



# JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE / JACL

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## JACL ANNOUNCES NEW DISTRICT GOVERNORS

**Washington, D.C.**—The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization, announces the election of several new District Governors who have recently joined the National Board.

The JACL's 113 chapters located in 25 states and one chapter in Japan are divided into seven districts. Each geographic district elects a governor to represent them on the National Board. Other National Board members are elected biennially at the National JACL Conventions. Two non-voting positions are appointed by the National President.

The JACL announces the following new governors: Toshi Abe of the Eastern District Council (EDC); Sharon Ishii Jordan of the Midwest District Council (MDC); Chip Larouche of the Pacific Northwest District Council (PNW); and Kerry Kaneichi of the Pacific Southwest District Council (PSW) in California. They are replacing outgoing governors, Kristine Minami (EDC), Leilani Savitt (MDC), Elaine Akagi (PNW), and Alayne Yonemoto (PSW).

District governors who were already serving and are continuing in their capacities are Brian Morishita of the Intermountain District Council (IDC), Alan Nishi of the Northern California Western Nevada and Pacific District Council (NCWNP), and Marcia Chung of the Central California District Council (CCDC) in California.

The current National JACL Board elected or appointed officers are: Larry Oda, President; Sheldon Arakaki, Vice President of General Operations; Ron Katsuyama, Vice President of Public Affairs; David Kawamoto, Vice President of Planning and Development; David Lin, Vice President of Membership; Joshua Spry, Secretary-Treasurer; Kimberly Shintaku, Youth/Student Council Chair; Brandon Mita, Youth/Student Representative; Michelle M. Yoshida, Legal Council; and Marge Yamamoto, Pacific Citizen Editorial Board Chair.

The JACL welcomes new members into the organization and encourages members to run for National Board positions (two year terms) which will be voted upon at the 2010 National JACL Convention in Chicago from June 30 to July 4, 2010.

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