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June 29, 2025

The Annual Meeting of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands was held at the 2025 Shriners International's Imperial Session in Alanta, Georgia on June 29, 2025, in the Hilton Atlanta Airport Hotel. President Ton Lanier welcomed all in attendance. President Noble Tom Lanier called the meeting to order at 2:51 P.M. EDT and shared the agenda.

The President asked Noble Past President Paul Gluck to offer the opening prayer.

The Shriner's Pledge to the Flags was led by the Past President David McCarthy.

Roll Call – Secretary/Treasurer Donald Moores reported 3 Officers, 1 of which is a Past Presidents; 3 Past Presidents excluding the 1 mentioned before; 2 voting Delegates representing their Bands and 2 non-voting band representatives. The Past Presidents are also Officers, so eligible Voting Delegates were 8, 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 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, 2024, through March 31, 2025, 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 request a copy in writing.) The Treasurer reported all bills had been paid except for bills related to Honorariums, other outstanding bills have been paid for personally by Donald W. Moores Secretary/Treasurer 1) Inclinet Internet Services – \$900.00; 2) Class Action Distributing (Past President' Jewel) \$290.25; 3) Manhattan Trophy (Past President's Plaque) \$83.46. Total \$1,273.71. Expenses for 2025 Imperial Hotel Hospitality plus misc. bills are outstanding. paid By Tom Lanier are also outstanding.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

OFFICER REPORTS:

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PRESIDENT

Noble Tom Lanier reported that he hosted the strategic Conference in October, attended the SESOBA Hoedown in Lexington, KY at Oleika Shrine. he attended his Association meeting of which he was also the outgoing President of TASOB. His time has been used to planning and planning for the 2025 Annual Meeting.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The 1st Vice-President attended the meeting by telephone contact because of health issues His appointment and confirmation by the Executive Committee was made in October 2024 when all officers stepped up one position because of the resignation of Brian Shimmons in 2024.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

The Second Vice-President Jared Kichline was excused, by the President, from attendance at the Annual Meeting because of a family commitment. He did attend the 2025 SESOBA Hoedown in Lexington, KY.

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

The 3rd Vice-President Daniel Checkman reported he attended the TASOB Convention and was installed as the incoming President of the Association. He also attended the SESOBA in 2025.'

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant at Arms, Past President Ralph Jubb III, was excused by the President, because of a previous family commitment.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Secretary/Treasurer announced his travel had consisted of The Strategic Committee meeting in Fort Worth, and the 2025 SESOBA Hoedown in Lexington, KY. 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 by the Secretary/Treasurer.

LADDER OF SMILES CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Ladder of Smiles Chair, Micheal Hartup, reported the results of the Collection to the President because he would be unable to attend the Imperial convention because of a Family Commitment. The Ladder of Smiles total for the 2024-2025 Ladder of Smiles Report totals approximately \$29,600. The goal for 2024-2025 has been set at \$25,000.00.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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No reports of the standing committees

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

No reports from any special committee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Secretary/Treasurer reported Emblematix, Inc.'s Shawn Warren shipped the new Officers' Jewels in October and paid for by the Secretary/Treasurer. The Association paid for the Jewels of the past two presidents which we had been unable to find. The Association also paid for the Past President Jewel of the Secretary because his original jewel was destroyed with the re-casting of the new Jewels.

Blue-Sky Discussion

The President opened the floor for a continuation of the Blue-Sky discussion started last year. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Dues were paid for 13 Oriental Band, 11 US Bands and 2 Canadian Bands. Unfortunately, this number was less than the bands paid in 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

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 at the 2025 Annual Meeting. This committee was never appointed and therefore no By-Laws were presented for change in 2025.

ELECTIONS:

The President served as the Official Head teller and proceeded with the 2025-2026 elections of Officers:

Nominations were called for the office of President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Illustrious Sir Timothy Simpson, OLEIKA Shriners to the Office of President for the year 2025/2026. 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 by telephone during the meeting.

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Nominations were called for the office of 1st Vice- President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Illustrious Sir Jared Kichline, Rajah Shriners to the Office of 1st Vice-President for the year 2025/2026. 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, Rajah acclaimed his willingness to serve to the President before the meeting.

Nominations were called for the office of 2nd Vice- President of A.S.O.B. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Noble Daniel Checkman, Arabia Shriners for the Office of 2nd Vice-President for the year 2025/2026. Having no other nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed, the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the nominee Noble Daniel Checkman acclaimed his willingness to serve.

Nominations were called for the office of 3rd Vice- President of A.S.O.B. There being no responses for nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed. The office of 3rd Vice-President was left vacant.

Nominations were opened for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of A.S.O.B. There being no responses for nominations after three calls, the nominations were closed. The office of 3rd Vice-President was left vacant.

Nominations were opened for the office of Secretary/Treasurer of A.S.O.B. for the year 2025/2026. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Past ASOB President Noble Ralph Jubb III 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. Past ASOB President Noble Ralph Jubb III had acclaimed, to the outgoing President, his willingness to serve.

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

President-Elect Illustrious Sir Timothy Simpson gave an acceptance speech which included Calendar of Active Associations with Oriental Bands. President-Elect Illustrious Sir Timothy Simpson announced he would like to have the Annual meeting for 2025-2026 in Pigeon Forge \, TN in conjunction with the Fun Fest held in May of each year.

Past President Thomas Lanier relieved all appointed Officers of their assignments effective June.

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29, 2025, and the President Elect needs to reappoint them or their replacements to their new duties by July 30, 2024.

RESOLUTION

Past President and Secretary/Treasurer moved the Secretary/Treasurer -Elect Ralph Jubb 111 be authorized to open an account in a local Oregonian Bank in the name of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands for the conducting of normal transactions of the Association. The motion received the unanimous approval of the members present.

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 3:56 P.M. EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yours in the Faith,

Donald W. Moores

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2024/2025 Secretary/Treasurer

Past President Noble David McCarthy conducted the Installation of the newly Elected Officers Present for the Shrine Year 2025-2026 at the Awards Dinner. The Proclamation was announced that the officers were installed, except the 3rd Vice President and Sergeant at Arms which will be installed at a Zoom Shriners event, after the Officers are Appointed and Confirmed by the Executive Committee. The Installed Officers for 2025/2026 that have been officially installed in place and dually eligible to perform their duties.