



"To Bridge
and to Build"

17th BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

New Windsor Hotel, Seattle, Washington

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Present:

Frank Hattori, Thousand Club
 Tom S. Iwata, Convention Ball
 Tak Kubota, Official Events
 Nish Kumagai, General Arrangements
 James M. Matsuoka, Chairman
 Elmer Ogawa, Publicity
 Peter Ohtaki, Public Relations
 Mrs. Ruth Okada, Reception
 Mrs. Mabel Shigaya, Fashion Show
 Mrs. Nobu Suzuki, Oratorical Contest
 Johnson Shimizu, Convention Mixer
 Fred Takagi, Booklet Chairman
 George Tanagi, Special Exhibits
 Dr. Kelly Yamada, Opening Ceremonies
 Amy Y. Hara, Secretary

Guests:

Jack Mayeda, Seattle, Washington
 Paul Suzuki, M. D., Seattle, Washington
 Ed Yamamoto, Moses Lake, Washington

The seventh National Convention Board Meeting was called to order by James Matsuoka, chairman.

Nish Kumagai, general arrangements chairman, has checked into various possibilities for an outing. He found: Kiana Lodge would be rather expensive; Lake Wilderness does not offer anything unusual; and Tilicum Village on Blake Island is a possibility. At this Village there is a restaurant and convention hall facilities. A fee of \$7.00 per person would include an Indian salmon bake, a ride through the canal locks, entertainment and bus ride back to the hotel. The committee is recommending the outing be held on Blake Island, July 29. A motion was made and seconded the board accept the committee's recommendation.

Peter Ohtaki, public relations chairman, discussed the motives of the Chapters' Exhibit Project. Is it to tell an outsider the story of JACL or is it an exchange of ideas amongst chapters. Originally it was suggested it be cut down to regional participation to save storage expenses. Frank Hattori was asked to discuss the Chapters' Exhibit Project further at the next national board meeting in Minnesota.

Frank Hattori introduced his guests: Ed Yamamoto of Moses Lake and Jack Mayeda of Seattle. Jack has just become a Thousand Club member and offered his assistance to help the convention.

Tom Iwata, convention ball chairman, reported several couples attended a dance where Max Pillar's orchestra played. They enjoyed themselves. His style is comparable to Guy Lombardo. It was moved and seconded that Tom enter into contract with Max Pillar for the Sayonara Ball on July 30th. It is to be a semi-formal affair.

Johnson Shimizu, convention mixer chairman, discussed plans for the mixer. It is possible that he may be able to get three Polynesian girls to provide entertainment. The group expressed a wish for entertainment during intermission, for a combo to provide the dance music and for some kind of bar be set up.

James Matsuoka, general chairman, requested the committee heads to line up their respective committee members and submit their names.

Fred Takagi, booklet chairman, reported that they have finalized the contract form for advertisers placing ads in the booklet. A few of them were distributed at the PNWDC meeting. He will be requesting help in soliciting ads. It is hoped that they will be able to net \$6000.00 from the booklets. They are trying to maintain the cost of advertisements the same as the previous convention. The deadline for the booklet to be in final form is March 21st.

Mabel Shigaya, fashion show chairman, reported they have contacted I. Magnin and Frederick & Nelson regarding a fashion show. I. Magnin has declined indicating the time is in-between seasons. Frederick & Nelson will put on a fashion show, however, it must be in their tea room. If there are from 200-299 persons cost would be \$3.20 per person and, 300-399 persons, \$2.80 per person. It was felt this was rather expensive for a tea. It was suggested the committee contact the Bon and Best's before making any decision.

Takeshi Kubota, official events chairman, has been in contact with the national office in regard to principal speakers. Ambassador Reischauer, Dillon Meyer, General Charles Willoughby, General Courtney, General Pense, and Congressman Francis Walters have been recommended. Kelly Yamada would like to get either Congressman Walters or Dillon Meyer for a speaker at the opening ceremonies. Fred Takagi suggested John Shirley who is an excellent professional speaker. He is able to talk on any subject well. It was moved and seconded that contacts be made in the following order: Ambassador Reischauer, General Willoughby, Dillon Meyer, Congressman Walters. Motion carried.

The board requested a tentative schedule of events and dates be presented at the next meeting.

James Matsuoka reported for Min Tsubota, raffle chairman. The first drawing will be held on December 5th at the PNWDC convention and the deadline for the sale of tickets is November 15th. He requested everyone sell as many tickets as is possible.

Peter Ohtaki, public relations chairman, distributed forms to be completed by board members and returned to Ute Hirano by September 15th. Information requested concerns the individual to be used for publicity purposes.

Kelly Yamada, suggested the reception committee be on board to greet guests at the opening ceremonies and also someone be specifically assigned to look out for the main speaker following the ceremonies.

Takeshi Kubota has been contacted by Frederick Vogel for information about JACL and the National Convention. Some thought is being given to coordinating activities with leaders, cultural and sport activities from Japan. There is a divergence of opinion as to their motivation. It is felt that any responsibility for cultural or commercial groups should be referred to the local Japanese Community Service.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 25th, the place to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Y. Hara