

# Great Lakes JETAA Closed Meeting

07/03/25

8:00pm- 10:00pm

Zoom

## In attendance

- Alicia Smith, Anna Tu (Minutes), Megan Doi, Lily Sun, Kily Buta, Jimmy (JASYP liaison)

## Tentative Agenda

- Usual items:
  - Unfinished Business
  - Officer Reports (including Website Redesign Committee)
- Important Stuff:
  - Formally decide Natcon delegates and submit forms
  - Decide on MI Bon participation and volunteers
  - Decide to what degree we want JASYP invited to our events (with JASYP Liaison/former GLJETAA officer James Wilson attending)
  - Swag order (August 1st is outgoing JET reception)
  - Get OH VP accounts to Emily
- Wrap-up Stuff:
  - Upcoming events
  - To-do list

## Intro

- Previous meeting minutes still need to be reformatted from zoom's AI summary transcription
  - Main points from summary include:
    - Youmacon table
    - Reimbursement process implementation
    - Conversation group
    - Cleveland Museum of Art event

## Agenda

- **Reimbursement process**
  - a. **MD: Requests everyone drop event summary report and photos all into one document in events folder (2025-2026 Events), compile receipts into additional document and label accordingly**
    - i. **Is working on a template document**
- **Conversation group**
  - a. **Will occur bimonthly on 1st friday and 3rd thursday from 6:30-7:30pm**

- i. **Fridays will be hosted by GLJETAA (AT), and Thursdays will be hosted by JASYP**
  - b. AT asked LS best way to send **newsletter info**
    - i. **Via email is best, with any descriptions attached as a note file (or in body of email if not)**
- Website redesign committee
  - a. LS: meeting will be last Thursday of the month
    - i. AS requested events to be added to official google calendar
- Pottery event
  - a. AT: Waiting on pottery studio owner to provide dates and pricing
- Virtual crafting night
  - a. AT: Will pick a date for July before the newsletter deadline
- **JASYP Collaboration**
  - a. Jimmy:
    - i. Michele Plattenburger would like the JASYP and GLJETAA liaison to be a permanent position
    - ii. JASYP wants to have a joint newsletter of some sort for cross-promotion
  - b. AS:
    - i. Asked officers how exclusive we would like GLJETAA events to be (how often we want to collaborate, all events open to both orgs, or just some?)
      - 1. MD would like to know more about who is invited to participate in JASYP events
        - a. Their org. seems to have an age limit, does this apply to event participation or only to membership?
        - b. AS would also like to know how exclusive their events are (are we invited to all of their events?)
      - 2. **MD proposed to host a limited number of co-hosted events to spend job fair money on, and cross-promote our groups**
        - a. Help grow each other's memberships, while having a structure to our collaboration
        - b. MD proposes co-hosting 2 networking membership growth events and 2 social-cultural events
    - ii. Michele Plattenburger has emphasized the importance of JASYP completing their budget proposal for using the job fair funds
      - 1. **AS: would like to seriously discuss the plan for the budget with JASYP to avoid complicating out org's finances**
        - a. MD proposes to set \$2,000 aside for job fair, and \$1,000 for events this year, and divide the rest between our two organizations for whatever is needed
- **Mibon event**
  - a. MD proposed to just have a meetup for members, rather than hosting a table
    - i. Asked officers if we'd like to have a table
      - 1. AS is not sure what our table would be promoting, if the consulate will be present to promote JET

**ii. Event is Sunday, August 10th at Cranbrook, 12-4pm**

1. AS is not available to assist that weekend
2. LS thinks a meetup makes the most sense
3. MD will be hosting a table for JCMU for work
  - a. LS agreed to attend to host meetup**
  - b. MD offered to give KB a ride to event
4. MD suggested using budget to have tea for members who attend
- 5. MD offered to dress people who attend in yukata if they want to try one on**
  - a. Will bring extra**

• **Swag**

- a. AS would like to have stickers to give outgoing JETs on August 1st
  - i. MD has a lot of stickers
- b. LS put together some swag options
  - i. T-shirts, keychains, pens, stickers
    1. About \$980, hasn't checked with nonprofit discounts
    2. T-shirts: \$13.30, 8x XL, 8x L, 8x M, 8x S
      - a. AS would like to know how we will use t-shirts
        - i. We don't know peoples sizes, and how many to order of each size
      - b. MD said JETAA Southern CA gave away shirts to volunteers and outgoing JETS
        - i. Would like to give returnees a shirt
      - c. AS would like officers to have shirts

**3. Officers agreed to circle back to shirts next month**

- ii. AS prefers more stickers because they can be given to anyone, and are inexpensive
  1. The mascot stickers are more popular
    - a. Likes the sticker with both Ohami and the taiko drum together best
    - b. Would like to add our website URL at the bottom
  2. We will order one sticker design, with the above elements
- iii. MD suggested a lanyard rather than a keychain
  1. Officers an Ohami mascot design would be more fun than the GLJETAA logo
  2. AS and LS both prefer keychains (don't use lanyards)
    - a. There is a 25 piece minimum order for keychains
- iv. AS said pens are popular
- v. MD reminded officers that Emily Rich wanted some bookmarks for bookclub
  1. AS Found bookmarks on vistaprint, suggested ordering them together with business cards
- vi. MD would also like business card holders if possible
- vii. AS would like more business cards

- viii. MD suggested custom chopsticks as swag
- c. AS we will need swag for returnees event in the fall
- d. LS will have swag shipped to AS to use for outgoing and returnee JET events
- e. We will be ordering business cards, bookmarks, pens, stickers, this month**
  - i. Officers were debating personalized business cards, but it could be wasteful when officers transition
    - 1. We will order more of the previous generic GLJETAA design
      - a. MD suggested personalized stickers to add officer names

- **Natcon delegates**

- a. KB, AT, ER, and MD volunteered to go
  - i. It is suggested that one person who has gone before goes, along with one new person, and that delegates who will be continuing as officers for the next year or two but we don't have to heed that advice
    - 1. It is also often suggested that president and treasurer attend
- b. First weekend of October, in DC

- c. MD and KB will go**

- i. AT will go next year
- d. Delegates will have out of pocket costs
  - i. Food, nijikai, omiyage
    - 1. Flight, transportation to venue and hotel during conference will be covered
  - ii. AS asked if MD and KB are okay with taking on these costs
    - 1. MD and KB confirmed that is okay
      - a. AS officially proposed delegates
        - i. Officers unanimously approved
- e. AS sent MD and KB natcon delegate registration form via zoom chat

- Quarterly forum

- a. AS
  - i. Natcon was the bulk of the meeting
  - ii. Matt Gillum said that they are still working on the official complaint process for CRs

- **Vote on using budget for natcon hotel costs**

- a. Thursday night is not covered
  - i. AS proposed GLJETAA pay for Thursday night**
    - 1. LS seconded**
      - a. Officers unanimously voted to cover the cost**

## Wrap up

- Will approve previous meeting minutes next meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 10:02pm

## To Do

- 1. All: Get newsletter info to LS by Wednesday 7/9
- 2. LS: Put event photos in discord

3. MD + AS: Budget meeting with JASYP
4. AT: Format June's meeting AI summary minutes

**Next Meeting**

1. Thursday, August 7th at 8:00pm