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Association of Shrine Oriental Bands



An interim publication till the launch of the new ASOB website

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Welcome Newly Chartered Abou Saad Shriners Oriental Band Panama City, Panama

History Made on November 18 2017 with the first time charter of an Oriental Band outside the continental U.S. and Canada



Presentation of Charter:

L to R Nobles: Jaime Zelaya, Rodolfo Moreno, Chris Tsaros President A.S.O.B.,
Ricaurte (Ricky) Arrocha Potentate

ASOB Welcomes Abou Saad Shriners OB

Welcome to the best of the Best of the Best in Shrinedom



Charter presentation with Abou Saad Band Members, Temple Officers, and A.S.O.B. Delegates

Back Row L to R Nobles: Pedro Detresno, Eladio Tribaldos, Mequisedec Rodrigues, Jaime Zelaya, Alvaro Thompson, Rodolfo Moreno, Chief Rabban, Potentate Ricaurte (Ricky) Arrocha, P.P. Alberto Thompson, Art Laing (Director Al Azhar OB Calgary), Aristides Barria

Front Row A.S.O.B. Delegation -L to R Nobles: Clay Frotten, President P.N.S.O.B.A, A.J. Dicaro Band Director, Chris Tsaros, President A.S.O.B., Harry Pressman, First VP, A.S.O.B., Bill Bailey, Past President and current Secretary Treasurer ASOBCS

ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE ORIENTAL BANDS INTERNATIONAL



VISION

**A HEALTHY ORIENTAL BAND COMMUNITY
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN**



MISSION

**TO PROVIDE THE TOOLS FOR FUN, MUSIC,
RECRUITMENT AND FUNDRAISING
FOR THE ORIENTAL BAND COMMUNITY**

WE WORK



SO OUR KIDS CAN PLAY

**Chris Tsaros - President
Ladder of Smiles Goal for 2017-18**

\$85,000

Join me in making this year's goal a reality



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nobles All,

On November 18, 2017 the newly formed Abou Saad Shriners Oriental Band in Panama City Panama, helped us make history by becoming the first oriental band to be chartered outside the Continental U.S. and Canada.

This historic event was the culmination of a one year journey. Managing this project to completion gave me the opportunity to experience firsthand how our Shriner bonds transcend borders.

It all started with an email to the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands (ASOB) inquiring if there was a possibility to acquire used instruments for a new band in Panama City, Panama (Abou Saad). After the usual hand wringing and the hope that someone did answer

the call, a second request arrived a number of weeks later

My call to action was answered from different corners of the Oriental Band domain. First to answer the call was my own band the Al Azhar Shriners OB in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Led by our Band Director Art Laing the band made the decision to provide a complete set of instruments for 18 musicians.

Jeff Moores, past ASOB President contributed surplus uniforms from Melha his OB. Alas the momentum built to this point was suddenly disrupted by the first major obstacle in the journey. Shipping the instruments from Calgary to Panama required a long journey by truck to Eastern Canada, and then on to a cargo ship for the journey down to Panama. Total shipping costs amounted to US\$2100.00.

At the annual ASOB planning meeting I made an appeal to my fellow ASOB executive members for help. The call for contributions to cover the cost was met within 5 minutes. Joining me in making sizeable contributions were:

Joe Brewton (recently deceased), Ralph Jubb, Don Moores and A.J. Di Caro. Total raised was US\$1800. The remaining US\$300 was contributed by the Abou Saad Oriental Band members.

I am very grateful to Potentate Ricaurter (Ricky) Arrocha his Divan and all the members of the Abou

Saad Oriental Band for the care and hospitality afforded to me my lady Carmella and the ASOB delegation that accompanied me. We had a great time in Panama with tours of the Panama Canal and other Panama City highlights.

A special thanks to Lady Sandra Stanziola the Administrative Assistant for Abou Saad Shriners. Over our journey together in helping to get the instruments from Canada to Panama, I became convinced that Lady Sandra, knew how to part waters and move mountains.

