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July 1, 2024

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands was held at the 2024 Shriners International's Imperial Session in Reno, Nevada on July 1, 2024 in the Circus-Circus Casino \s Mandaly 4 room. President John Fitzgerald welcomed all in attendance. President Noble John Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM PDT and passed out a copy of the agenda.

The President asked Noble Johnnie Wallace to offer the opening prayer.

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

Roll Call – Secretary/Treasurer Donald Moores reported 5 Officers, 2 of which are Past Presidents; 3 Past Presidents excluding the 2 mentioned before; 5 voting Delegates representing their Bands and 2 non-voting band representatives. Two Past Presidents are also Officers so eligible Voting Delegates were 15, in addition there were 2 Nonvoting attendees.

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

The President called for the reading of any of the Minutes of previous meetings. It was moved and seconded, the reading all 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, 2023, through March 31, 2024, for the two accounts operated 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.) The Treasurer reported all bills had been paid except for bills related to Honorariums, Therefore, no outstanding bills to be paid at this time.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

OFFICER REPORTS:

PRESIDENT

Noble John Fitzgerald reported The President reported he attended his Association meeting. His time has mainly been used to planning and making arrangements for the 2024 Annual Meeting.

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FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The 1st Vice-President announced because of the heavy load of Organization to which he was committed he only travelled to the PNWSA and PNWSOBA convention during the period after his appointment and confirmation by the Executive Committee in November 2023.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

Tom Lanier announced he had been contacting Shrine Centers in the Northeast, Southeast and East of the Mississippi river to determine if there was an Oriental Band within their jurisdiction and the contact person for the band. Emails were sent to most of the Shrine Centers in the regions listed above. Noble Tom stated he had been to Alexandria, LA for their Christmas Party and to the 2024 SESOBA Hoedown

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

No Officer was elected for this position in 2022-2023, therefore no report.

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. Ralph also report his travels had been within the PNWSOBA area as he was helping the President in setting you the 2024 Imperial Convention in Reno. They also attended the Nile Oriental Band Crab Feed Fundraiser in January.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Secretary/Treasurer announced his travel had consisted of only one trip to Alexandria, LA for the 2024 SESOBA Hoedown along with Past ASOB Presidents Billy O'Neal, Paul (Squeezebox) Gluck, Michael Hartup, David McCarthy and Jeffery Moores. 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, making payments and deposits as money is received.

LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Ladder of Smiles Chairman was in attendance and the Ladder of Smile total for the 2023-2024 Ladder of Smiles Report totals \$17,411.32. The goal for 2024-2025 has been set at \$50,000.00.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

No reports of the any standing committees

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REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

No reports from any special committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Secretary/Treasurer reported Talks with Fratline, Inc.'s Shawn Warren and the new Officer's Jewels and Past President's Jewels are in the final stages, and we should have them in the next four weeks.

Blue Sky Discussion

The President lead a Blue Sky discussion for open discussion by all present to express their opinions for increasing the awareness and effectiveness of the Association of Shrine Oriental Band.

Some of the topics were as follows:

- ASOB identified as the official body for Oriental Bands
- Oriental Bands to be the focus for Matt Sturlaugson's year. He would like to have a massed Oriental Band of 300 or more Oriental Bandsmen lead him into the session's Opening Ceremony.
- We need to reach out to Imperial for assistance and recognition instead of waiting for Imperial to reach down to the ASOB.
- Investigate having booth in the marketplace to distribute information about who we are and what we do. Possibility of selling raffle tickets in the Marketplace for a worthwhile item.
- Shrine Degree Team for AF&AM and F&AM if allowed.
- Increase our ASOB Member Bands year over year, double the number of Bands from 2023-2024 to the 2024-2025 year.
- Have the Annual Meeting at Imperial session or Jamboree at an interim date other than Imperial.
- Goal of bands attending and participating in ASOB and Imperial Functions.
- Hold ASOB Officers responsible for attendance at Regional Meetings, I,e, PNWSA, MASA, SESA, SASA, NESA, MWSA, DSA NY/ONTSA and others.
- Get onstage to present our check to the Shriners Childrens at Imperial for our fundraising activities.
- Make ASOB.org better and expand our Social Media Exposure.

These are only some suggestions; this is a fluid area of the minutes and can be updated or added to at any time during the year.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Those eleven (11) Oriental Bands which paid their Dues for 2023, were sent 2024 Dues Cards at the beginning of the year. 2024 Dues cards for those Oriental Bands were mailed to them in January 2024.

The Officers, Past Presidents, Ambassadors, and Individual bands should take the goal of growing the ASOB in the new ASOB Year.

Our By-Laws have not been updated since 2018. A By-Laws Committee should be formed to review the existing By-Laws and make suggestions no later than the first quarter of 2025, so the recommendation can be presented 2025 Annual Meeting.

ELECTIONS:

The President served as the Official Head teller and proceeded with the 2024-2025 elections of Officers:

Nominations were called for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Thomas Lanier, Moslah Shriners to the Office of President for the year 2024/2025. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Noble Thomas Lainer acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were called for the office of 1st Vice- President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Brian Shimmons, Al Azhar Shriners to the Office of 1st Vice-President for the year 2024/2025. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Noble

Briam Shimmons acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were called for the office of 2nd Vice- President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Illustrious Sir Timothy Simpson, Oleika Shriners for the Office of 2nd Vice- President for the year 2024/2025. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Illustrious Sir Timothy Simpson acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were called for the office of 3rd Vice- President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Johnnie Wallace, Moslah Shriners for the office of 3rd Vice-

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President. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the Secretary-Treasurer was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Noble Johnny Wallace acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were opened for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of A.S.O.B. for the year 2024/2025. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Illustrious Sir Jared Kichline, Rajah Shriners for the Office of Sergeant-at-Arms for the year 2024/2025. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Illustrious Sir Jared Kichline acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2024/2025. A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Past ASOB President Noble Donald Moores for the office of Secretary/ Treasurer. There being no further nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the President was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee. Noble Donald Moores acclaimed his willingness to serve.

After the final election had been completed; the Elections Cycle was closed.

President-Elect Noble Thomas Lainer gave an acceptance speech which included Calendar of Active Associations with Oriental Bands.

President-Elect Thomas announced the 2024 Jamboree will be held in Atlanta, GA at the next Imperial Session in 2025. Events have not been planned as of this date, that information is critical to get the plans finalized. We only have about six months to get everything planned and distributed to the membership.

Past President John Fitzgerald relieved all appointed Officers of their assignments effective Ju6y 1, 2024, and the President Elect needs to reappoint them or their replacements to their new duties by July 30, 2024.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned in peace and harmony at 10:40 A.M. PDT.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Yours in the Faith,

Donald W. Moores

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2023/2024 Secretary/Treasurer

Past President Noble David McCarthy conducted the Installation of the newly Elected Officers for the Shrine Year 2024-2025 at the Awards Dinner. The Proclamation was announced that the officers were installed except the 3rd Vice President, which will be installed at a Moslah Shriners event. The Installed Officers for 2024/2025 are officially in place and dually eligible to perform their duties.

The Outgoing President offered the following comment:

Adjournment

The treasure we will encounter doesn't lie at journey's end.

Though we start in darkness, into light we will ascend.

The wealth of all we will gain is with the price we have to pay.

We will find all that we seek and more, somewhere along the way.

So onward, and upward, Nobles, be all that you can.

And may the good Lord help us rekindle our passion for the Oriental Band.