

**Japanese Teachers Association of Texas
2012 Annual Meeting
in conjunction with the
Texas Foreign Language Association Conference
San Saba Room, Renaissance Hotel, Austin, Texas
Friday, October 12, 2012, 10:30-11:45 AM**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Recording of Minutes:

Yoshiko Fujii, JTAT Secretary

Opening:

JTAT President Yayoi Takeuchi opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. The following documents were distributed:

1. Agenda
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting
4. JTAT 2013 Nengajo Contest Rules for Judging/Nengajo Contest Teacher Form

Attendees:

Members (10): Yayoi Takeuchi (President), Masumi Reade (Treasurer), Yoshiko Fujii (Secretary), David Shimizu (Vice President, Secondary School), Yuko Kawabe (Vice President, Post Sec. School), Yuko Prefume, Peggy Hardt, Michele Brown, Kacie Landrum, Emi Schuster, (Junko Stanley – only present at the end of the meeting)

Non-members (1): Ferhat Kocer

1. 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes was presented.

2. New Business

- a. Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Masumi Reade

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is now January and December, but dues received in 2011 for 2012 membership are included in the report.

Membership

When a member pays membership through AATJ, it is marked as "AATJ" on the report; it is marked as "membership" when a member directly joins JTAT. Those who paid the student price through AATJ are marked as "student." The current JTAT membership cycle is now January to December since ATJ and NCJLT have merged.

Expenses

Expenses were \$190.80 for web hosting (for two years), \$620 to AATJ, and expenses for the summer workshop.

Summer Workshop Grant

JTAT received a \$2078.51 grant from the Japan Foundation for the Summer 2012 Workshop.

b. Status Report on Election of Officers by Nominating Committee Chair, Yoshiko Fujii

The process:

1. Gather nominations from JTAT members for the President and Treasurer positions. Members should email nominations to all three members of the Nominating Committee.
2. The Nominating Committee will contact the nominees to confirm their willingness to serve.
3. The Nominating Committee will select candidates for each position and submit those names to the Board of Directors for approval.
4. Upon the Board's approval, the Nominating Committee will send electronic ballots to the members for a vote, hopefully by November 15, 2012

c. 2013 Speech Contest Poem Recitation (Yayoi Takeuchi)

JTAT will move forward with the selection of poems starting next week and complete the selection by the end of October.

d. Regional & State Speech Contest Qualifications (Masumi Reade)

Discussions are still underway to clarify qualifications, since there are some different qualifications used by various regions and some discrepancy between the English and Japanese versions of the qualifications used for the state contest. The JTAT Speech Contest Committee will continue to work through this issue.

e. Other

(1) JTAT Newsletter (Yayoi Takeuchi)

As of the end September, the JTAT newsletter is back after a long hiatus. Members should have received a copy of the newsletter via email and can also view the newsletter on the JTAT website.

(2) Facebook (Yayoi Takeuchi)

JTAT is exploring the possibility of using Facebook or another site for members to share documents and teaching ideas.

(3) Membership and Activities involving El Paso (Masumi Reade)

The JTAT Officers are considering providing periodic grants to enable teachers in El Paso to attend the JTAT annual meeting and/or workshops.

(4) Nengajo Contest 2013 (Yayoi Takeuchi)

The entry form for the 2013 Nengajo contest is now available. The deadline for the contest is December 7. Each teacher should gather his/her students' entries and send them to the Japan-America Society of Dallas. Any questions about the contest or qualifications of students can be sent to Shimizu-sensei, who will consult with the Japan-America Society.

Also, the Dallas Japan-America Society would like to get feedback from JTAT teachers on the judging criteria to be able to more effectively judge the entries. Suggestions for judging criteria may be sent to Shimizu-sensei, who will compile them and pass them on to the Japan-America Society.

(5) Articulation (Yayoi Takeuchi)

The JTAT Board would like to create a database of all types of Japanese programs in Texas to facilitate articulation. A survey of current JTAT members is a possible beginning for this project.

(6) Summer Workshop 2013 (Yayoi Takeuchi)

The JTAT Board is gathering recommendations and ideas for the workshop themes for the next summer workshop. JTAT has been declared an official CPE provider as of last summer and can award participants CPE credit for the workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Yoshiko Fujii