Thank you lady Sandra for all your invaluable efforts.

When you get a chance visit the Abou Saad Shriners and play with the band. Those of us who offered music workshops during our stay were impressed with the resident talent in the band, the incredible drive and fantastic attitude evident. They are fun to hang around with. We offered new music to them which was well understood to the extent that the band performed brilliantly at the evening ceremonial.

And yes a few of us did affiliate with Abou Saad. I think the extra fancy shirts is what did it.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF ABOU SAAD ORIENTAL BAND

Miquel Canales
Ricaurter Arrocha
Aristides Barria
Alberto Thompson
Alexander J. Di Caro
Rodolfo Moreno
Raul De Obaldia
Jaime Zelaya
Eduardo Crocamo
Joseph Salterio
Eladio Tribaldos
Israel Gordon
Miquel Brostella
Bill Bailey
Harry Pressman

Highlights from the Abou Saad November 2017 Ceremonial and OB Charter Festivities



Charter Members



From your Officers

First Vice President

Harry Pressman

All is quiet in Texas for now. Lots of snow in the northern part of the state and cold in the south.

The Arabia O/B is planning a trip to Charro Days in Brownsville, Texas as guests

AI Amin Shriners. This is one heck of a parade.

Will let you know how things went in Brownsville.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Year Eve.

I would like to see everyone in Kansas City for the ASOB Jamboree, May 4th and 5th.

Second Vice President

Darren A. De Hass P.P.

Es salaam Alaikum, again my Brothers!

The Second Annual Kansa City Jamboree is building on the excitements of the first version in 2017. We had great feedback on the good time had by everyone attending and to that

excitement we have added two new events for the very first time in the history of the ASOB annual competitions.

First is live entertainment to the choreography and sounds of A'isha. This talented lady from Kansa City is a well-known entertainer about who you can discover on her website at <http://www.aishadancer.com/>. A'isha will be featured at our awards evening on Saturday May 5th.

Another exciting addition to our schedule of events is a public performance by the combined group of bandsmen in downtown Kansas City. You will be briefed on the format of this event on Friday afternoon. We intent to Raise the Roof in Kansas City with this event by raising awareness about Shriners Hospital and maybe collect some money for the Ladder of Smiles along the way. We expect and will arrange for full press coverage for this performance format we know you will find exciting. Hold on to you headgear sign up for the Jamboree in Kansas City and come on down and be ready to raise the roof with our heavenly sounds this side of paradise.

From your Officers

Third Vice President

Norm Tinkum

Being the “New kid on the block” I would like to say how honored I am to have been elected to the ASOB line. Having been a Past President of the now defunct WASOB, I know the challenges we are facing and I will try to the best of my ability to try and meet them.

As far as the situation in the West is concerned we are having issues with bands that used to be active, but no longer are. We currently have three active bands; Kerak, Asiya and Ben Ali. I am in the process of emailing the other Shrine centers to determine their status in order to plan a follow-up strategy.

The Asiya Arabians are very active locally, participating in several parades and hosting fund raisers, such as Arabian Luau, Gourmet breakfast and Old-Time Radio shows.

We also perform at all Asiya ceremonials and participate with Kerak at their Reno Rodeo Parade and Shrine Circus. We also hope to attend the Jamboree in Kansas City.

