you very much to Alwyn Spies and UBC-Okanagan.

The executive will see who is interested in hosting the JSAC 2017 conference.

7. Treasurer's Report

Norio Ota presented the JSAC financial Report. Thank you Norio!

People need to pay their 2015 membership fees.

8. Other Business

Ken Coates provided an update on the JSPS summer program and encouraged members to promote the program to their graduate students.

The Klaus Pringsheim award was not awarded this year but will be awarded in 2016.

Adjournment – Moved by Teri Ursacki, Seconded by Tom Waldichuk.

Report submitted by Carin Holroyd.

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