

PNWJETAA

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 2019

October 3, 2019 | 18:30 | WeWork Westlake Tower, 10/12F Conference Room

ROLE CALL: Lynn Miyauchi (call) | ~~Zung Do (call)~~ | Cheryl Hou | Adam Ledyard | Michelle Kato | Zack Williams | Sam Corpuz | ~~Jessica Record (call)~~ | Jeremy Odden | ~~Janice Laureano (call)~~ | Dawn Wyruchowski

SPECIAL GUESTS: Denise Sawyer | Carolyn Peterson (call)

Call to Order (Adam): 18:35

Meeting Minutes Review

- A. Jeremy & Lynn approved via email
- B. "I approve!" — Zack, Adam, Michelle
- C. "It was a riveting read" — Adam

Treasurer's Report (Zack)

- A. Previous balance
 - a. Checking: 11,610.30
 - b. Savings: 946.94
 - c. Admin: 813.39
- B. Current balance:
 - a. Checking: 11,583.90
 - b. Savings: 947.03
 - c. Admin: 813.39
- C. Owing:
 - a. Budget for Remote Outreach (see below) — approved!
 - b. NatCon — Sam & Jeremy
 - i. Sam sent receipts, waiting on Jeremy
- D. Zack will be stepping down in March 2020 — need to start recruiting soon!
 - a. Two-year commitment highly preferred, but we can make it work if only 1-year is possible

Upcoming Events

* denotes inclusion in upcoming newsletter

- A. **2019 NatCon Debrief:** After this meeting! Right here, right now!
 - a. (Back after these messages...)

- B. **By-laws!!**: TBD
 - a. Executive Officers must attend, others welcome if interested!
 - b. Adam to send out a Doodle poll to vote on a new date TOMORROW!
 - i. Sam & Jeremy have input about that from NatCon, stay tuned!
 - c. Elmira H. Utz experienced with 501(c)3 status and by-laws
 - i. Adam to reach out for by-law revision meeting details
- C. ***JETAA on the Road! Northern WA Remote Outreach**: October 11 (Fri), Western Washington University
 - a. Branding: “Remote Outreach” sounds more formal for CGJ
 - b. James (Zack’s contact) is bringing at least 10 people to the meet & greet
 - c. Zack is coordinating, Adam attending — contacted a former professor there
 - d. Maggie (CGJ) will be visiting the classrooms 10/09, Zack will be visiting clubs instead
 - i. Zack will ask Maggie to promote the event ahead of time, she’ll be back from Eastern WA tomorrow
 - ii. Ask if Consulate can promote it on their fb page!
 - e. Film portions of the Q&A for in-house promotion?
 - i. Adam can bring a camera and tripod, will set-up during the presentation and maybe film a few extra snippets
 - f. Connections in Bellingham?
 - i. Dr Albright is the president of the Bellingham-Tateyama? SCA
 - g. Promote on FB, newsletter, website to reach out to other alumni in the area in case they are able to attend
 - h. Potential schedule
 - i. 14:00/15:00: casual chat with refreshments at Japanese Conversation Club to talk to prospective JETs (logistics to be coordinated by club members)
 - ii. Evening: Meet with alumni — Jeff Albright, Margie Banin
 - iii. Lynn will check membership for more contacts in northern WA
 - i. Presentation: framework will be about the same as Montana, but a little more free-form/casual
- D. ***October Happy Hour**: October 20 (Sun), 10:00/11 onward, Bob’s Corn & Pumpkin Farm
 - a. Shift date? — some folks can’t make it on the 20th, some can’t make it on the 27th
 - i. Keep it on the 20th, more officers can make it on that day than the 27th
 - b. Sam to post on FB and website asap — promote and encourage JETs with families to join
 - c. Pumpkin picking, corn maze, and get pumpkin-spiced cider donuts, and CIDER!
 - i. PUMPKIN CANNON
- E. ***SKSCA 20th Annual Kobe Jazz Queen Contest**: October 21 (Mon), 18:00 doors open, 19:30 concert begins, Dimitrou’s Jazz Alley
 - a. Tickets on sale [here](#), \$15 per person
 - b. Adam, Dawn (for work), Cheryl, and maybe Sam will be there
 - c. Promote on website?