Sergeant at Arms

Richard Sobek

When I first accepted this position, I did not know what to do with this chance. After spending a weekend with our President, Chris Tsaros, I know my work. I would like to start off my year by asking ALL existing Oriental Bands to send the name of their Temple and web address, Music Director and Secretary, including name, address, phone, and email address and Facebook page if used. The files seriously need updating and I have taken it upon myself to aid in this process. I realize that as members get older, the ranks are getting smaller. As I stepped down as President of ASOBCS, I could only say, IAM-RU. This not only refers to being or becoming a proud Shriner, but to the need to get our younger members into a GREAT unit. This does not take much other than a quick question, “Do you like playing music or are willing to learn, wearing exotic clothing, and making people dance and smile?” Remember, the Oriental Bands do much to raise funds for our Hospitals through Ladder of Smiles events. Here at

Abdallah, Camel Herders run by the OB work year round to raise our annual donation. I look forward to this year and hope ALL of my OB family throughout the United States reading this will aid in keeping and rebuilding one of the BEST parts of any Temple. Please send your information in and let's get up to date!

From the Ambassadors near you

Wishing Pacific North Shrine Association Ambassador Jimmy Boda a SPEEDY RECOVERY, on his recent surgery. You are truly bionic now Jimmy.

Bob Stihler - Florida

Season's Greetings from the Sunshine State.

Noble Robert Woodall, Treasurer of the Bahia Oriental Band, reported that the Bahia Shrine Center has not yet occupied its new quarters in Apopka, FL. When the center opens, the Units will not have dedicated rooms as were available when the Center was in Orlando, FL. The Band is still "dark", however he and President Millard Smith occasionally meet for some Camel's Milk to conduct necessary Band business.

Sahib Oriental Band held elections for 2018 and Noble Floyd LaDue will be President, with 1st VP Noble Robert Stihler, Treasurer Noble Tom McGill and Secretary Noble Jimmy Austin, remaining in their respective offices. Noble Jimmy has been a bit under the weather, however his son Noble James Austin has been taking meeting notes for him.

Bandsmen and Ladies from the former Egypt Oriental Band, which sadly folded its tent in March 2017, will be holding a Post-Christmas Reunion in January 2018 to meet, greet and eat to reminisce about the "Good Old Days".

Remember the Ladder of Smiles and the children in the hospitals.

J Woodley Halifax Nova Scotia

Report from Philae Oriental Band
Our numbers are still decreasing. We have gathered together 6- 7 to install our ne Potentate on January 13th.

I will be difficult with only one musette player but, the show must go on. I am certain the members will do their best to entertain the Nobility and their Ladies.

I am forwarding a picture I sent to you some time ago (not in uniform) hope you can use it.

As it is January 3rd, we are expecting a Nor Easterly to hit on Thursday. Being an old Navy vet with an eye on the weather, I have secured everything movable and closed the Hurricane door. We live on the Halifax Harbour 360 days of beauty and 5 days of panic. This is one of them.

Keith Oviatt Mid-Atlantic

The Holiday season over and we had a white Christmas. Snow is still on the ground and the temperature is low!

MASOBA has not been busy since the fall. Next activity will be the Mid-Winter meeting hosted by Rajah Oriental Band in Reading, PA. On February 24, 2018 at the Inn at Reading. The Band will also have a Past President/Ladies night banquet in the evening with the hospitality room open all day Fri and Sat. For more Information contact John Grumbein at jkgrumbein@aol.com (610)395-6578 or 7520 Trexler Circle, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

The Black Camel visited Past President Don Fuhrman, who was also the Chaplain for MASOBA. He and Bud

Moore were the only two horn players for the Lancaster OB and due to low numbers the band decided to cease to exist. The band had been a mainstay for years in MASOBA. The entire band and Don will be greatly missed.

It would be nice if we were as smart as our dog thinks we are!



Guess which band?

**Watch for the ASOB new
website launch
February 15, 2018**

LADDER OF SMILES

MIKE HARTUP, CHAIRMAN

SUPPORT THE LADDER OF SMILES!

As an Oriental Bandsman, it is our obligation to financially help our children and our hospital. It is up to each bandsman, band, and regional association to provide, in their own way, funds to treat the children that need our help. Some bandsmen do this by way of a memorial donation or honorarium, a bequest or just a donation. Some bands pass the fez at their meetings, hold a raffle, or have a fundraising event. Some associations contribute as well. The T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting, March 23 – 25, 2018, in Tyler TX, is having a raffle to benefit the LADDER OF SMILES. At one T.A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter meeting a wagon was auctioned off not once but TWICE, bringing in over \$1400.00 (in addition to other treasures in the auction) to help our kids.

