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Recent National JACL Board Changes

Larry Grant has been selected as the Vice President of Membership on the National JACL Board. He replaces Edwin Endow, who recently resigned from his second term for personal reasons. Mr. Grant, who is from the Wasatch Front North Chapter in the Ogden, Utah, area was appointed by National President Larry Oda to fill out the remainder of Mr. Endow's term of office which is scheduled to end at the National JACL Convention in July 2008.

Mr. Grant has been very active in the leadership of the Salt Lake City Chapter, the Wasatch Front North Chapter, and in other levels of the JACL. He has been a District Governor for the Intermountain District Council (IDC) and served as the Nominations Chair for the past two National JACL Conventions.

The new district governor for the IDC is Brian Morishita of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mr. Morishita has been actively involved with the JACL since he was an adolescent on the National JACL Youth Council. He has served as Chapter President and Vice President and in various other capacities. He served previously as a Vice Governor for the IDC. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Idaho State University. He has attended the JACL/OCA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. and has participated in several National JACL Conventions.

The IDC covers the areas of Utah, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Southeast Oregon, and the eastern portion of Nevada. Mr. Morishita replaces Silvana Watanabe from the Mount Olympus Chapter.

Elaine Akagi, district governor of the Pacific Northwest District, was reelected as governor and serves as the Governors' Caucus Chair. Other District Governors currently serving are: Alan Nishi, Northern California Western Nevada Pacific District; Alayne Yonemoto, Pacific Southwest District; Ron Katsuyama, Midwest District Council; Bobbi Hanada, Central California District Council; and Kristine Minami, Eastern District Council.