



President's Message

Hello! My name is Rob Cairns and for those who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting at the end of May, I am the new president of OGEHR. I would like to start out my term as president with some thank you's.

Probably the biggest thank you is to all of you who have endeavoured to find creative ways to keep handbell's in your life during the pandemic. When things are difficult we all look forward to some goal or activity that sustains us. Over the last year we have heard about all of your Zoom rehearsals, handbell directors' meetings, bell socials and of course, tutorials. In the process we have all learned new skills, and it is wonderful to see how you have found methods to do the ordinary, in an extraordinary way!

My next thank you is to Marg Merkley. Marg provided leadership when OGEHR truly needed it! She navigated through difficult times with the passing of Terry Head, and then again throughout pandemic. I know that we are all greatly relieved that she will still be helping to guide us as Past President. (Please read the tribute to Marg from the Annual meeting, later in Clapper Chatter.)

And finally, thank you to all of you who continue to give your time to OGEHR, serving on the Board and in various committees. We have a great group of people and although we are not yet through the pandemic, the future does look bright!

As to that future, I have two immediate goals: 1) My 'go to' phrase for OGEHR will be "Help us to help each other!" As handbell groups across the province look to reopen, we will all need to rebuild. I want to find ways for us to help you, and also help each other.



Before



Now

2) As you can see by my "Before" and "Now" photos, I have not had a haircut since last October! I am very much looking forward to being able to send you an "After" photo sometime soon!



2021-2022 Board of Directors

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MORE ON SUBMISSIONS

A newsletter thrives or dies based on its content, so we need your input! Do you have a concert coming up, a review of a performance just accomplished, a significant event in the life of your bell choir, or a favourite piece of music that you would like to recommend to others? Send it in! Anything is fair game (subject to editorial review). Accompanying photographs are encouraged, as they really liven things up.

We want your feedback. Let us know what you like, or don’t like, or would like to see, by emailing Simon at simon.spencer1993@gmail.com.

Submission deadline for the next issue: Sept 30th, for publication on Oct 15th.

Tribute to Marg Merkley

This tribute to Marg was read by Joan Bolam at the 2021 Annual Meeting on May 29th, 2021.

It is my great privilege to recognize Marg Merkley for her many years of service on the OGEHR Board, particularly her time as President. I have worked with Marg for almost 10 years, first on OGEHR Festival Committees and then on the OGEHR Board. Marg joined the Board as a Director in 2013 and has chaired two Festival Committees (2015 and 2017), working with her team to offer exciting opportunities for learning, music-making, and fellowship with other ringers and Directors from across the province.

Marg has been supported enthusiastically by her husband Peter, who has also worked alongside the OGEHR Team at these Festivals, giving great assistance throughout the weekend. Thank you, Peter.

In 2017, Marg took on the challenges of being Vice-President of the OGEHR Board, as well as the additional roles of Vice-chair of the Nomination Committee and Chair of the Honorary Membership Committee. She then moved into the role of President in 2019. As President, Marg has worked diligently with the other members of the Board, and as a standing member of all committees, Marg has supported the Chairs and members of these committees, making herself available at these meetings as needed, while allowing each Chair the freedom to lead their committee.



Marg has encouraged people to get involved in OGEHR, bringing new life to the Board and various committees. Our Board meetings always begin with an opportunity to share a little of each Director's personal interests and activities, and we have become friends working together to promote handbells across the province. Throughout the pandemic, Marg has sought to find new ways of connecting to our members, helping in the development of tutorials and safe ringing guidelines, while continuing to support those who provide the email tree, Clapper Chatter, the website, and various handbell demonstrations and performances.

We have each worked hard in our roles but Marg has made the hard work fun and has built a great team, each of us eager to fulfill our roles in concert. The passing of Terry Head was a great loss to all, but Marg felt a double loss, that of a friend and also that of the OGEHR Vice-President who had given so much of himself and his organizational talents. Marg spoke on our behalf at Terry's funeral service, with grace and humour and gratitude. Moving forward, Marg recruited Rob Cairns to take on the role of Vice-President, and as Marg moves into the position of Past-President, Rob will become the new OGEHR President, bringing his skills and talents to continue the work Marg and her team have begun. Marg, as Past-President, will continue to mentor us all and guide us with her vast experience on the Board. She is a gracious, giving, generous person who has made a difference in our lives, and who will continue to make us feel valued in our work for OGEHR.