What can you as an individual bandsman, member of a band, or member of an association do?

SUPPORT THE LADDER OF SMILES!

The smiles of children DO make it all worthwhile.

See you at the Jamboree in Kansas City, May 4 – 6. 2018!

Urgent Appeal

Your Support is urgently needed. We are behind this year's goal of \$85,000



ASOB AWARDS GALA FEATURING

A'isha



Kansas City's Belly Dance Star

A'isha is a practitioner of the ancient art of Oriental-style belly dancing, A'isha's expressive and vibrant performances will transport you to a mysterious and exotic land of enchantment. Originally from Romania and the producer of the longest-running belly dance show in Kansas City, 1001 Arabian Nights, A'isha breathes new life into the age-old tradition of belly dance right here in the Midwest and beyond. She is teaching and performing regularly in the Kansas City area and has been a guest performer at many national and international belly dance festivals and events.



Second Annual ASOB Jamboree

May 4 thru May 6, 2018

Kansas City, Missouri



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(816) 753 7400

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HOTEL: \$114.00 US per night plus tax

REGISTRATION: \$125.00 US per noble includes: Nobles' Awards Dinner Ticket

Ladies Tickets Available for \$30.00 US

Breakfast and parking included with your room

Second Annual ASOB Jamboree

Schedule of Events

Friday: May 4, 2018

1. Registration starts at 2:00 PM
2. 2:00 P.M. Hospitality Room Opens
3. Band Briefing about downtown performance 4PM
4. Downtown performance at about 5:00 PM
5. Evening Dinner at own arrangements
6. 7:30 PM Competition briefing
7. Dragon Ladies degree on at 9:00 PM

Saturday May 5, 2018

1. 9:00 A.M. Competition Start
2. 11:00 Assumed competition end.
3. 11:00 A.M. Hospitality Suite opens.
4. 11:10 Audit Committee
5. 12:00 PM 60 minute concurrent pre-meeting as per:
 - Elected officers
 - Past presidents
6. 1:00 PM Executive meeting elected and past presidents
7. 2:00 PM Annual meeting and elections.
8. 5:00 PM Hospitality Suite Closes.
9. 6:00 PM Banquet bar opens (no host)
10. Banquet start

Sunday May 6, 2018

- Enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet in the hotel dining room before departing
- Have a safe trip home.

ASOB JAMBOREE HEADQUARTERS HOTEL



Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza



One East 45 the Street
Kansas City Missouri
64111
1 816 753 7400

Free High-Speed Internet-Free Breakfast-Pet Friendly (deposit) - Free Parking –Shuttle Service

\$114 per Night
Use Group Code **OBI**



Registration deadline for the group rate

April 2, 2018

Second Annual ASOB Jamboree

May 4 thru May 6, 2018

Noble's and Lady's Registration Form

Registration deadline Monday April 16, 2018

Noble's Name			
Lady's Name			
Address			
City		State / Province	
Zip/Postal Code			
Telephone		Email	
Temple		Position	
Local/Regional Position/Titles			

Event Details

Registration - \$125.00 US per Noble Late registrations postmarked later than Monday April 16 - \$ 150.00 US	
Ladies Dinner Ticket - \$30.00 US	
Total US Dollars Enclosed	

Dinner Preference

Please indicate choice with an x in the appropriate box

Noble's preference	Beef Kabob	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Kabob	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lady's preference	Beef Kabob	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chicken Kabob	<input type="checkbox"/>

Registration form Instructions:

- 1 Print/copy page.
- 2 Save a copy of the filled out form for your records
- 3 Mail the completed form along with your cheque to:

