

Japan Studies Association of Canada

Annual General Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2013

1. Call to Order:

- President Ken Coates presiding

2. Minutes of the 2012 AGM:

- To be circulated later by email

3. JSAC President's Report:

- Ken Coates, reflecting on his his 6 years in office, noted two areas in his oral report:

* First, he thanked the Executive and supporting individuals, including those who had made this Conference such a success. Special mention and gratitude was expressed for the continuing support of the Japan Foundation, the Embassy in Ottawa and local Consulates. He also noted the 'absence' of members from several universities as a concern needing to be addressed. On a positive note, he recognized the participation by several individuals and organizations from Japan and overseas and hoped this would continue in future.

*Second, looking to the future, he encouraged JSAC to expand its use of video conferencing satellite meetings (especially for student participation), and social media, including E-book formats.

4. 2012 Conference Report:

- Jacob Kovalio, Ottawa Conference organizer, reported that final financial details indicated that \$13,000 and \$6,000 had accrued and that details on publication of proceedings were forthcoming.

5. 2014 Conference Invitation:

- Jim Tiessen, Ryerson Conference organizer, announced the dates of October 16-20 as confirmed (these being during Reading Week when facilities were more readily available). He asked for input and assistance with conference and announced that full details would be published on the JSAC website in the near future.

6. JSAC Social Media Presence:

- As mentioned in his Presidential Report above, Ken Coates spoke more specifically on these matters. He noted several regional and world developments and challenges facing organizations such as JSAC.

7. Financial Report:

- Norio Ota presented the Financial Report and updated future spending plans. Further details would be presented after the incoming Executive meets.

8. New JSAC President:

- David Edgington, Geography Department, University of British Columbia, was introduced and welcomed as the incoming, new President of JSAC. He spoke specifically of the need to work with many others across the country and abroad in furthering the goals and objectives of JSAC and looked forward to working with all concerned on expanding the media and communications capability of JSAC.

He also thanked outgoing President, Ken Coates, for his dedication, energy and vision over the past 6 years, and in appreciation presented a certificate and gift on behalf of all JSAC members.

9. Other Business:

- There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Pendleton