



**ONTARIO
BAND
ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the
2022-23 Board of the Ontario Band Association
Monday, September 19, 2022
via Zoom, 7pm

Present

EXECUTIVE

Angela Tran	President	
Matthew Rodnick	President-Elect	
Andria Kilbride	Treasurer	
Steffan Brunette	Secretary	<i>regrets</i>
Lynn Tucker	Past-President	

DIRECTORS: Institutional

Chris Reesor	Industry	<i>regrets</i>
Dan Austin	Membership	

DIRECTORS: Symposia

Matthew Peter	Wind Conductors' Symposium	
Danielle Kolenko	Beginning Band Symposium	
Simone Gendron	Capital Region Wind Band Symposium	

DIRECTORS: Festivals

Mark Caswell	Provincial Band Festival	
Shashi Ramu	Small Ensemble Festival	

DIRECTORS: Honour Bands

Matthew Rodnick	Western Intermediate Honour Band	
Alicia Kennedy	Ontario Provincial Honour Band	
Troy Jones	Laurier Elementary Honour Band	
Lani Sommers	Capital Region Elementary Honour Band	

POSITIONS of RESPONSIBILITY

Ari Mohindra	Communications Co-ordinator	
Sarah Arcand	Elementary Music Education Advocate	
Pratik Gandhi	OBA-CBA(On) Liaison	
Mitch McIntyre	Regional Representative, North	<i>regrets</i>
Mary Thornton	Regional Representative, Near North	
Cynthia Yuschyshyn	Regional Representative, East	
Dan Austin	Regional Representative, West	
Alecia Blackman	Regional Representative, Golden Horseshoe	
Nikole Valkanas	Regional Representative, Central	<i>regrets</i>
Jennifer Cresswell	Regional Representative, Central	
Jacynthe Fugère-Bourdages	Regional Representative, French Boards	

MEMBERS

Lisa Barth	Dunbarton High School	
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1. Call to Order

Tran called the meeting to order at 7:02pm
Tran began with a land acknowledgement.
In the absence of *Brunette*, *Kilbride* will take the minutes.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda.
Moved by *Tran*. Seconded by *Jones*. Motion carried.

3. Ratification of the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting from June 2022.

Moved by *Kolenko*. Seconded by *Rodnick*. Motion carried.

4. Summary of Action Items from Previous Meetings

[8a] for the Executive: investigate tech needs and volunteer team for tech usage at the BBS
 [9b] for all: send a list of camps to Arcand
 [10e] for all: review the package prepared by Thornton and Blackman; looking for direction in the fall
 [11b] for *Tran*: give feedback on TYWO proposal, ask for clarification

5. Announcements

Tran relayed that *Brunette* wished to express his appreciation to everyone who has supported him in the resumption of his cancer treatments. He has finished three cycles out of a potential eight cycles, and today is receiving a scan to check on the progress of treatments so far.

Tran: Thank you to our French speaking volunteers and board members. *Natasha* has agreed to continue with us as a volunteer to continue the translation

Tran: Thank you to *Gendron* and *Fugère-Bourdages* for double checking *Natasha*'s work and providing feedback to the translated documents.

Tran: CommsTask2022 channel on Slack will be the new area to send requests for *Mohindran*. The tasks will go into a database. Members are able to mute the channel in Slack if it is overwhelming.

6. Reports from the Executive

(a) President

see attached report

(b) President-Elect

no report submitted

(c) Treasurer

see attached report

(d) Secretary

see attached report

DISCUSSION ITEM: Onboarding Presentation

Besides the items listed in the report, are there additional organizational details that new Directors and PORs need to know about OBA operations?

Tran asked if there were any other items to be added to the list. *Tran* suggested to add information about communicating through Slack and our Email accounts

Cresswell asked for clear language surrounding paying for symposiums.

Kilbride asked to add proposals for new events to the Onboarding document.

Arcand asked if we were going to re-evaluate our vision of the organization. *Tran* responded that it was not the focus of the onboarding document.

(e) Past-President

no report submitted

7. Reports from Directors: Institutional Portfolios

(a) Membership

see attached report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Virtual Membership Video recording for BBS

- *Austin* mentioned that he will send a note to our membership with clear wording/reminder about what is going to be available for the event

(ii) Setting up YouTube live stream

- *Ramu* mentioned that we could not livestream
- we cannot record the whole event
- Repertoire and Technique sections are ok to record for the event
- *Ramu* is making a note to contact publisher and clinician to get clarification
- *Barth* mentioned that we need to clearly outline the difference between livestream and recorded
- *Arcand* - would like us to be sure to be inclusive and make sure our virtual members know what they have signed up for
- *Ramu* and *Balmages* agreed that the resources/video would be available for a limited amount of time in a private space for our virtual members.
- *Ramu* asked if we had the resources (time and funding) to be ready to livestream in 2 weeks time
- *Rodnick* said that he could use equipment from his school to use as a backup

- *Ramu* asked if the live streaming/recording should be covered by the symposium budget or an OBA operations budget
- *Rodnick* explained that we were declined for the livestream kits through trillium

(b) Industry
no report submitted

8. Reports from Directors: Event Portfolios

(a) Beginning Band Symposium
see attached report

DISCUSSION ITEM

(i) Volunteers Needed

Kolenko said we need about 5 volunteers.

Board members: Kilbride, Rodnick, Kennedy, Cresswell, Mohindra

31 people registered so far

(b) Provincial Honour Band
see attached report

(c) Capital Region Wind Band Symposium
see attached report

(d) York Wind Conductors' Symposium
no report submitted

(e) Western Intermediate Honour Band
see attached report

Rodnick wanted to reiterate that the WIHB is open to people from across the province, and the Board was encouraged to promote it. It will be open to grades 9 to 11 students this year.

