



BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA

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Annual General Meeting – March 3, 2019

Present: Yasuo Izumi Sensei

Board Members: Roland Ikuta, Akira Ichikawa, Brenda Ikuta, Sylvia Oishi, Roy Sassa, Trent Takeyasu, Wayne Tsukishima, Jim Tsukishima, Sheila Oishi, Deanna Jones, Jeff Haines, Kynan Gordon, Valerie Boras

General Membership: Heidi Oishi, Jean Oga, Keiko Tsukishima, Amy Tsukishima, Wayne Tsukishima, Fudge Takeda, Sylvia Oishi, Totsy Nishimura, Sway Nishimura, Sumie Tsukishima, Joe Shigehiro, Mary Shigehiro, Donna Dubbelboer, John Dubbelboer, Keiko Gordon, Jeff Haines, Rachelle Muskovich, Eichi Tanaka, Max Sassa, Kevin Sassa, John Wolsey, Florence Senda, Lily Oishi, Ken Onno, Nancy Eng, Tak Okamura, Jan Okamura, Tak Tsujita, Yoko Tsujita, Maria D. Ens, David Major, Laverne Hamabata, Andrew Ichikawa, Dennis Goshinmon, Maya Yoshida, Bob Muskovich, Neil Hinatsu, Pat Sassa, Carla Wensker, Mathew Wensker

1. The meeting was convened by Roland Ikuta at 12:37 p.m. Sensei leading in gassho.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

MOTION: Deanna Jones moved, Wayne Tsukishima seconded the approval of the agenda with one addition: under 10. Other Business d) Womens' Federation WF

Carried

3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting:

MOTION: Valerie Boras moved, Jeff Haines seconded the adoption of the minutes from last year's AGM.

Carried

4. Chairman's Report: (See attached report prepared by Roland Ikuta).

MOTION: Roland Ikuta moved, Akira Ichikawa seconded the acceptance of the Chairman's report.

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report. (See attached Review Engagement by Moriyama and Co., Chartered Accountants). The financial report was presented by Trent Takeyasu. BTSA is in a good financial position according to the accountants. Amortization of the building and repayment of loan by Calgary Buddhist Temple were noted.

MOTION: Trent Takeyasu moved and Deanna Jones seconded the acceptance of the Treasurer's report

Carried

6. Minister's Report. (See attached report prepared by Izumi Sensei).

The Minister's report was accepted.

7. Committee Reports:

a) Development Committee: (See attached report prepared by Sylvia Oishi)

The Development Committee report was accepted.

b) Investment Report by Kevin Sassa: Primary goal is capital preservation. At present, the BTSA portfolio is structured as: 1/3 money market/short-term bonds, 1/3 cash, 1/3 conservative stocks/bonds. Kevin is aiming for a 4 to 5% rate of return.

c) Dharma School: (See attached report prepared by Brenda Ikuta)

The Dharma School report was accepted.

- d) Programs and Operations Committee report: (see attached report prepared by Lorita Ichikawa). The Programs and Operations Committee report was accepted.
- e) Update on new AV system: Roland Ikuta reported the installation of the new AV system is approximately 75% complete. Eichi Tanaka is constructing a desk for the AV area. The camera is expected to arrive soon. The AV committee will be meeting soon.

8. Membership Dues for 2020:

MOTION: Akira Ichikawa moved, Wayne Tsukishima seconded that the BTSA membership fee/donation for 2020 remain at \$100 per person.

Carried

9. Election of BTSA Board Members for 2018 - 2019

- staggered schedule of service for BTSA Board members.
 - Board members with who have one year remaining in their 2-year term: Brenda Ikuta, Sylvia Oishi, Roland Ikuta, Jim Tsukishima, Deanna Jones, Kynan Gordon
 - Board members who have completed their 2-year term: Roy Sassa, Trent Takeyasu, Wayne Tsukishima, Jeff Haines, Sheila Oishi, and Valerie Boras. Roy Sassa is stepping down from the Board. The others have agreed to stay on the Board for another 2 year term.
 - Roy Sassa nominated Eichi Tanaka and David Major; both accepted their nomination. Brenda Ikuta requested permission to step off the Board despite having one year left in her term.
 - The 12 board positions are filled this year with Eichi Tanaka and David Major welcomed to the Board. The Membership of the BTSA Board for 2019 - 2020 was accepted by the general membership in attendance.

10. Other business:

a) Chow Mein Supper Ticket Price:

MOTION: Akira Ichikawa moved, Kynan Gordon seconded that BTSA **raise the price of a chow mein supper ticket to \$15.**

Carried

b) Columbarium: Sylvia Oishi presented the concept of housing a columbarium within the temple. Some of the many factors to consider include zoning change, Temple by-law/policy change, construction cost, client contract, sale price, and accessibility.

MOTION: Sylvia Oishi moved and Jeff Haines seconded that we **authorize the Board to proceed with further investigation regarding building a columbarium for BTSA within the temple.**

Carried (23 in favor; 6 opposed; 10 abstained)

c) Documentary Film Project: Kynan Gordon and Arjin Gill presented their "Ripple" project, a full length (minimum 45 minutes) documentary film focusing on Jodo Shinshu Buddhism, past, present, and future. The filming is slated to be completed this summer and the entire project completion in March 2020. Total cost of project estimated at \$100,000 (see attached for further details).

MOTION: Trent Takeyasu moved, Akira Ichikawa seconded that **BTSA formally support the "Ripple" project at the Platinum sponsorship level of \$30,000.00**

Carried

d) Womens' Federation (WF): The WF is now a subcommittee of the JSBTC. Roland Ikuta asked anyone who would like to be a member of the WF to please let him know within the next two weeks (ending March 17, 2019) so the membership fees may be submitted to the WF. The WF will be discussed at the upcoming JSBTC WF.

11. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm. Roland Ikuta closed the meeting by asking Izumi Sensei to lead in gassho.

Next AGM meeting: March 1st, 2020

Next BTSA Board meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom

Roland Ikuta, President
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

Date

Valerie Boras, Secretary
Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

Date

Respectfully Submitted: Valerie Boras, BTSA Secretary