

**Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth**  
*Nominees for Board of Directors*  *June 7, 2011*

**OFFICERS**

**JAPANESE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: Kenzo Nakahashi**

Kenzo Nakahashi, Vice President of Planning and Development Management at Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc., served a term as Japanese First Vice President for JASDFW in 2007-2008. In 1971, after graduating from the University of Tokyo with a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering, Kenzo began his career with Fujitsu Laboratories Limited. Four years later, he joined Fujitsu Limited where he served the company in various capacities, including Manager of the Transport Systems Department, Director of Software Development and Vice General Manager of the Optical Transmission Systems Division.

**TREASURER: Craig Fischer**

Mr. Fischer is a Partner with KPMG LLP. He joined KPMG in 1995, and specializes in audit and risk advisory services for companies in the industrial, electronics, software, and healthcare industries. Mr. Fischer also serves as a national and international instructor at KPMG, having taught accounting and auditing classes for KPMG in several countries throughout Europe and Asia. Mr. Fischer holds a B.S. and M.S. in Accounting from The University of North Texas.

**DIRECTORS**

**Ed Oakley (Term Ending 2012)**

The Honorable Ed Oakley served on the Dallas City Council for six years from 2001-2007. During his tenure, he led three Dallas delegations to Sendai, Japan, and embraced the Dallas/Sendai International Friendship Cities relationship. As Councilman, Mr. Oakley chaired the Trinity River Committee and served on the Finance, Audit and Accountability Committee; Transportation and Environment Committee; the Downtown Improvement District; and the Trinity River Executive Committees. Mr. Oakley currently serves on the boards of the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Zoological Society, Trinity Commons, and Davis Garden TIF District.

**Christiana Stich (Term Ending 2013)**

Ms. Stich was elected to the JASDFW Board in 2000 and served as American Second Vice President in 2005-06, Secretary 2003-05, and Awards Dinner Chairman in 2001 & 2002. She lived in Asia for more than 24 years, including eight years in Japan, where she served as Ambassador from Dallas to Tokyo from 1995-1999. She is an E-500 hour certified yoga instructor. Ms. Stich received her B.B.A. from Texas Tech University and her M.B.A. from Asia International Open University in Hong Kong.

**Elaine Browning (Term Ending 2014)**

Ms. Browning is a long-time member of JASDFW, including a stint as a Board member from 1999 – 2005. During that time she organized the Women's Outreach, arranging exchanges, field trips, and social events between Japanese and American women in the area. While twice living in Japan in the 1990's, she worked as an English teacher and curriculum consultant for a large juku in Mie Prefecture and later as an adjunct instructor in the School of Economics at Sophia University, Tokyo, teaching Business English and Cross-Cultural Issues to undergraduates. Elaine is knowledgeable regarding expatriation/repatriation issues for employees and their families, as well as cross-cultural issues for residents and travelers on both sides of the Pacific. She holds a BA degree from Mount Holyoke College, an MBA from Southern Methodist University, and a certificate from Tokyo Institute of Japanese Language (Naganuma).

**Curtis Harris (Term Ending 2014)**

Mr. Harris is the founder and a Principal of Harris Resources, PC, an actuarial firm specializing in the design, implementation, and actuarial valuation of employee benefit plans. He served as President of JASDFW in 2006-07. He joined the JASDFW Board of Directors in 1999, following several years as liaison to JASDFW representing the South Dallas Cultural Center. Mr. Harris is an enrolled actuary, an associate in the Society of Actuaries, and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and the Southwest Benefits Association. He received his B.S. in mathematics from Morehouse College and an M.S. in actuarial mathematics from the University of Michigan.

**Sam Shichijo (Term Ending 2014)**

Dr. Shichijo has been a Research Professor in the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Texas at Dallas since January 2010. Prior to this, he held the position of TI Fellow in the External Development and Manufacturing Group at Texas Instruments. During his 28-year career with TI, he held various technical and managerial positions within the research and development organization. He has served eight years on the JASDFW Board of Directors, including one year as President in 2007 and two years as Japanese Second Vice President. He is also a member of Dallas Japanese Association. Dr. Shichijo received his B.S.E.E from the University of Tokyo and his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Ken Wakabayashi (Term Ending 2014)**

Mr. Wakabayashi is Vice President of Business Planning at 7-Eleven, Inc. His role is to cross-functionally develop short-term and long-term plans based on store needs to fully execute 7-Eleven's corporate strategy. Previously, Ken held 7-Eleven positions including Director of Operations Support, Vice President of Operations Support and Intelligence and Vice President of Store Support. Prior to joining 7-Eleven, Ken was at Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd., where he was responsible for the Corporate Development and Finance areas of the business. Ken has served in a number of roles at Seven-Eleven, Japan Co., Ltd., including work in Corporate Planning and Store Operations. Ken received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Montevallo.

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