

New England Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League
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TO: All Current and Prospective Members of New England JACL
FROM: Executive Board, New England JACL
DATE: October 11, 1980

This memo has several important purposes. We urge you to read it carefully.

1. The Executive Board of the NE-JACL has been meeting regularly during recent months, and is endeavoring to promote the organization as a vital and dynamic vehicle for advancing the interests of Japanese Americans in New England and elsewhere. With the appointment of the Presidential Commission on Redress, we think it is especially important that the NE-JACL take an active role, both within the Japanese American community nationally, and within the New England region.

With this memo we are enclosing copies of the Reports of the last several Executive Board meetings (July 22, August 12, and Sept. 23) so you can determine the primary issues which have been discussed and the directions of our thinking for the future.

2. The NE-JACL was formed in 1979 (see the July 22 Report for a summary of activities held since then), and has functioned as a provisional chapter of the national organization. We are now ready to upgrade our status to that of a regular chapter. To do so we need to formally adopt a constitution and to elect officers. We have prepared a draft constitution, which is enclosed with this memo. We will take a formal vote on the constitution, and will elect officers, at the next full membership meeting, to be held on October 25, 1980 (see below).

3. Our first full membership gathering of NE-JACL will be held on October 25, 1980, from 3:00 to 6:00 at the home of Emiko Nishino, [redacted]. This event will be primarily a social occasion, involving a potluck supper. We will hold a short business meeting during the afternoon (see #2 above). Since this event will serve as the "kick-off" for our 1980-81 program year, we enthusiastically urge all individuals interested in JACL to attend. (Please signify your ability to attend by returning the tear-off at the bottom of this page to our PO Box listed above). Directions to the Nishino home: [redacted]

4. Membership dues are now payable. Effective October 1, 1980, dues are \$20.00 per year, which includes national, chapter dues and annual subscription to the Pacific Citizen. We hope you will send your dues to us via mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

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To New England JACL:

- () I will be able to attend the Oct. 25 kick-off gathering.
- () I will not be able to attend the Oct. 25 gathering.
- () Enclosed are my dues for the 1980-81 NE-JACL program year. -

(name)

10-14-80 JACL Notes

- 1) Presidential Commission Hearings (Boston)
- 2) Potential Witnesses $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{expert} \\ \text{personal} \end{array} \right.$
- 3) Structure - Constitution - By-Laws
Caucuses (4)
- 4) Fund Raising
- 5) Memo
- 6) Constitution & By-Laws
must be acceptable to Nat'l
office

Gary send a copy to Nat'l office
& ask for comments

(1) Low-Report

Members make-up

(2)

Res. Coordinator for Nat'l
Committee per Redress
Redress Committee

(2) What would
the JACL ask for?

(\$ 5 Billion
25,000 per person)

"Go For Broke"
Exhibit Feb 1st
(Question/Answer Sheets
Background Information)

(2)

Intent of Commission Hearing
Marsha Symeda (S.F.)
young lawyers -
East Coast Asian Law
Council.

Natl ACLU. John Roberts

$\frac{50 \times 10^8}{25 \times 10^3} = 2 \times 10^5$
 $= 200,000$
 600,000 Membership
 35,000 in membership
 Japan - Am. to

(Ed Ennis - ACLU.)

What about the N.Y. Chapter.
What about support by
memberships

⇒ Drama will stimulate dialog!
SF, LA, Seattle, Chicago, NY
WASH DC

⇒ 1) A Joint NY - Boston - Phila
parade!

2) How much work do we want
to prepare for commission?

3) A salaried position

(4) No 24th Cal. meeting

(5) Try to get hon to speak at
Oct 25th meeting

Oct 25 =

(voting
By - Lawes

send ballot, & vote
right after.

Invited Guest

{ Harvard contact by Mel
Other hosts -
Emilio -
Suzanne Lipsky
Asian - American
B, C 1 Peter Lee call

Agenda Dec 25, 1970
Emiko Nishino's

Introduction < Feb, 1979 Group
March, 1979 1st Formal Meeting

Host - Emiko

Executive Board - Mel Kay
Gary Scott

Meeting 2nd Tuesday

Presentation of Reports

Past Year's Activities - Dave

Visit to Kyoto House

Special Guided Tour of MFA

Redress Forum New Year's Celebration

+ other Redress Activities Scott Miyakawa useist silk trade

Constitution & By-Laws - Gary

Discussion

Voting

Redress Activities - Kay

Membership Report - Mel

\$22.50
proposed

Dues & Application (\$21⁰⁰)

Membership Cards

Student Membership (\$9⁰⁰)

Election of Officers

presentation of slate
other nominations

pres
VP/PROGRAM
TREASURER
SECRETARY

Proposal of Activities & Discussion (see July 22nd Minutes)

Why are you here & views of the organization

i. Sponsor Commission Hearings in Boston
or jointly in NY

ii. Dinner Meeting / Speaker from
Natl Office

iii. Fund Raising Activities

iv. "PAN-ASIAN" forum

v. New Year's Celebration

(Junko's, ^{friendship} issue)

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