# **Association of Shrine Oriental Bands International**

# ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES June 11, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands was held by ZOOM Videoconferencing on June 11, 2022. Past President Ralph Jubb III, who set-up the Meeting welcomed all in video attendance. President Noble William "Bill" Bailey called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M. EDT.

The President called for a moment of silence for two recently resolute people related to the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands, namely: Grady R. Vandiver, Jr., 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president departed this life on April 16, 2022, and Margaret "Maggie" Hartup, departed this life on May 16, 2022. Maggie is the wife of our Past President and current Ladder of Smiles Chairman, Michael Hartup.

After the Moment of Silence Chaplain Ron Kammerer led the ASOB in Prayer for the departed and for a successful and meeting overseen in peace and harmony.

Shriner's Pledge to the Flags was led by the Sergeant at Arms Past President Ralph Jubb III.

Roll Call -The Secretary/Treasurer has a prepared list of the Members Eligible to vote by Name and Title the list is attached to these minutes.

Roll Call - Sergeant-at-Arms Ralph Jubb III reported 5 Officers, 2 of which are Past Presidents; 7 Past Presidents excluding the 2 mentioned before; 3 Ambassadors representing their Associations and 1 Band Representative. Two Past Presidents are also Officers so eligible Voting Delegates were 16.

#### A.S.O.B. SECRETARY/TREASURERS REPORT:

The President called for the reading of any of the Minutes of earlier meetings. It was moved and seconded, the reading of the minutes, posted on the asob.org website, be dispensed, the motion carried.

The Secretary/Treasurer was asked for the Financial Report for April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, for the two accounts used by the A.S.O.B. (Operating Checking Account and Investment Account). A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports as read. The motion was approved. (The full reports are available to any member of the Association, in good standing, and requesting a copy in writing.) It was reported all bills had been paid except for bills related to Honorariums, Past President's Jewel, etc. The Secretary/Treasurer reported the Roulet Company

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has ceased operations and is no longer in existence. We do not know where we can get Past President Jewels and First Lady Necklaces in the future. P.P. Tom Crow is checking on a Jeweler in Fort Worth and James Moose Fitzgerald is going to take Lonnie Merriman's Jewell to a Jeweler in Sioux Falls, SD for quote.

The audit committee made up of ASOB Past President Jim Whitehouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Pro Tem, At Large Member John Fitzgerald and Jack Montgomery, Akdar Shrine Representative report that the books of the Secretary/Treasurer have been reviewed and have been accepted as presented.

# **REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

### **OFFICER REPORTS: PRESIDENT**

Noble William "Bill" Bailey report that he had been busy trying to set-up the Jamboree for 2022 but because of travel expenses and lack of advance sign ups the Jamboree was cancelled. While in Costa Rica he had contacted the Panama and Argentina Shrine who have Oriental bands but are in the need of help to get going. The Argentina Shrine has a band, but they are a steel band and not normally approved instruments for an Oriental Band, but the President was collaborating with them. He reported contact with several other unnamed bands. He reported working with Ed Johnson, Inclinet Internet Service to get the old website reloaded and operational. He also reported that he thought Facebook was the way to go to show pictures and other information for the bands.

# FIRST VICE PRESIDENT- Pro Tem

Noble James "Moose" Fitzgerald announced during the last year he had been working with Abu Bekr, Sioux City, IA they have been having problems since last ear when they were hosting the CCSA. Moose is producing bells for the single reed musettes and the hold for a "B" flat clarinet reed. He is also reaching out to Zor Shriners, Madison WI.

# SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT-Pro Tem

Noble John Fitzgerald announced that during the last year, he had been working with AFFI Shriners and Asiya Shriners to help getting these bands reorganized. Also, he is working with PNSOBA to get back into operational functions after COVID prevented the Canadian Bands to travel to the States. They had closed their borders to international travel. This has since opened and there can now be travel to the states. He is reaching out to other West Coast Bands for membership in PNSOBA and ASOB.

### THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

This office is vacant since the passing 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Grady Vandiver, Jr. in April and the two officers stepped up on a Pro-Tem basis to fill the offices next up the line from their elected office.

## SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Past President Ralph Jubb III announced his travel has likewise been suspended but he had been busy setting up Zoom calls for the ASOB Officers, Caliphs and for the Website and NA KHA-BAR Revamping Special Committee. Due to personal reason, Ralph will not serve another tern as Sergeant-at-Arms.

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Secretary/Treasurer announced his travel has likewise been suspended. Normal activities of the ASOB had continued letters and dues collection as well as mailing out on the Dues Cards to the various Oriental Bands. The keeping of the records and making payments and deposits as money is received. Reports were prepared and reported at regular intervals such as officer meetings and Mid-Winter meeting.

#### LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Ladder of Smiles Chairman reported the Ladder of Smiles donations at the end of May. The May 2022 Ladder of Smiles Report shows a total of \$24, 332.22. When the June LOS Report is issued this total amount for 2021-2022 will be revised to reflect the actual amount.

# **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

No reports of the standing committees

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

The website improvement committee was closed by the President, as of January 2022. The decision was made to reinstate the former website and try to make improvement in it as the ASOB goes forward. Ed Johnson has been training Bill Bailey to input data to the website, but everything so far has gone to Ed Johnson to put on the website.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

The Music Academy Program has been further tabled to the next Annual Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Websites reload

#### **ELECTIONS:**

The President announced Past President Jim Whitehouse would conduct the elections this year and turned the podium over to the appointed to Head Election Teller.

Nominations were called for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble James "Moose" Fitzgerald to the Office of President for the year 2022/2023. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, Noble James "Moose" Fitzgerald acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were then opened for the office of First Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2020/2022. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble John Fitzgerald for the office of First Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, Noble John Fitzgerald acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Second Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2022/2023. No motion was made or seconded for office of Second Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the position remained unfilled.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Third Vice President of A.S.O.B. for the year 2021/2022. No motion was made or seconded for office of office of Third Vice President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the position remained unfilled.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2022/2023. No motion was made and seconded for office of Sergeant-at-Arms. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the position remained unfilled.

Nominations were then opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2022/2023. A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Past President Noble Donald Moores for the office of Secretary/ Treasurer. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed. Noble Moores acclaimed his willingness to serve.

President-Elect Noble James" Moose" Fitzgerald gave an acceptance speech which he announced the 2022 Jamboree will be held in Charlotte, NC at the Next Imperial Session in 2023. Events have not been planned as of this date, but that information is critical to get the plans finished. We only have about six months to get everything planned.

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Michael Hartup asked the President Elect what would be the Ladder of Smiles goal for the year 2022-2023. The President-elect announced that the goal would still be \$50,000.00 again this ensuing year.

President William "Bill" Bailey relieved all appointed Officers of their assignments effective June 11, 2022, and the President Elect needs to reappoint them or their replacements to their new duties June 12, 2022.

# FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There being no further business to come before the Association, Bill Bailey adjourned the meeting in peace and harmony at 4.28 P.M. EDT.

Respectfully Submitted, Yours in the Faith,

Donald W. Moores 2021/2022 Secretary/Treasurer

After the close of the Annual Meeting the President Elect asked Past President Noble Whitehouse to conduct the Installation of the newly Elected Officer for the Shrine Year 2022-2023. After the Installation, the Proclamation was announced the officers were installed except for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President and Sergeant-at-Arms. The Installed Officers for 2022/2023 are officially in place and dully eligible to perform their duties.

Noble Moores showed the members present the Past Presidents Plaque. Stating that the decision as to where to get the Past Presidents Jewel and the First Lady Necklace would have to be determined.