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Pacific Northwest JETAA (US-11)

JETAA Leadership

- JETAA USA Executive/Non-Profit Working Group Member: 2013-present
- PNW JETAA (US-11) Book Club Coordinator: 2012-present
- PNW JETAA (US-11) Treasurer: 2010-2013
 - Attended National Conference in 2012 (San Francisco) and 2011 (Washington DC)
- PNW JETAA (US-11) Vice President: 2010-2011
- PNW JETAA (US-11) Transitions Career Forum + Networking Expo Coordinator: 2010
- PNW JETAA (US-11) Secretary: 2009-2010
 - Attended Regional Technology Conference in 2010 (Portland)

JET Program Support

- JET Program Pre-Departure Orientation Presenter: 2009-present
- Regular volunteer at PNW JETAA and Consulate-General of Japan informational booth: 2009-present
- Regular attendee to Consulate-General of Japan events to represent JETAA: 2009-present
- Presenter on “Success Stories of the JET Program” at seminar hosted by Hyogo Governor Toshizo Ido to promote the Washington State-Hyogo Prefecture sister state relationship: 2011
- JET Candidate Interviewer: 2009 and 2010

JET Participation

- Assistant Language Teacher: 2005-2008 (Takarazuka, Hyogo Prefecture)
- AJET Member: 2005-2008 (Hyogo Prefecture)
 - Hyogo Times Newsletter Contributor: 2006-2008
- Takarazuka International Friendship Center Member: 2005-2008
 - Community Presenter – American Culture: 2006-2008
 - Original Speech Competition Participant – Non-Native Japanese Speaker Division: 2006

JETAA USA is a dynamic and diverse organization that shares the JET Program goals of grassroots internationalization and education, combined with the desire to continue to develop the relationship between Japan and the United States. I am a member of the Pacific Northwest JETAA because I believe in the importance of continuing to promote these critical concepts through my local chapter, JETAA USA and my community.

I joined the PNW JETAA Executive Committee in 2009, after returning from my JET experience in 2008, and since then have held a wide range of positions, learned about the important intricacies of the JETAA relationship with MoFA and CLAIR, as well as actively participated in the chapter’s management and activities. Two of the PNW JETAA programs I find most rewarding are *Transitions Career Forum + Networking Expo* and *Nihongo Dake* events. *Transitions* directly benefits both newly returning and more established alumni in their careers post-JET. The *Nihongo Dake* events are designed to support JETs preparing for departure, alumni who want to stay in

language practice and the community that seeks to interact with JETAA. Both of these programs are examples of excellent opportunities for development and networking between alumni and community leaders, key focuses of JETAA locally and nationally.

Following the National Conference in San Francisco in October 2012, I have had the opportunity to participate with JETAA USA on a national level. Working with the current Country Representatives and the Board of Advisors, we have been tasked with facilitating a grant proposal with the goal of formally establishing a JETAA USA Executive and eventually incorporating as a non-profit organization. I specialize professionally in grant writing and fundraising for small, developing non-profits, so I am excited to be a contributing member of this team. I look forward to continuing my work with them should I be elected Country Representative.

As County Representative, I would like to build upon the strong foundation created through the hard work of previous CRs. Together with my CR colleagues, and working with the guidance of the Board of Advisors, I would support all of the JETAA chapters across the United States as outlined in Exhibit A: JETAA USA Country Representative Job Description of the JETAA USA Bylaws. In addition to this important ongoing responsibility, I would more specifically hope to focus on the following three primary initiatives:

- JETAA USA Executive and Non-Profit Incorporation – Continue with the Working Group to create a sustainable model and a strategic plan for an organization to represent and support all of the chapters in the JETAA USA network. This may include creating realistic budgeting, hiring a national coordinator, fundraising and developing new partnerships.
- Growing and Developing the National and International Presence of JETAA and its Members – Reestablishing a strong presence with our partners in Japan and around the world by creating regular online communications via email press releases, website updates and social media posts highlighting the activities of JETAA chapters and individual alumni making a difference in our local and international communities.
- Interfacing with MoFA and CLAIR to prove JET and JETAA ROI – Candidly and honestly sharing with and learning from our partners and funders in the Japanese government so that we may recruit better JET candidates, better prepare departing JETs for their experiences abroad and ensure that returning JETs become active contributors not only in JETAA, but in their home communities. I believe we can strengthen our network and relationships through clear communication and open dialogue.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve all of the JETAA USA chapters as a Country Representative of the United States and ask for your support. Yoroshiku!