Don Moores ASOB Secretary/Treasurer
47 Chestnut Trail
Tequesta, FL 33469-2129
Home: (561) 747-9698

NO REGISTRATIONS AT THE DOOR

Second Annual ASOB Jamboree May 4 thru May 6, 2018

Jamboree Fantasy Competition Band Registration

Important – Please Download & Print Complete and Return via Email/Mail as soon as possible to Darren at: 2ndVP@asob.org

Send to: Darren A. DeHaas P.P.
2997 Daystar Drive
Billings, MT, 59102-6826

Band Information

Please print

Name of Band: _____ Name of Temple: _____

City: _____ State/Prov. _____

Member of Regional Association(s) _____

Year Organized: _____ Number of Members: _____ Number Performing: _____

Officers:

President:		Email:
Vice President		Email:
Secretary		Email:
Treasurer		Email:
Directors		Email:

Current Shrine Honors: _____

Past Shrine Honors: _____

Additional Remarks: _____

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____ Title: _____

CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

Bill Bailey



Candidate for the office of Sergeant at Arms

Fellow Bandsmen

At the May 5, 2018 Association of Shrine Oriental Bands Annual General Meeting I will be standing as a candidate for the Office of Sergeant at Arms. I am very excited at the direction of the Association in the last 2 years and intend to add my skills to the elected team

toward fulfilling and expanding the agenda at hand.

To this end I am sharing an overview of my experiences for your consideration.

My Resume

Born Nov. 23 1949 graduated High School in 1968 then attended Pratt Community College. Served in the Military from 1971 to 1978 as a Cook in the Army.

I am currently Senior Tech at Voice Products Inc and have worked there for 11 years I will be retiring next week at the age of 68. My job there is to install recorders in Police stations and Child Advocacy Centers to record phone lines and interviews

I Became a Mason and a Shriner on Nov 5th 1996 and have been active in the Midian Shrine since that date. I have served on the Appointed Divan, been head of 3 Units, I am past President of Midian Oriental Band as well as Music Director. I served on the Board of ASOBCS as President and I am currently the Secretary\Treasure of ASOBCS and have been since 2014. Travels with my job have allowed me to visit Temples all over the USA and I have learned much about what is working and what isn't across the Nation. We all know bands are getting smaller and we need to make every effort to change that trend. I have had the traveled to Texas and have judged their fine bands. I am well known to present and past ASOB members and love and appreciate the special bonds Oriental Bandsmen share across the continent.

This past November I was honored to be present in Panama City Panama with our current President Chris Tsaros when he gave the Charter to the newly formed Abou Saad OB there. I will also be back in Panama City in Feb and March to help the Musette players get a better handle on the sweetest music this side of Heaven.

Record of the Fall Strategy Meeting – Calgary, AB, Canada

Meeting started as planned at 9:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Chris Tsaros, Harry Pressman, Darren DeHaas, Norm Tinkum, Don Moores.

Topic #	Topic and Record
1	<p>Web Site Project Update by Ed Johnson:</p> <p>Website Project update with Inclinnet Web Design Consultant Ed Johnson. Ed I demonstrated the web site design development to date and shared a needs list of the work and input required by the board members.</p>
2	<p>Financial report by Don Moores.</p> <p>Don presented an interim financial report, which was accepted as presented. The report is attached to the minutes.</p>
3	<p>Review of Agenda</p> <p>Agenda was reviewed.</p>
4	<p><i>President's report</i></p> <p><i>Website ownership, hosting change, etc.</i></p> <p>The president reported that the domain name registration needs to be changed from Dave Glass to the ASOB organization. Dave Glass was contacted during the meeting and offered to smooth the transition as requested.</p> <p><i>Ambassador feedback</i></p> <p>Chris reported his results having contacted all the Ambassadors to get a status of affairs in their jurisdiction, (call to the Texas Ambassador was pending)</p> <p>The situation reported has not changed much from the status in 2016.. Bands in Ontario and New York are struggling with members who are of very senior age and cannot participate in parades. Noteworthy however is their on-going efforts in fundraising</p>

activities.

