

Japan Studies Association of Canada (JSAC)

Minutes: Annual General Meeting (AGM) October 5, 2019

Location: Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick.

The AGM, held during the JSAC Conference (Oct 3-6), was chaired by Carin Holroyd.

Attendees

Executive:

President: Karen Holroyd (Saskatchewan)

Secretary Treasurer: Norio Ota (York)

Regular: Aya Fujiwara (Alberta)
Tom Waldichuk (Thompson Rivers)
James Tiessen (Ryerson)

Owen Griffiths (Mount Allison)
David Edginton (UBC)

Other participants:

Fumiko Ikawa-Smith (McGill)
Evan Koike (UBC)
Maxime Marcotte Bouthillier (York)
Susan Lee (Toronto)
David Telfer (Brock)
Jay Goulding (York)
Tim Reiffenstein (Mount Allison)

Leslie Tkach-Kawasaki (Tsukuba)
Heidi Lam (Yale)
Brian Pendleton (Langara College)
Kemie Hara (Waterloo)
Sachiyo Kanzaki (UQAM)
Millie Creighton (UBC)

1. Carin Holroyd welcomed AGM participants and thanked Owen Griffiths and Tim Reiffenstein, organizers of JSAC 2019.

2. Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated. Moved by David Edginton. Seconded Tom Waldichuk. Passed

3. Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of 2018 AGM as circulated. Moved by Fumiko Ikawa-Smith. Seconded Brian Pendleton. Passed.

4. Announcement of President re-election.

Secretary/Treasurer Norio Ota announced that Carin Holroyd would serve for 3 more years as President, JSAC. He thanked Carin for her continued contributions.
(addendum)

April, 7, 2019: The call for nominations was distributed to the JSAC members via JSAC list and posted on the JSAC web page.

Professor/Dr. Carin Holroyd was nominated and seconded by several JSAC members.

April 10, 2019: She accepted the nomination.

The call for nominations was redistributed to the JSAC members.

There were no other nominations.

May 31, 2019: The call for nominations was closed, and Professor/Dr. Carin Holroyd was elected by acclamation to assume the role of the president of JSAC in the second term (three years).

5. JSAC 2018 Conference Report – University of Alberta (Aya Fujiwara organizer)

The Conference was organized at the Prince Takamodo Centre at the University.

52 registered, including 10 students presenting their work. In addition there were 2 keynote speakers from Japan, 2 from the United States, plus delegates from the Japan Foundation and the Japan Consulate. Including guests, 52 attended one keynote and 70 people the other. Seven papers were published in the Proceedings that are on the JSAC website.

6. President Report – Carin Holroyd

a. JSAC 2019 Conference - Thompson Rivers University (TRU)

Tom Waldichuk, of TRU in Kamloops, BC, with the support of colleagues, will host the conference July 9 to July 12 at TRU. JSAC has held its conference in the past, and discussed this possibility in the 2018 AGM.

Tom is considering arranging an optional field trip to the West Kootenay area, including New Denver, July 13-15 following the conference.

b. JSAC 2021 – Ryerson University (to be determined)

Jim Tlessen of Ryerson has tentatively volunteered to host JSAC at Ryerson in 2021.

c. JSAC 2022 – Japan (?)

We will investigate the possibility of holding the conference in Japan. The 2014 conference, held at the Canadian embassy in Tokyo was very successful.

d. Newsletter

Will continue, as decided last year, to produce newsletter once a year. The President urged members to contribute items when requested.

e. Membership

JSAC has an aging membership and it is important to recruit young scholars. We need to be proactive and reach out to recruit members for future conferences. It is important to encourage graduate students working on Japanese issues, particularly

7. Secretary/Treasurer Report

Norio Ota thanked Carin Holroyd for agreeing to serve as JSAC President for 3 more years.

He reported that JSAC is in a solid financial position. There is \$26,273 in the bank.

8. Other business

a. Scholarships

Aya Fujiwara announced that the Prince Takamodo Foundation is developing a scholarship to support Graduate students in Japan Studies, and Japanese students in Canada. She will announce details later.

Carin Holroyd announced the Mitacs program that is targeted for Japan Studies Graduate Students, including Japanese students studying in Japan.

Ms. Shimizu (Japan Foundation) reminded us of the Japan Foundation scholarships

9. Kimie Hara. Moved to adjourn. David Tafler Seconded. Passed