We thank you, Marg, for all that you have done and will continue to do. Many words that describe Marg come to mind – dedicated, inspiring, energetic, kind, warm, friendly, helpful, intelligent, fun-loving, hard-working, appreciative – you can add to that list with many other adjectives, I'm sure.

But in two words, Marg, **MOTIVATED TEAMWORK** has been your legacy to all of OGEHR, and we look forward to more of the same in the days to come. Thank you.

Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers

Annual Meeting

May 29, 2021



Many thanks to the 49 OGEHR members who took time to join the 2021 OGEHR Annual Meeting (AM) held on Saturday, May 29th. While members who attended last year's AM were part of a historic event by being part of OGEHR's first electronic AM, this year's attendees also made history by being part of OGEHR's first virtual AM.

The 2021 Annual Meeting (AM) was to have been held in conjunction with OGEHR's 2021 Festival planned for May 27th through May 29th at St. Lawrence College in Kingston. For the second year in a row, COVID-19 restrictions prevented us from meeting in person, and alternate plans were made.

Lessons learned from OGEHR's 2020 AM held electronically through Pragmatic enabled us to host the 2021 AM virtually this year via Zoom. We are most appreciative of the following people for the work they did to make the meeting run quickly and smoothly.

- Nancy Bell and the Governance Committee, who officially modified OGEHR's by-laws so that AMs can be held virtually.
- Mary Loree, who organized the AM and notified members via OGEHR's e-mail tree. Her attention to detail is second to none.
- Kim Leitch and Rob Cairns, who used their IT skills to create the slide show and develop the online voting poll.

The following motions were made and carried:

- *To approve the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting as distributed.*
- *To approve the Minutes of the 2021 Special Members Meeting as distributed.*
- *To receive the report from the Board and ratify the actions of the Board from May 23, 2020 to May 29, 2021.*
- *To receive the December 31, 2020 Financial Statements as printed.*
- *To approve the appointment of the accounting firm BDO Canada, LLP, as the accountant for the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers and to authorize the firm to conduct a review for the year ending December 31, 2021.*
- *To receive the Report of the Nominating Committee and to elect the persons to the positions and terms as shown in the report.*

Joan Bolam acknowledged Margaret Merkley and thanked her for her contributions as President. Marg recognized that the Guild is very fortunate to have such a strong group of Directors and Board Appointed members filling the 2021 -22 slate.

We remain hopeful that the 2022 Annual Meeting will be held in person at the 2022 OGEHR Festival in Kingston.

Margaret Merkley
OGEHR, Past President

MEET THE OGEHR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



NANCY BELL became a Director in 2019 and is Chair of the Governance Committee. She began ringing bells around 1985 at Lorne Park Baptist Church. For a number of years, her family attended the American Baptist Musicians Conference in Green Lake Wisconsin, where they honed their bell-ringing skills with some very talented clinicians. When the Lorne Park choir director left in the 1990s, Nancy stepped in as director and continued for about 13 years. Since Nancy's rule was that a parent had to come along to practice, her choir was a mixture of young and old. Later, she had enough junior ringers to form a children's choir that her daughter Jennifer led. Now, Nancy's sister, Barbara Neal, leads and Nancy rings. Ringing is definitely a family passion!

Professionally, Nancy worked as the Director of Administration and Treasurer for the Baptist denominational office for almost twenty years.

JOAN BOLAM has been a Director since 2016 and is Chair of Area Representatives. She volunteered at *The International Symposium in Toronto* and the *London Festival*, both held in 2004. After her involvement in *The Ringing Link* in London in 2008, Joan was asked to be Coordinator for the 2013 OGEHR Festival. She continued to be very involved with the 2015, 2017 and 2019 Festivals. Joan was West Area Representative from 2015 to 2017.