Central States continues to lead all regions in the robustness of their bands.

Hotel Arrangements

The contract for the 2018 Jamboree was shared with all and a copy of it resides under the restricted access Administration section of the new website.

Cost Reductions

Proposed changes to the legacy President's inducements: Stationary, business cards, name tags etc.

Chris proposed the termination of legacy inducements to the executive members specifically dealing of the business cards and stationary. This includes the President.

The proposal made was to send a digital Logo to each new executive that can be used to order business cards locally. This can be achieved for less than \$10 for 500 cards, many orders of magnitude lower than what is currently spent. Potential savings of a few hundred dollars was estimated,

The executive accepted the proposal as presented.

Canadian Account update and way forward

The situation of the state of opening a Canadian Business Account for ASOB was discussed. Given the challenges at hand, the breakthrough thinking attained was to ensure consistency in the payment of Canadian Band dues. To date some bands pay in US funds and some in Canadian. The payment of dues in Canadian funds costs ASOB an average of 20 to 25% discount.

Decision was made to ensure that Canadian band dues are paid in US funds, eliminating the need for a Canadian account and freeing the funds formerly held in the Canadian account for the use of the ASOB operations.

Review of roles and responsibilities document, formerly known as "The Red Book"

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On a go forward basis the "Red Book" will be known as the Officer's ASOB Manual. It will reside on the web site and accessible to all. This is a digital edition. Officers will be encouraged to offer needed updates which if approved by the president of the day can be made instantaneously. This arrangement ensures that a current Officer's Manual will always be available.

Review of new management structure and accountabilities.

The contents of the new officer's manual were read through and clarified.

Management of the Association to May 2018

The officers agreed to monthly one hour telephone conference meetings to manage the Action Items generated from the planning meeting and other concerns as they may emerge.

Management of the Ambassadors and their Jurisdictions

In order to provide a better understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities that exist in the various regions of the Association, Chris presented the following:

The various regions and associated ambassadors will be divided amongst the elected executives as follows:

Sergeant at Arms: Accountable for the interface with the ambassadors from:

Accountable for the interface with:

- **Florida**
- **Mid Atlantic**

Ensuring that Ambassadors stay current with event in their jurisdictions, membership lists are updated, and any issues are addressed in a timely manner.

The output of this accountability to be shared with the rests accountability to be shared with the president and the rest of the executive at stated meetings (phone, or otherwise).

The Sergeant at arms is encouraged to visit his jurisdictions during his tenure.

Third Vice President:

Accountable for the interface with:

- **Pacific North West**
- **Mid-West**
- **Great Lakes**

Ensuring that Ambassadors stay current with event in their jurisdictions, membership lists are updated, and any issues are addressed in a timely manner.

The output of this accountability to be shared with the rests accountability to be shared with the president and the rest of the executive at stated meetings (phone, or otherwise).

Third Vice President is encouraged to visit his jurisdictions during his tenure.

Second Vice President:

Accountable for the interface with:

- **Central States**
- **North East**
- **South Atlantic**

Ensuring that Ambassadors stay current with event in their jurisdictions, membership lists are updated, and any issues are addressed in a timely manner.

The output of this accountability to be shared with the rests accountability to be shared with the president and the rest of the executive at stated meetings (phone, or otherwise).

The Second Vice President is encouraged to visit his jurisdictions during his tenure

First Vice President

Accountable for the interface with:

- **South Central**
- **Texas**

Ensuring that Ambassadors stay current with event in their jurisdictions, membership lists are updated, and any issues are addressed in a timely manner.

The output of this accountability to be shared with the rests accountability to be shared with the president and the rest of the executive at stated meetings (phone, or otherwise).

