

Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC)

Minutes: Annual Business Meeting - Saturday October 22, 2022

Location: Ted Rogers School of Management, Toronto Metropolitan University.

Attendees

Executive

President: James Tiessen (Toronto Metropolitan) Secretary/Treasurer: Norio Ota (York)

Regular: Tom Waldichuk (Thompson Rivers) David Edginton (UBC)

Other participants:

Atsuko Hashimoto (Brock)

Tim Reiffenstein (Mount Allison)

Kimie Hara (Waterloo)

Tak Fujitani (Toronto)

Sachiyo Kanzaki (UQM)

David Telfer (Brock)

Leslie Tkach-Kawasaki (Tsukuba)

Noriko Yabuki-Soh (York)

Lisa Yoneyama (Toronto)

Noriko Yamamoto (Japan Foundation)

There were others present. Attendance was taken but the list was misplaced..

1. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated. Moved by Tom Waldichuk. Seconded Kimie Hara. Passed.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from 2021 Annual Business Meeting

Hard copies were circulated. Motion to accept the 2021 ABM Minutes. Moved by Tom Waldichuk. Seconded Kimie Hara. Passed.

3. President's address - Introduction of New President

Incoming President James (Jim) Tiessen thanked Carin Holroyd for her commitment and work over her term as JSAC President. He also thanked Tom Waldichuk and Norio Ota for keeping JSAC going through the pandemic by running virtual conferences. We learned a lot. We are glad however to return in person.

A key issue is succession. Current leadership is JSAC's second generation, following in the footsteps of Klaus Pringsheim, Fumiko Ikawa-Smith, Michael Donnelly and others who founded JSAC in 1987-88. It is important to transition to the third generation.

We must remain committed to our goal of sustaining Japan studies in Canada.

4. Secretary/Treasurer Report

Norio Ota reported JSAC has about \$25,000 in its account. Membership revenue is lower since the previous conferences were held virtually.

5. 2021 JSAC Conference Report

Tom Waldichuk reported on a successful online conference held October 1-3, 2021. It was necessary to pivot from a planned in-person conference to online as the pandemic continued through the summer. The logistics were managed effectively as 122 participants registered and there were 45 presentations, including panels.

6. 2023 JSAC Conference Location

Carin Holroyd volunteered to host JSAC at the University of Saskatchewan next year.

7. Other business.

[Leslie Tkach-Kawasaki](#) and [Tom Waldichuk](#) agreed to collect and edit papers for 2021 and 2022 Conference Proceedings.