

## MASSAC and Friends of Aomori Joint Meeting

August 1, 2013

Present: Steve MacDougall, Pat Parker, Don Hudson, Naoto Kobayashi, Henry Prosack, Lisa Adams, Laura Lyons, Suzanne Olson, Vera King, Tom Morse, Ann Thompson

Dinner with CG Muto, July 27, 2013. "Treated with the utmost warmth and courtesy. CG Muto expressed appreciation for the ongoing efforts to strengthen relations between Maine and Aomori. He is going to visit Governor Mimura and wishes to bring a letter from MASSAC, FoA; wanting specific suggestions from Maine as to how to promote Japan; invited 2300 American students to visit Japan this summer – and they want to invest in promoting further instruction in Japanese languages.

Treasurer's Report presented (copy on hand); Report accepted and approved.

Key points for letter from MASSAC / FoA for CG Muto to Governor Mimura –  
\*need to determine purpose of letter – is it talking points for CG? Is it letter from MASSAC / FoA to Governor? Thought is it should be a letter to CG from MASSAC / FoA

We should cite the areas where we feel we have experienced very good success – cite where we need further work stressing the importance of education and arts/culture

Offering to work on letter with Pat Parker – Don Hudson, Henry Prosack

2<sup>nd</sup> International Marine Energy Symposium: group of 10 from Japan coming to Maine (list provided). MASSAC need not be further involved – it will be beneficial to allow UMaine and Hirosaki U further the collaboration.

Henry will represent Maine – staying for the duration – providing support and helping with transportation. Recommendation is to use available funds to assist with costs incurred by Henry

Moved by Don Hudson that FoA provide financial support to cover the expenses of Henry Prosack, not to exceed \$1500. Seconded Steve MacDougall

Don should contact Gayle Z and see if guest housing on campus is available. Motion approved unanimously.

Jimmy is leaving the Aomori Prefecture to take a position in Kyoto tourist bureau. He will be replaced by Bianca Sanchez.

How we define delegation? Do we distinguish between delegations of old and working groups

(similar to what is happening with UM). Are our expectations as to how to do business in synch with their expectations?

Status of goal to conduct a joint printmaking project. Who is/are the contacts in Aomori that would be interested in moving forward with this? **Jiro Ono** is very interested – and MASSAC would need to pursue this to make it happen and to solicit the Prefecture support for the initiative.

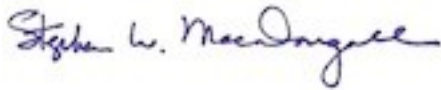
The Arts Committee of FoA will draft a letter to Jiro Ono and lay out the proposal and have this develop as a grassroots initiative that may not directly involve the Prefecture.

Japan Foundation may be a source for grants.

Naoto strongly suggested that we invite Consul General Muto to Maine to reciprocate his hospitality. Suggested the we include JASM and Friends of Shinagawa.

Minutes submitted by Steve MacDougall

8.1.2013

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen W. MacDougall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.



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**TREASURER'S REPORT, April 17, 2012**  
**Summary of financial condition:**

**Bank balance** \$ **2,719.19**

***Account summaries:***

Exchange visits  
Receipts \$ 7,465.00  
Expenses 6,697.39  
Balance 767.61

Scholarships  
Balance 300.00

Operating expenses  
Receipts 1,205.66  
Expenses 1,109.00  
Balance 96.66

Cultural exchange projects balance 1,554.92

**FY 2013 BUDGET (expenditure projections for discussion)**

Operating expenses \$ 4,000  
Exchange visits 6,000  
Scholarships 3,000  
Cultural exchange projects 5,000  
Contingencies 2,000  
TOTAL \$ 20,000

Respectfully submitted,  
*Don Nicoll*  
*Treasurer*