

ONHB First Annual General Meeting, October 15, 2017

Welcome:

As the founder of the Ottawa New Horizons Band, I have the honour to call to order the FIRST Annual General Meeting of the ONHB, just as we are just two and a half months shy of our 10th anniversary!

I would like to recognize the members of Dominion Chalmers United Church at this time for allowing us to grow within the church, as an outreach program. It was an ideal situation in 2008, as we had much guidance and leadership from the many talented members of DC, who shared their expertise in governance and financial matters, especially Daphne Picklyk and Peter Fisher. Fast forward 9 years, and DC, like many downtown churches, is being forced to sell the property as it is too large for the congregation.

After much discussion and investigation of a variety of options for moving forward, ONHB became incorporated in June of 2017. This involved a great deal of planning, and the creating of a set of by-laws under which we would continue to thrive and grow in Ottawa. I would like to introduce to you the very talented people who have been instrumental in creating the bylaws, which involved a minimum of one or two meetings per month since January. (Brian Carr, David Chaplin, Dan Delorey (who originally wrote our constitution but is not a member this session), Jody Gomber, Steve Snell, Leslie Scott and myself). You see not only beauty, brains and great musicians at this table **and** within the membership.... But also lots of muscle and construction talent! Thank you to David Chaplin and Jamie Hocking for their construction work which made room here at Woodroffe United for our percussion instruments and music library Not only have the group of people sitting here before you done the legwork on the by-laws, but each one of them has contributed **so** much to our organization- everything from instrument inventory, financial planning, moving the music library and instruments to our new locations, renovating, webmaster, ... and the list goes on! . Many of you attending today have volunteered to buy and haul refreshments weekly, move instruments, music cabinets, and chairs, serve as band reps, music librarians, registration desk verifiers for this first AGM, etc. - we acknowledge your invaluable support of the ONHB - THANK YOU!

We are here to do the important business of running the Ottawa New Horizons Band, and I thank each and every one of you for coming today and giving of your time and care to help manage the band by attending the AGM and voting in the first board of directors. Two directors will serve a one year term, and two will serve a two year term, so that each year, we may elect two people to serve on the board while two others provide continuity for the next year at least. Since a board member is a volunteer position, it may be that someone may wish to continue to serve for several consecutive terms, which is possible. Once elected, the four directors will allocate the positions of chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary among themselves.

Nominees for the board must submit a nomination form in writing, with the signatures of 5% of the musician-members, which today means 12 musician-members supporting each nomination. The names

of candidates who submitted complete nomination papers by Thursday of this past week appear printed on the ballot. If there are other completed nomination forms that are ready now, I would like to receive them at this time. Any such names will need to be written on the ballot by anyone wishing to vote for that person. Are there any completed nomination forms ready to be submitted?

We have forms at the registration desk for anyone who wishes to submit his or her name for the election. To expedite the meeting, if you wish to fill out a nomination form, please come and get one now if you haven't already done so and complete it within the next 30 minutes and submit it at 2:30 pm. I'll consider that time the deadline for nominations for the board.

I invite three volunteers to act as scrutineers for the election.

I would like to pass the chairing of the meeting over to Steve Snell, to take us through our agenda.