



Minutes of the Special General Meeting  
of the Ontario Band Association  
**Saturday, January 29, 2022**  
via Zoom, 10am

## Present

### EXECUTIVE

Angela Tran	President
Matthew Rodnick	President-Elect
Andria Kilbride	Treasurer
Steffan Brunette	Secretary
Lynn Tucker	Past-President

### DIRECTORS: Institutional

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

### DIRECTORS: Symposia

Matthew Peter	Wind Conductors' Symposium	<i>regrets</i>
Danielle Kolenko	Beginning Band Symposium	<i>regrets</i>
Simone Gendron	Capital Region Wind Band Symposium	

### DIRECTORS: Festivals

Mark Caswell	Provincial Band Festival	<i>regrets</i>
Shashi Ramu	UTSC/OBA Small Ensemble Festival	

### DIRECTORS: Honour Bands

Matthew Rodnick	Western Intermediate Honour Band	
Alicia Kennedy	Ontario Provincial Honour Band	
Troy Jones	Laurier Elementary Honour Band	<i>regrets</i>
Lani Sommers	Capital Region Elementary Honour Band	<i>regrets</i>

### POSITIONS of RESPONSIBILITY

Scott Harrison	National Youth Band 2020 Project	<i>regrets</i>
Meera Mohindra	Communications Co-ordinator	
Sarah Arcand	Elementary Music Education Advocate	
Pratik Gandhi	OBA-CBA(On) Liaison	
Mary Thornton	Regional Representative, Near North	
Cynthia Yuschyshyn	Regional Representative, East	
Dan Austin	Regional Representative, West	
Alecia Blackman	Regional Representative, Golden Horseshoe	<i>regrets</i>
Nikole Valkanas	Regional Representative, Central	<i>regrets</i>
Jennifer Cresswell	Regional Representative, Central	
Jacynthe Fugère-Bourdages	Regional Representative, French Boards	<i>regrets</i>

### MEMBERS

Beryl Macleod  
David Lum  
Alicia Mighty  
Lisa Barth

## 1. Call to Order

*Tran* called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

Annual and Special General Meetings require at least 3% of the OBA Membership to be present. With 137 registered members, and 18 members in attendance, quorum is established.

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion to adopt the agenda.**

Moved by *Tran*. Seconded by *Kilbride*. Motion carried.

## 3. Land Acknowledgement

*Tran* delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

## 4. Presentation of a new Membership tier: “Virtual Membership”

*Tran* presented the language for the Bylaw amendment.

*Austin* outlined the benefits related to the creation of the Virtual Membership:

- Virtual/streamed access to OBA events across the province, regardless of geographic location
- Opportunity to participate in, and watch OBA events from home
- Strengthen our OBA music educator network to include teachers from more rural communities
- Opportunity to upgrade to a full OBA membership if a virtual member decides to attend an event in-person

*Gandhi* asked about the process of upgrading to an in-person membership. Would the upgrade last for the year? Or only to the expiry of the original Virtual Membership?

*Lum* advised that the OMEA ran into issues with members joining part way through the year. *Lum* also asked if Virtual Members would have to also pay an event fee. *Austin* clarified that there would be event costs involved for all members. Also, Regular Members can continue to attend virtual events if they choose.

A pro-rated amount might be possible. The monthly “upgrade” pro-rated monthly rate would be \$3 per month. There was general agreement that using the pro-rated amount to upgrade the membership was acceptable.

*Thornton* asked about the cost of streaming. *Rodnick* announced that the Trillium Grant included the request to have four streaming kits that would be available in four geographic areas.

*Gandhi* asked if Student Membership can also upgrade. *Austin* clarified that they would, with an upgraded pro-rated monthly rate of \$1 per month.

## 5. MOTION

*Whereas* the creation of a Virtual Membership would serve to expand the reach of the OBA, *be it resolved* that the Membership approve the Virtual Membership and set its annual fee to the amount of \$25.

**Moved by Dan Austin. Seconded by Kilbride.** None opposed. **Motion carried.**

The following will be added to the Bylaws of the OBA, under Article II “Membership and Fees”, Section 1 “Membership”:

*(a) A Virtual Member is a person who would otherwise qualify as a Regular or Student member, but who is only entitled to attend events through an online platform;*

*(b) A Virtual Member pays a reduced amount of the Annual Membership Fee of a Regular Member as determined in Article II.*

## 6. New Business

There was no new business.

## 7. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Moved by *Tran*. Seconded by *Tucker*. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23am.