- F. ***Official Welcome Back:** November 8 (Fri), ??:00, TBD
 - a. More info...?
- G. ***Transitions:** November 9 (Sat), 09:30–15:00, Northwest University
 - a. Website is up, getting exhibitors
 - i. Rob Uy from ?? is maybe coming
 - ii. Nintendo is interested in coming back
 - iii. Invitation for JASSW should be sent to Carolyn soon
 - iv. Invitation to Chelsea to rep Pride Foundation
 - v. Jessica was talking to Daniel Nguyen with Facebook
 - vi. Michelle is getting staff from Red Cross to get involved, they will provide tabling materials
 - b. Hoping to get a better turn-around from those that attended the mini-welcome back
 - i. Attendees from welcome back haven't signed up yet
 - ii. Next year: maybe get sign-ups for Transitions at welcome back happy hour via tablet
 - c. Volunteers: do we need to register?
 - i. Fewer needed this year, ask Jessica
 - ii. Mostly we need more people to attend the lunch (alumni need to pay) & Expo — more bodies, more alumni, more everyone!
 - d. Send list of folks needing honoraria to Zack to distribute at the event (Jessica)
 - e. Possible schedule:
 - i. Guest speaker (30 mins)
 - ii. Keynote speaker (90 mins)
 - iii. Japanese skills panel (30 mins)
 - iv. Lunch (60 mins)
 - 1. Special this year, more time for mingling
 - 2. Proper TRES sandwiches, included in the cost of ticket
 - v. JET info session (13:00, 30 mins)
 - vi. Expo (13:00–15:00, open to public, raffle held throughout)
 - f. Resume review offered in the morning, but no headshots this year
 - g. Need graphics- anyone interested?
- H. **JAS-NET Happy Hour:** November 13, 14 (Wed/Thu), ??:??, TBD
 - a. Sometime before or after Transitions, maybe a nijikai after Transitions?
 - b. Could be our November Happy Hour (in support of JAS-NET)
 - i. We want JAS-NET to succeed!
- I. ***JASSW Holiday Dinner:** December 3 (Tue), 17:00 onward, Westin Hotel Seattle
 - a. Looking for more volunteers in the auction room on the floor
 - b. JETAA will also be offered a table — need to find a very *genki* recent returnee to act as a delegate
 - i. We are hosting 5 seats — we need to select people and submit funding request as soon as we can
 - ii. Selection process: at least one new JET as a delegate
 - iii. Cheryl is seeing what we can do to have a full table

- c. Table for volunteers as well, Carolyn is looking into that
- J **Ski Trip 2020:** January ??2020, TBD
 - a. Scheduling a meeting with Danielle (BC) and Rosie (Portland) sometime in the next couple weeks
 - i. Sydney Owen was on ski team, based in Portland — ask her to get in touch with JETAA PDX
 - b. First step: need to decide a venue! — some considerations:
 - i. Mountain — lift ticket pricing and accessibility: last year we went for a little cheaper, with less snow hazards; we could up the ante a bit this year?
 - ii. Accommodation: do we know JETs who can host other JETs? Can we look into an Airbnb situation? Block out a few hotel rooms? Would it be in Seattle proper or closer to the ski resort?
 - iii. Group dinner/mingler: Recommendations?
 - c. Crystal
 - i. Would need to get an Airbnb
 - ii. A little more expensive
 - iii. Sort of driveable from Seattle, but further
 - iv. Best set-up for non-skiing/boarding activities: snowshoeing, winter park area
 - d. Snowqualmie
 - i. Closer to Seattle, about a 45-min drive
 - ii. Snow can be iffy, not always great conditions
 - iii. More affordable
 - iv. Adam could host, same with Cheryl
 - e. Will update after getting in touch with the other organizers (Trifecta team!)
- K **Tea History & Tea Ceremony:** February (?), TBD, JCCCW
 - a. Sam will ask Pat for an estimate of how much materials may be
 - b. We can self-fund, do ticketing
- L **Potential Future Events**
 - a. Seward Park Torii opening — maybe this summer? Next summer?
 - b. Escape Room!
 - c. Mariners Game? (baseball)
 - d. Seattle Reign FC Game? (women's soccer)
 - e. SKSCA-JETAA-JASNET Karaoke Event: Fall 2019, Rock Box
 - i. Cheryl will kick it off, leave it to Dawn to follow up
 - ii. Dennis Yamashita (denyama@gmail.com) is JASNET contact
 - iii. Terry's Kitchen has a back area with pool tables and lots of space, great food
 - f. Tacoma Art Museum visit — Zoe Donelle