The First Vice President is encouraged to visit his jurisdictions during his tenure

President

In addition to the expectation that the President will travel throughout the jurisdictions as needed the president will collaborate closely with :

- **Ambassador at Large, Canada**
- **New York, Ontario**
- **Southeast**

Reflecting the same expectations as other elected officers.

This division of the various jurisdictions among the elected executive officers was approved as presented.

The new management model empowers a newly installed president with an in-depth

	<p>knowledge and firsthand experience of the issues, concerns as well as opportunities facing the association.</p> <p>A notice of motion will be presented in the new year to cement this management model in the elected officer accountabilities.</p> <p>The above will be carried out in addition to the legacy expectations of each of the above executive positions.</p>
6	<p>Review Kansas City Holiday Inn Contract for May 2018 Jamboree</p> <p>Contract reviewed. Assuming a similar turn- out as 2017 an increase in profit over 2017 is projected.</p> <p>Concern was expressed if the participation rate will exceed 2017 by a large margin as the Holiday Inn will not be able to accommodate the increased numbers.</p> <p>This concern and alternate arrangements will be undertaken as the numbers roll in.</p>
7	<p>Develop event schedule for Kansas City</p> <p>The event schedule for the Jamboree is published:</p>
8	<p>Discuss how the business model for ASOB fund raising will be developed in time for the annual meeting. What would it look like? What would be the question that will be asked?</p> <p>This item will be addressed between January and May, and options will be presented during the annual meeting.</p>
9	<p>Review a proposal that will be put before the Annual Meeting regarding the inclusion of credit card payments on the website.</p> <p>Action item reflected in the action list.</p>
10	<p>Future casting. President's views on what is working and what needs to be improved, for the consideration of the upcoming officers</p> <p>Reflecting on his upcoming trip to Panama, Chris expressed his views that the future of ASOB lies with the servicing of the Shrine Clubs in Australia, Philippines, and various jurisdictions in Europe where currently there are no Oriental Bands.</p> <p>He encouraged the future presidents to be to actively seek opportunities to charter bands overseas whenever possible</p>
11	<p>New topics from the floor:</p> <p>None</p>

13	Membership List validation audit. Bands from the Pacific Northwest to be added to the membership database.
Close	Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.



Abou Saad Shrine Centre, Panama City, Panama

Home of the newest Oriental Band in the greater Oriental Band Family

A.S.O.B. BANDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD PROCEDURE



1. Purpose:

The purpose of the A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award is to recognize an Oriental Band member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the A.S.O.B., to the Ladder of Smiles, to his Shrine Center, and to his Oriental Band.

2. Criteria

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- a. Member in good standing in his Shrine Center
- b. Letters of recommendation from the Potentate of his Shrine Center and the Area A.S.O.B. Ambassador.
- c. Demonstrated Leadership within his band, and the A.S.O.B.
 1. Willingness to assist and lead where possible
- d. Identifiable support for the Ladder of Smiles
 1. Responsible for coordinating and managing a fund raiser for his band and or Shrine Center.
- e. Attendance at either his Regional Association Meetings or Imperial Session.
- f. Must demonstrate goodwill towards all OB Members

3 Nomination

Nominations should be submitted to the A.S.O.B. Secretary/Treasurer prior to the A.S.O.B. Mid-Winter Meeting. All Nominations will be reviewed by the A.S.O.B Executive Committee to ensure that the candidate meets all of the criteria. If more than one nomination has been submitted, they will vote on the candidates.

4 Award Presentation

The A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award will be presented by the A.S.O.B. President. The presentation will take place during a Stated Meeting of the Bandsman of the Year's Home Shrine Center. In the event the A.S.O.B. President is not available to personally make the presentation, he may select another A.S.O.B. Line Officer to perform the presentation.

5 Award

The A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award will be a plaque with the A.S.O.B. Logo, A.S.O.B. Bandsman of the Year Award, Year, Member's Shrine Center, and his Name in letters the same size as the title Line.