

An Invitation to Run for the 2016-17 Board of Directors of the Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall (VJLS-JH)

WHAT DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DO?

The VJLS-JH Board of Directors is comprised of elected members at the Annual General Meeting, each for a term of 2 years with a maximum of 5 terms (10-years). Board members are responsible for the leadership, direction and governance of the organization. It is their role to ensure that the organization follows its stated vision, mission and goals and that the organization operates in such a manner that it maintains its status as a registered charity.

Specific duties include:

- Attend and participate in approximately 8 monthly board meetings
- Read relevant information in preparation for board meetings
- Attend organizational planning sessions
- Serve on at least one committee
- Participate in VJLS-JH events
- Prepare for and attend the Annual General Meeting
- Participate in fundraising efforts and initiatives
- Serve for a two-year term, with the option of renewals up to five terms

The Board of Directors as a whole is accountable for the finances, legalities, planning, fundraising, and policy decisions of VJLS-JH.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD?

- An interest in serving your community and an ability to work with others in a respectful manner are basic requirements for being on any volunteer board.
- A belief in the mission and values of VJLS-JH.
- Some previous board experience, especially with a nonprofit society and/or charity would also be helpful.
- You should be able to send and receive email correspondence, as much of the board's work between meetings is conducted via email.
- You will also need to be a current member of VJLS-JH.

WHO IS ON THE BOARD NOW?

Officers:

Chikako Osborne-Saito, Chair
James Tanaka, Vice-chair
Miyuki Ito, Treasurer
Eri Chiang, Secretary

Directors:

Haruji (Harry), Mizuta
Tomi, Asakawa
Sayaka, Iwanaka
Russell, Kada
Donna, Nakamoto

Toshihiro, Togashi

Claude, Trudel

Yoshio (Richard), Yagi

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in November in the Japanese Hall at VJLS-JH in Vancouver. For more information, you may wish to talk with present or former members of the Board. Email vjls@vjls-jh.com