

North American Brass Band Association

Spring Board of Directors meeting

April 16, 2020

Meeting was held on line via Google hangouts.

Meeting was called to order by President Tony Granados at 6:07 pm (EDT)

Present:

Tony Granados (President), Patrick Herak (Vice President), David Jones (Interim Secretary), Ron Lutterbie (Treasurer), Melanie Ball, Jason Collier, Joel Collier, Jon Heaver, Eddie Eccles, Gavin Pritchard, Sara North, Lindsay Walker, Glenn Greet, Christopher Ward, Mark Taylor, Alex Schnautz

### **Music Committee Report- Joel Collier**

The Music Committee has been meeting through February. The committee consisted of non band members for transparency. The Committee came to a halt due to the national shutdown because on the Corona virus. Because of this, they weren't able to make recommendations for test pieces and requested more time. Joel and President made the decision that this could not wait and formed an ad hoc committee to come up with the 2021 test pieces.

Here are the recommendations:

### **NABBA 2021 Test Pieces**

Championship Section	<b>New Commission</b>	Paul Lovatt-Cooper	PLC Music	15-18 Minutes
First Section	<b>Blitz</b>	Derek Bourgeois	R. Smith & Company	11 Minutes
Second Section	<b>Grieg Variations</b>	Jonathan Bates	Jonathan Bates Music	12 Minutes
Third Section	<b>Hope</b>	Dorothy Gates	Atiqa Music	14 Minutes
Youth Championship Section	<b>Resurgam</b>	Eric Ball	R. Smith & Company	11 Minutes

Youth First Section

**Images for Brass**

Stephen Bulla

Curnow Music Press

9 Minutes

The Board adapted these pieces by a unanimous vote.

Joel then stated he is leaving the Board after serving out his term in June of this year. Board members thanked Joel for his years of service to NABBA including a term as Vice President. (Joel then left the meeting due to a work conflict).

**Melanie Ball from the Nominating Committee presented.**

The Board has an opening for Secretary due to the resignation of Randi Bulla earlier in the year. Dave Jones has been serving as interim secretary. The Committee had narrowed the choices for Secretary to 3. Gavin Pritchard, Eddie Eccles and Lindsay Wagner. While all three are good choices, the committee makes a recommendation of Gavin Pritchard to serve out the remaining Secretary term.

A motion was made by Pat Herak and seconded by Dave Jones to elect Gavin Pritchard as Secretary. Motioned passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's report by Ron Lutterbie**

Due to the cancellation of the 2020 Championships due to Corona virus, all fees collected have been returned by Ron Lutterbie. These include band entry fees, solo and ensemble entry fees and NABBA Partnership fees. The major exception is the \$5000 sponsorship of Sweetwater Sound. They graciously let NABBA keep the donation.

The cancellation had a financial effect on the NABBA bottom line. Ron reported about an 18% reduction of cash on hand. This is less than expected and NABBA still has roughly \$45,000 in cash reserves.

Ron then announced the he will be resigning as NABBA Treasurer. President Tony Granados has appointed Glenn Greet as the new Treasurer. There was then a motion by Jason Collier and a second by Jon Heaver to elect Glenn Greet as the new Treasurer. Vote was unanimous. Sara North will also be assisting in this area.

**2021 Gala concert-Tony Granados**

Tony has approached the Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band from England about performing at a gala concert at the 2021 Championships.

Here are some details:

- They will provide 5 Judges for the Solo and Ensemble Contest. The fee for this is included in their performance fee.
- They will be on tour through the eastern United States and will be within bussing distance of Fort Wayne.
- NABBA will pay a fee for their appearance
- NABBA will pay for hotel rooms and some of the bus fee

- NABBA members will be included as part of the band or individual membership fee.
- Tickets may be sold to the general public.
- The concert would be Saturday night before the awards presentation at the Embassy Theatre.

Because of the uncertainty of the Corona virus situation, it was decided to announce that NABBA is intending of bringing back the gala concert in 2021 with details to be announced at a later time. In effect, the project is in hold.

### **RFP 2022-2024 Tony Granados**

Four Request for Proposal (RFP) applications were received by the Executive Committee in regards to the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Championships venues. The cities to submit the proposals were:

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Huntsville, Alabama

Rogers (Northwest) Arkansas

Buffalo, New York

These were screened by the Executive Committee and 2 finalists were chosen, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Huntsville, Alabama. These two met all the criteria for NABBA's needs for the Championships. Both had strong bids.