Past Events

- A. (mini) Welcome Back / September Happy Hour: September 20 (Fri), 18:00–20:00, JCCCW
 - a. Successful — turn-out was small, but new returnees seemed happy to connect with alumni
 - i. Equal numbers of alumni & new returnees
 - ii. Great to remind returnees that alumni are there for them, especially since the official welcome back is much later in the year
 - b. Plenty of food, karaoke afterwards (but no returnees attended) — should have made plans ahead of time
 - c. Good for a first attempt, we'll improve on it next year
- B. National Conference: September 26–29 (Thu–Sun), Chicago JETAA
 - a. Notes & overview [here](#)
- C. Japan Week Festival at Bellevue College: September 28 (Sat), 10:00–17:00, Bellevue College
 - a. Landon, Denise, Janice, Elmira & Alana helped out in booth - greatly appreciated! Jessica also helped out & presented (she's Consulate Staff now as well as Lynn)
 - b. Good turn out, not just students
 - c. Denise connected with a woman who does takarazuka, they'll be here in March
 - d. Lynn was busy with presentations
 - e. Is it worthwhile to have a separate table for JET and Consulate?
 - i. Yes: real estate is limited when sharing a table
 - ii. No: Not too much specific interest in JET however, maybe it doesn't warrant its own table?
 - 1. Maybe we didn't have enough material on the table promoting JET (didn't have the banner at the event, JET or JETAA)
 - f. Thank you volunteers!
- D. The New Money Cryptocurrency: October 2 (Wed), 17:30–20:00, One Union Square Boardroom
 - a. Did anyone attend...?Carolyn!
 - b. More focused on what cryptocurrency actual is and what it means for the future, was very informative
 - c. JBA worked with JASSW for this event, it was a good collaboration
 - d. USJC has a rep in Seattle-area, they have a happy hour coming up in March
 - i. We should promote it! Carolyn will send us info
 - ii. Can also loop in YPF for any ticketing/transportation
 - iii. Trying to connect with more young professionals
 - iv. Can we invite them to Transitions?:O Carolyn will send info to Lynn

Membership Update (Lynn)

- A. 4 New members via website — new returnees
 - a. Spam them with all the things!
- B. Adam still needing to work on database (2019/06/06)

Transitions/Jobs (Jessica & Lynn)

- A. Please send jobs to transitions@pnwjetaa.org &cc zuttojetto@gmail.com
lynn@pnwjetaa.org - I'm trying to merge business related mail here - personal is still zuttojetto@gmail.com
- B. Transitions 2019 — see Events for details
 - a. Live stream or record (and post on website) for remote alumni to access
 - i. Depending on budget/priority, Jeremy can organize streaming
 - ii. USJETAA?

