

**Name:** Megan Miller Yoo

**Position Running For:** Country Representative - USA



**Platform:**

Having served as an Executive Officer of JETAANY for the past four years, I have a working knowledge of JETAA USA's needs as well as good relationships with key stakeholders and members in various chapters. I aspire to become US Country Rep in order to help with the following initiatives:

- Coordination of JETAA USA relief efforts that are currently underway to aid the victims in Japan
- Planning and execution of the 2011 National Conference in Washington, DC
- Development and implementation of a worldwide Member Database

Having been involved with coordinating the earthquake relief efforts of the 19 US Chapters over the past week, I feel that I am particularly well-entrenched in the operation of the organization on a macro level and can help enable chapters to work together towards a common goal. I have a good working relationship with the existing CRs, as well as with the leadership in many of the chapters. I also have operated a non-profit company, Charity Chic, for the past six years. Over that time the organization has raised close to \$50,000 for children in Africa.

I also feel that I can provide valuable input and guidance for the 2011 National Conference, as I have in-depth knowledge and experience after having hosted of the 2010 National Conference in New York City. I have already been in touch to with the JETAADC chapter president to assist with initial planning efforts and offer perspective.

Furthermore, JETAANY is in the midst of developing a pilot database that we can later roll out to the rest of the chapters of JETAAi to finally have one source of information of JET Alumni that can be accessed by other alumni as well as Japanese governmental organizations. I would like the opportunity to see this pilot phase through to fruition and help with the rollout.

Over the past four years I have watched the JET Alumni Association blossom as an organization, as we have reached out to more and more former JETs who are impacting society. The quality and caliber of both our members and our events has exponentially increased as we continue to leverage technology to reach members in the far corners of the world and to work toward common objectives. With the current devastation in Japan as well as the lingering threats to the JET program budget, I aim to work in conjunction with the CRs, JETAA members, AJET, and Japanese governmental organizations to demonstrate both our support of Japan and our collective value as former JET program participants with a lasting commitment to Japan. I am a firm believer that we are an enormous asset to Japan as well as US-Japan Relations and would relish the opportunity to continue to demonstrate this fact to the world

I kindly ask the elections committee and JETAA Chapters to consider me as a candidate for USA Country Representative, and genuinely thank you for this consideration.