



# NABBA

North American Brass Band Association

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 04/15/2021

Location: Online through Google Meet

Called to order: 7.00pm EST

Present

- Tony Granados, *President*
- Patrick Herak, *Vice-President*
- Alex Schnautz, *Treasurer*
- Gavin Pritchard, *Secretary*
- Bill Waterman
- Jason Collier
- Mark Taylor
- Chris Ward
- Dave Jones
- Jon Heaver
- Eddie Eccles (late)
- Aaron Campbell
- John Bell

## **President's Report**

Not much to report on at present

Biggest project right now is the Bridge. All Committee Chairs to provide reports for the next publication.

Issue of the bill presented to us by Grand Wayne in Fort Wayne for cancellation of last year's event. The Executive Committee presented their view that this shouldn't be paid.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Alex took us through the expense and profit document for the year.

Starting balance for the previous year was \$47,294. 2020 Expenses were \$7,692

Request for all reimbursements to be made by submitting a form to the treasurer.

## Contest Committee

Mark as Committee Chair gave his thanks for contributions and efforts of the Committee.

Accomplishments:

- Modified Contest for a COVID restricted event
- Test Piece selection for our next competition

Goals:

- Rulebook
- Adjudicating/Adjudicators
- Familiarize with Hunstsville
- New contest planning handbook

Pieces chosen as test pieces for our next event then announced

Championship Section: **And From the Darkness** – Paul Lovatt Cooper

1<sup>st</sup> Section: **Facets of the Heart** – Tom Davoren

2<sup>nd</sup> Section: **Hope** – Dorothy Gates

3<sup>rd</sup> Section: **Epanios** – Joel Collier

Youth Championship Section: **Shine as the Light** – Peter Graham

Youth First Section: **Saint-Saens Variations** – Philip Sparke

## Operations Committee

NABBA archives are now stored in a unit by Pat.

By-Laws revision has been started.

Chris talked about the nominations process. Stated that they wanted to put something together that was more transparent. Invitation to all to give feedback.

Potential new board member voting process to be worked on.

Looking at the option of 3-year terms as well as looking at the possibility of adding a provision to be able to vote people on to the board mid-terms.

All ideas to be run past the full board.

## Outreach

Gave a rundown of what has been achieved

Bridge is now up and running – Aaron is the coordinator for content  
The initial part of the Database is now functional

The website has been updated with member login pages

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the target for rollout of complete membership system

Suggestion was presented of if we can look into customization of member ID. Something to be researched.

### **DEI Report/Feedback**

Jason was very complimentary of the committee and their work. Pat has now been made a member of the DEI Committee.

Recommendation from the DEI that for composers in future years we look to have representation from at least 1 female and 1 person of color. Request for suggestions from the full board for this.

Suggestions then for the following to highlight the DEI:

1. Possibly set aside money for support in participation in our event
2. Would like to invite the group to Huntsville to be recognized

It was agreed that this would be something we would wish to do. Looking toward budget inclusion for next budget.

### **Thanks were then given from Tony to Committee Chairs**

### **Commission Proposal**

Proposal of commissioning composer Kenneth Amis to write a fanfare to give to Old Crown Brass Band as thanks for all the work they have done for NABBA over the recent years. The cost would be **\$2,000.**

Comment was made that with Sweetwater giving us \$5,000, giving \$2,000 for this would be good.

Suggestion then that we could maybe look to do this going forward for all who host our event.

It was then pointed out that as OCBB's conductor is a person of color, having them perform it at NABBA 2022 as their conductor is a person of color.

**Motion: To accept the proposal as described (Jon Heaver makes motion, Patrick Herak seconded)**

**Result – Yes 12, No 0, Abstain 0**

### **Athena Brass Band**

Request for design of program for Athena Brass Band for performance at The Midwest Clinic this December in Chicago. Andrew Wainwright would design it and it would cost would be up to \$650

It was commented that it would be good to support an all-female group as it would be another way to show diversity and inclusion.

Possibility of advert in the program for NABBA as well.

**Motion: To accept the proposal as described (Jason Collier makes motion, Patrick Herak seconded)**

**Result – Yes 12, No 0, Abstain 0**

### **NABBA Membership Price**

Tony reports that we could do with looking at getting money in as no contest recently

The membership price for NABBA has been \$25 since 1997 - Tony raises the wish for a discussion on raising it to \$35

- **If we followed inflation, it should be over \$50**
- **Concern of pushback from membership**

As we are some way off consensus, it was agreed to table the proposal for future discussion.

### **Officer Elections**

To try to provide an appropriate environment where group discussion about the candidates could be had, all candidates were asked to leave the call. An invitation was then given for anyone to say or ask whatever they wanted. After this period, the candidates were then invited back into the call.

A poll in the form of a google form was then presented to all to complete. Results were as follows:

#### **President**

Tony Granados	7 votes
Bill Waterman	6 votes

#### **Vice-President**

Patrick Herak	10 votes
Jason Collier	3 votes

Tony Granados and Patrick Herak are hereby duly re-elected to the positions of President and Vice-President respectively.

### **Development**

It was agreed that we need to try to make a conscious effort to expand the board if possible

Question was raised of if online meetings are part of the 50% requirement of NABBA board member meeting attendance. This is something that needs to be figured out and discussed further.

Discussion was then had on the pros and cons for an online contest. As there were points on both sides of the argument and no real consensus was reached, this too would be a discussion for a future time.

**Motion: To adjourn (Bill Waterman makes motion, Patrick Herak seconded)**

**Result – Yes 13, No 0, Abstain 0**

Meeting Adjourned: 9.00pm