PNWJETAA Inventory

- A. Adam:
 - a. Vertical & Horizontal banners
 - b. Binders, folders, USBs
 - c. Beverage condiments & coffee
 - d. Voice recorders
 - e. Thank you cards
 - f. Computer, now with Office 2007!
 - g. Tablet computer - functional (on loan to Jeremy)
 - h. Tablet computer - non-functional (on loan to Jeremy)
 - i. Projector
 - j. Sake barrel & mallets (one mallet on loan to Jeremy)
 - k. Event booth box o' stuff — IT'S FALLING APART! Use Admin. Budget to buy a new one/hardshell suitcase (Costco has some on sale for a good price)
 - l. Mr. Coffee coffee maker
- B. Cheryl:
 - a. Deep storage for items used once a year at Cheryl's storage unit
- C. Lynn:
 - a. ASK ME Buttons
 - b. "old" PNWJETAA pins
 - c. Newsletter binder
 - d. New JETs bye-bye swag
- D. Michelle:
 - a. *More* ASK ME Buttons and "old" pins
 - b. Brochures
 - c. Holiday decorations
 - d. Plastic sign stand
- E. Please update the inventory list on the Dashboard! ([spreadsheet here](#))

Tech and Website Update

- A. Copyright check (Jeremy)
 - a. I have some time coming up that I'm setting aside to finally do the deep dive.
- B. New Logo! (Michelle)
 - a. Showcase some color options (Adam)

- i. Green, black, white theme
 - b. Michelle still working on re-working the mascot (Miwa)
 - c. Pinmark.com and Lynn may have contacts
 - d. Northwest Trophies
 - e. Request to “temporarily” remove zuttojetto from “Puget” as Lynn@pnw is now active
- C. 30th Anniversary Logo / pins / merch
 - a. Use usual logo in gold~~
 - b. Contact Matt at CLAIR for actual establishment date — as early as ~~March 1991~~, Feb 23, 1990 with Regional Rep Marie Sauter and then 1990 (month?) as noted in the 2nd JET Program Alumni Association Directory. This was the 2nd directory published in 1990 month? (first volume not available) US-11 was recognized as a registered Region w/Regional Rep. Barbara Ellis. ~~maybe even earlier!~~ ([JET Streams Vol. 1 No. 1](#))
 - i. Barbara Ellis and Marie Sauter were listed for 1990 as our representative(s) at that time, does anyone know her?
 - ii. Cheryl says we’ve already asked Matt, that date is the closest we’ve got for our chapter establishment
- D. Membership database coding on hold... (Adam)
- E. Website overhaul (Janice)

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- F.
 - a. New Doodle for meet up (<https://doodle.com/poll/c34cqnm95wcyck>)
 - i. Meet up at Tukwila King County Library or google hangouts
 - ii. Date decided?
 - b. Personal stock photos to be featured on website please drop here [stock photo drive](#)
 - i. Seasonal-related, Japan-related, event photos (no people)

Newsletter (Rotating)

- A. Sam needs to step back — Anyone able to take over/assist?
 - a. Michelle for October, Sam for November/helping a new person transition into the role
 - b. Denise will take over in November! — give her access to the email
- B. Notices to post
 - a. See Events above

Misc. Final Business

- A. New default day for monthly meetings
 - a. Survey results [here](#) — only 4 responses so far, keep it open
 - b. Next meeting: stick to first Thurs until we can get enough responses
- B. Agendas & minutes on website (Janice & Sam) — someday soon!
 - a. Import document into Mammoth app
 - b. Jan & Sam could discuss at website meeting later this year

- C. By-Laws renewal/update deadline (Adam!)
 - a. Postponed (see Events above)
- D. Old binders and notes (Adam & Sam) — will be processed, scanned, and minimized.
 - a. Adam went through most of the paper documents and made two piles, need a second opinion before scanning and tossing
- E. Back-burner items
 - a. *Nengajo* project (Zack)

Meeting Adjourned: 20:26

Next Meeting Date and Location:

November 7, 2019 | 18:30–19:30 | Zung's apartment complex conference room,
followed by Teinei Izakaya