(f) Laurier Elementary Honour Band
see attached report

Jones identified that Colin Clarke is being firmed up for the Laurier Honour Band.

(g) Capital Region Elementary Honour Band
see attached report

(h) Provincial Band Festival
no report submitted

The summer was spent looking for a new venue. The Canadian Chinese Cultural Centre is a possible venue. It will be cheaper than LeParc, but these are estimates right now. The venue's space will be different, including a proper theatre space. Three or four adjudicators are lined up. It will be a return to an earlier festival model that involves a performance space, and then a separate workshop space.

Gandhi has been involved with a MusicFest Syllabus review. The PBF will allow both the current OBA Syllabus or the new MusicFest Syllabus for this year.

(i) Small Ensemble Festival
see attached report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Responses to Non-Participant Survey

There were 11 responses to the survey, which was looking at schools and teachers who haven't been previously involved with the festival. Most fall in the Central and West of the GTA. *Ramu* will now get feedback from teachers who have been previously involved.

(ii) Curriculum Materials Package: collaborators needed

Ramu is looking for people to help develop a curriculum plan. *Cresswell* offered her experience from a previous OMEA presentation. *Tran* suggested that a meeting between *Ramu*, *Tran*, and *Tucker* would help confirm venue issues.

(iii) Size & Duration of Festival; Number of Schools vs Potential

This will be discussed once the venue can be established.

9. Reports from Positions of Responsibility

(a) Communications Co-ordinator
see attached report

(b) Elementary Music Education Advocate
see attached report

Arcand wanted the Board to consider how the Elementary Advocate can be involved with the planning of various events.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Sharing Advocacy information beyond the MMI

Arcand pointed out the new OBA/Bandology series on advocacy. These will be released monthly, but also released on the website. OMEA is already full with the conference schedule, so a formal presentation isn't possible. But, printed material could be available at our table.

(ii) How can the EMEA be working with other events and portfolios

There was no discussion on this point.

(c) CBA(Ontario) Liaison

see attached report

Thornton recapped a meeting with *Gandhi* and Joe Resendes about the massed band project that was previously discussed as the "Rejuvenating Band Educators" plan. This means that the CBA(Ontario) will take this on entirely. *Gandhi* suggested that eventually the OBA can get back involved and help expand the project to other regions.

Resendes encouraged OBA participants to join the CBA(Ontario) weekend, and was willing to offer our members the CBA(Ontario) rate.

10. Reports from Regional Liaisons

(a) North

no report submitted

(b) Near North

nil report

Thornton found a sponsor to put on a reading session of young band repertoire, with conductor Nancy Promane. It was a very successful event.

(c) East

see attached report

(d) West

see attached report

(e) Golden Horseshoe

see attached report

(f) Central

see attached report

Cresswell identified the need to have teachers in the school boards to serve as “messengers”. *Tran* suggested to work with Membership to reach out to current members. There is the opportunity to recruit at the OMEA conference.

(g) French Schools

see attached report

11. Scheduled Orders of Business**(a) Final Board Vote for TYWO Elementary Honour Band 2023****MOTION**

Whereas the Board of the OBA supports the initiative of the Toronto Youth Wind Orchestra’s Elementary Honour Band 2023, *be it resolved* that the Board agrees to allow the TYWO Elementary Honour Band 2023 use the OBA’s branding in its promotion, and that the OBA will support the 2023 project through communicating their advertising to the OBA membership via normal channels and social media. The Board of OBA will not assume any financial or personnel responsibilities for the project.

Moved by *Tran*. Seconded by *Sommers*.

There was one vote opposed.

There were eight votes in favour.

Motion carried.

Jones expressed concerns that the TYWO event might overlap with the Laurier event within a week or two. The two geographical centres might be located far enough away, but *Jones* has seen a wider GTA interest in the Laurier event. Our focus will be on helping to promote, and we will need to think about clarifying the messaging between the two events.

(b) Board Review of Golden Horseshoe Festival Proposal

Ramu outlined the proposal. There is no need for the OBA to be involved with the festival until 2024, since it will be run under its standard format in 2023.

Caswell reflected on an early attempt to integrate this festival about two decades ago. There is a great opportunity here to expand, but it’s important that the OBA branding of the Golden Horseshoe festival doesn’t interfere with the specific expectations generated from the PBF. This includes things like the type of adjudicators hired, and aligning financial expectations.

Austin identified that the larger goal is to move the Golden Horseshoe under the OBA umbrella for further support and the organizational expertise that we can

offer. Otherwise, the Golden Horseshoe festival is at risk of losing their volunteers and committees and the festival may not survive.

There is no need for any decisions or commitments yet. As the need to formalize the transition happens, there will be a need for the Board to exert further oversight.

Caswell had concerns about attaching the OBA branding without having an OBA membership tie to it.

(c) Friends of the OBA

This discussion was held during the Central Representative's report.

(d) OMEA Conference and AGM

The AGM will happen on November 4 at 12:30.
A sign-up list for the conference table will be sent out soon.

(e) Dissolution of the National Youth Band 2022 Position of Responsibility

MOTION

Whereas the purposes of the National Youth Band 2022 POR has been fulfilled and is no longer required, *be it resolved* that under the authority of Article VII, Section 1(ii)(b) of the bylaws, the Board of Directors eliminate this Position of Responsibility, and advise the Secretary to prepare Bylaw Amendments enacting the same.

Moved by *Tran*. Seconded by *Kennedy*. None opposed. **Motion carried.**

12. New Business

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by *Gendron*. Seconded by *Sommers*. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.