Joan's handbell training began with the Byron 50 Plus club and she has rung in a number of London Handbell choirs since. She is Director of Ring Salvation! at The Salvation Army London Citadel, London. Joan has attended the International Music Camp on the border of North Dakota and Manitoba 7 times and travelled to 4 International Symposia. Working with so many great OGEHR members has been a great opportunity to serve the handbell community and to make friends. Joan feels blessed to have been part of OGEHR.



ROB CAIRNS is OGEHR's new President and Chair of the Development Committee. Since becoming a Director in 2019, he has been Vice-President and Chaired both the Terry Head Memorial Fund and the Education Committees. He has also been the West Area Representative.

Rob Cairns is a music and drama teacher at Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts in London, Ontario. Outside of school, he directs the St. Thomas Youth Choir and Children's Choir and, at Metropolitan United Church, he directs the Jubilate Bells. Rob also does a bit of composing and has made his arrangements and compositions available for free at robjcairns.ca.

Oh, and as you can see from this bio photo, right now Rob is quite jealous of anyone who has been able to get their hair cut during the pandemic!

JANIS COWIE has been a Director since 2013. She is presently Chair of the 2022 Festival and Chair of Nominating. After working on one Festival Committee, Janis became Festival Chair for the 2019 Festival at Fanshawe College. Janis has been Chair of both the Communication and the Nominating Committees.

Janis Cowie's history of ringing began in a roundabout way. As a member of her church's Communications committee, she was asked to take a photo of the bell and chime choirs for the annual report. When taking the photo, the choir director asked if she would be interested in joining the chime choir. After joining, she asked her husband to cover a rehearsal for her and he became a member as well. Two years later, Janis joined the bell choir as well and has been ringing for approximately 15 years.

Janis' career gave her a vast marketing experience that she brings to the OGEHR Board. She currently works part time at Christ First Church handling rental and financial matters. Janis lives in Mississauga and enjoys gardening, travelling in Europe and wine drinking with friends.



HELEN COXON has been an OGEHR Director since 2018 and is the Membership Secretary. Before taking on this role, she was the Editor of The Clapper Chatter for three years.

Helen has been a ringer with Royal York Road United Church's 'Jubellation' handbell choir in Toronto since its inception in 1999 and has directed the group since 2008. Helen has worked at the Royal Ontario Museum for more than 30 years, and is currently a Senior Conservator specialising in Preventive Conservation. Her spare time is used volunteering as Administrator for the Orpheus Choir of Toronto. She is also into making beaded jewelry.

SONA KHACHIKYAN became a Director in 2020 and is OGEHR's Treasurer. She is a designated accountant through ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) and has recently applied to become a CPA Canada (Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada) member. She has worked as an accountant for the past eight years. She started as a Financial Analyst, has worked as a Senior Billing Administrator and a Finance Coordinator, and is currently working as a Financial Controller in a shipping company.

While not a bell ringer, Sona has several hobbies. She enjoys rock climbing, playing the piano and guitar, skiing, and learning about programming. However, her biggest passion is Argentine Tango, which she has been practicing for over a year now.





ERICH KNAPP is a new OGEHR Director and has come on as a Director at Large. He is also the new West Area Representative.

Erich moved to London in August 2020 and is the new Director of Music and Organist at First-St. Andrew's United Church in London. He is also the new Conductor of Pride Men's Chorus, London and serves in the Royal Canadian College of Organists.

Originally from northern Minnesota, Erich has taught organ, piano, voice, and choir in K-12 public and private schools, universities, churches, and served as artist-in-residence and organist. He has given organ recitals in eight countries in Europe, Asia, and North America; and has taken his choir and handbell choirs on six international tours. He has conducted handbell choirs for several decades and has been a guest conductor at numerous handbell festival in numerous countries. His undergraduate, masters and doctorate studies are from Bemidji State (MN), NDSU, and University of Oslo (Norway).

LISA KYRIAKIDES is a new OGEHR Director and is coming on as Vice-President, Chair of Program, and Vice-Chair of Nominating. She has been actively involved with OGEHR as Treasurer of the 2013 and 2015 Festivals, and as the Central Area Representative.

