

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, JAVA
BASE TECHNOLOGIES, DECEMBER 20, 2008

Present: Bob Nakamoto, Marty Herbert, Earl Takeguchi, Gerald Yamada, Terry Shima, Grant Ichikawa, Calvin Ninomiya, Wade Ishimoto (for part of meeting)

Absent: Bert Mizusawa, Phil Ishio, Mike Yaguchi (excused) Kim Luoma (excused), Kay Wakatake (excused)

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2008. Approved via email.

OLD BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Wade Ishimoto, Chair of the the Nominating Committee. composed of himself, Bill Takakoshi and Terry Shima (Secretary), said the Committee met on November 22, 2008 to decide on a slate of officers for the 2009-2011 term. The slate is as follows: President – Robert Nakamoto, 2nd full term; Vice President – LTC Martin Herbert, USA (Ret), 1st full term; Treasurer – LTC Earl Takeguchi, USA (Ret), 2nd full term; and Secretary – COL Bruce Hollywood, USAF (Ret), first full term.. Ishimoto said in compliance with Bob's request to get maximum participation, the Committee did two things: advised each member in the WDC area to submit names and advised each member outside the WDC area the same thing. There was only one response, i.e. from Tino Dinh, who is now doing graduate work at Charlottesville. The next step is a formal election at the January 17, 2009 Annual General Meeting. If the Annual General Meeting approves, the swearing in will follow with Kevin Secor of VA officiating.

E.C.Action. Gerald moved that the slate be approved; Grant Ichikawa seconded. EC requested the Committee Secretary to notify members through the Round Robin of the slate to be presented and invite other nominations.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Calvin Ninomiya, Scholarship Chair, reported he integrated EC recommendations and finalize the paper for 2009 scholarship awards. Dave Buto has placed appropriate papers on the JAVA website. A press release has been prepared and will be issued soon. Three scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded at the May 16, 2009 Quarterly Lunch.

EC ACTION. None.

JOINT EDUCATION PROJECT. GFBNEC, NJAMF and JAVA Teacher Training Program will be held in Fairfax County Public Schools on March 10, 2009 at Stuart High School. Also, on October 6, 2008 Montgomery County Public Schools interviewed Mary Murakami, Grant Hirabayashi, Grant Ichikawa, Kelly Kuwayama and Terry Shima for an

educational film. If JAVA is satisfied, it is believe the DVD has value outside of Montgomery County.

EC ACTION. None.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAMS. JAVA participated in two events on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008: (1) Veterans Day National Committee program at Arlington Cemetery Amphitheater. President and Mrs. Nakamoto and JAVA color guards represented JAVA. (2) JAVA and NJAMF jointly held its 8th Annual Veterans Day Program at the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism. JAVA appreciates NJAMF donation of \$1,000. The Treasurer reported that he has not received the bills for the 2008 program at the Memorial.

EC ACTION. Chair Mike Yaguchi is requested to submit his accounting.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP. Mike submitted his design for the certificate and the **hand press seal**". It was suggested that the words, Honor, Courage, Patriotism be included in the Certificate. Marty will convey EC suggestions to Mike. Nakamoto, who showed samples, said the certificate can be printed at his office.

EC ACTION. Have the certificates finalized and printed by February 1, 2009.

CARE PACKAGES TO 100th BN, 442ND INFANTRY. Vice President Marty Herbert said he sent 25 gift cards each worth \$20 (total \$500) to CMS Gomes of the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, now deployed in Kuwait. Marty also said he sent an announcement to members to send care packages. This activity is coordinated by Go For Broke National Education Center. Also, Lona Ichikawa sent 3,750 pull tabs to CSM Gomes for his troops to use. Each pull tab gives 25 free telephone minutes. They were given to Lona by the Arlington County American Legion. 25 telephone minutes is probably not enough to use from overseas, however, they can be used within CONUS by their families. Lona and Marty reported this to GFBNEC.

E.C. ACTION. None.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Army Human Resources Command reported that it has received 97 applications from JAVA members and some non members. Of this number they believe some 60-80 will be approved. JAVA may have up to six BSMs to present at the January 17, 2009 Annual General Meeting. MG Tony Taguba, in uniform, will make the presentation.

EC Action. None.

YEAR-END CONTACT WITH JAVA MEMBERS. President Nakamoto suggested that JAVA EC members contact all JAVA members, especially widows and widowers, during the year end holiday to extend greetings. He said many may ve specially lonely this time of the year. EC consensus was favorable. VP Herbert volunteered to be the lead and

make assignments. The following volunteered to be callers: Calvin Ninomiya, Grant Ichikawa; Terry Shima; Bob Nakamoto; Marty Herbert; Gerald Yamada and Earl Takeguchi.

EC Action. Herbert will prepare an assignments list.

NEW BUSINESS

GEN ERIC SHINSEKI. Executive Director reported that on January 14, 2009, the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs will hold a hearing on GEN Shinseki for the position of Secretary of the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Senator Akaka has invited JAVA to submit a written testimony. We hope to have it finalized by January 2nd. There will be no oral testimony, except from the witness, GEN Shinseki. An announcement will be made to invite JAVA members to attend the hearing. At the minimum we would like to have the WW II veterans in their 442nd and MIS caps to attend

EC Action. None for this meeting.

MRS. KIYOKO TSUBOI TAUBKIN. Executive Director reported that Mrs. Taubkin, a former internee and former wife of a New York Times executive, donated a large number of New York Times stock to JAVA. The stock has been transferred to JAVA's account at Regal Securities, Chicago, IL. Mrs. Taubkin was not previously known to JAVA. Her attorney sought out JAVA website on the internet, liked what he read, and called E.D.. We told Mrs. Taubkin the money will be used to tell the Japanese American experience during WW II.

EC Action. Ninomiya moved that Mrs Taubkin be presented with the JAVA *HONOR, COURAGE, PATRIOTISM* plaque, a JAVA coin, and an honorary member certificate and also that a scholarship fund, representing a portion of her donation, be established in her name. Herbert seconded. Motion carried. Bob is paying a courtesy call on Mrs. Taubkin in Portland, Oregon, soon after Inauguration Day and will take with him the plaque, honorary member certificate, and JAVA coin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Shima, Pinch Hitter
Secretary