The other two were lacking some elements needed to successfully host the Championships.

Both cities were scheduled to present in person at this meeting but because the Board had to have an online meeting the presentation have been postponed. There was discussion on the best way to handle the presentations and a subsequent vote to award the RFP. The vote will not happen until after the Fall Board meeting where both cities will be asked to make a live or virtual presentation.

It was not clear where the Fall Board meeting where meet. It will probably either be in Fort Wayne or Huntsville. That decision will be made by the Exec Committee and then communicated to the board.

### **April 18, 2020 ZOOM meeting Patrick Herak**

There will be a virtual NABBA meeting on Saturday April 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This would have been the final night of the cancelled championships. All NABBA members will be invited via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There will be several activities:

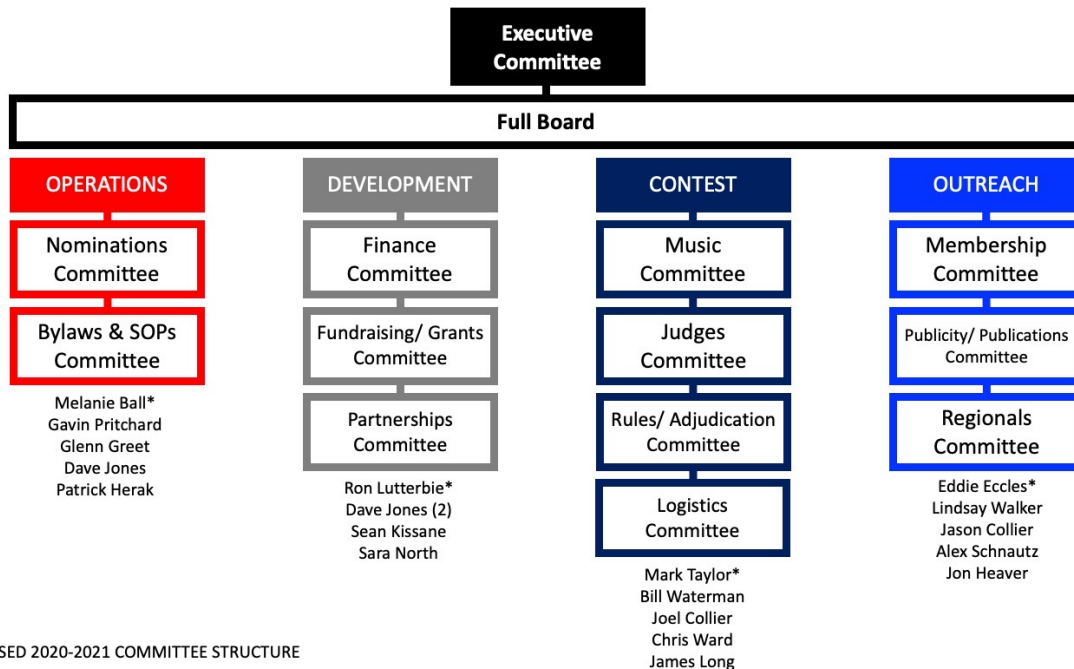
- Announcement of the new Board officers.
- A NABBA quiz contest
- Announcement of the 2021 Gala concert
- A NABBA Facebook page contest
- Several breakout rooms
- A social room
- Announcement of 2021 Test pieces

All ideas for this should be filtered through Patrick Herak.

## President's Vision-Tony Granados

Tony discussed his vision as President of NABBA. Some highlights:

- Make NABBA the hub of brass band activity in North America
- Encourage regional and local contests and Festivals
- NABBA should be more than the Championship weekend
- Build a smart, involved Board of directors with many shared responsibilities
- Run a more efficient and effective Contest
- Establish Standard Operating Procedures for continuity from board to board and Exec Com to Exec Com
- Establish a new membership paradigm based on individual memberships. Separate individual memberships from contest memberships.
- Reorganize the Board to committees as follows:



There was no Old Business

The only New Business was Ron asked to resign as head of the development Committee as he is no longer the Treasurer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sara North and seconded by Mark Taylor at 8:04 pm (Unanimous vote)

Submitted by David Jones Interim Secretary