She enjoys a busy and varied career as a conductor, clinician, performer and musical director. She directs two 3-octave choirs at Aurora United Church as well as performs in the church's quintet EmBellished. Lisa is a member of The Bronze Foundation.

Lisa is Secretary and Program Chair of the newly formed Handbell Musicians of Canada.



KIM LEITCH has been a director since 2018 and is Chair of the Communications Committee. Kim is also OGEHR's webmaster and Secretary for the 2022 Festival Committee. She was the Secretary for the 2019 OGEHR Festival, as well.

Kim joined the Trinity Barton Handbell Choir at Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora in 2006 and loved the challenge of ringing – so much so, that she took over as director in 2010! The joy in participating in handbell festivals, OGEHR workshops and events, and at church and community music events, never wears thin. Kim is looking forward to ringing, directing, and meeting handbell friends in person again soon.

MARY LOREE became a director in 2017 and is OGEHR's Corresponding and Recording Secretary. She has enjoyed being an active member of OGEHR since sitting on the 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 Festival Committees.

Mary Loree began ringing at Wellington Square U.C., Burlington, almost 20 years ago, after attending a Christmas concert. She directed the WS choir for several years, but now rings at Christ First, Mississauga.

Mary worked in cancer and genetics research for several years, but always had a passion for teaching – Sunday School and swimming as a teen; piano and theory as a young mother of three, and grade 8 math and science before retiring from the Halton Board in 2008.

Mary enjoys travelling, outdoor activities – especially family camping and house projects, as well as sewing and cross stitching. She is presently completing a multi-year project to digitize family photos.



MARGARET MERKLEY is OGEHR's Past President and will be Chair of the Education Committee this coming year. She has served on the Board as a Director since 2013. During this time she has been President, and Chair of several committees including the 2015 and 2017 Festival Committees.

Margaret lives in Kingston, Ontario and rings with the Limestone Ringers. She taught for 32 years with the Scarborough Board and then the Limestone District School Board. She ended her teaching career as an Adjunct Professor at the Faculty of Education at Queen's University. She is an active volunteer in the Kingston community and at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church. Marg enjoys running, reading, gardening, and cottage life, especially when accompanied by her husband Peter, her two daughters, and her five grandchildren.

DOMINIQUE MOREAU is a new OGEHR Director who will be sitting as a Director-at-Large on the Education Committee. Dom was an active clinician in the 2020-21 online Handbell Tutorials.

Dominique Moreau is a percussionist and music teacher in Ottawa. He plays with the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra and teaches at Gisèle-Lalonde High School and the Ottawa Youth Orchestra. Dominique plays with the St. Andrew's Ringers, Ottawa.



Virtual “Bell” Socials

Each month a few members from across the province have been meeting virtually to touch base with each other. While it would be so much nicer to have seen each other in person at the “paused” 2021 Festival, zooming allows us to keep connected. Let Lisa know at program@ogehr.ca if this is a feature OGEHR should keep – even when COVID is behind us!



MARCH SOCIAL

OGEHR’s Handbell Video Library



It took a world-wide pandemic, but OGEHR now has a library of 22 excellent handbell tutorials on our website. After not ringing for a year and a half, many of us will be wanting and or needing a quick review. Go to <https://ogehr.ca/Video-Tutorials> to view the wide range in topics that are available.

If you do not see a topic OGEHR should have a video on in this library, please contact the Program Committee at programs@ogehr.ca.

OGEHR Honorary Members Article 4 of 8

by Mary Loree

Stuart Charles Belson

1926 - 2018



Stuart Belson is the fourth OGEHR Honorary Member. Stuart's many contributions to the Ontario bell community were recognized in the February 2019 *Clapper Chatter**. Tributes written there are a testimony to the influence Stuart had on everyone with whom he generously and prolifically shared his musical philosophy, wisdom and practise. Stuart's love for bells and his eagerness to help others learn and appreciate the instrument are described as 'second to none' by those who knew him.

Stuart had a kind, sincere manner in sharing, mentoring, directing and teaching. Humour, sensitivity and conviction in each ringer's success were combined with high expectations of effort and committed practice – aimed at perfection. Attention to technical detail and intentional musicality were impressed as the foundations of meaningful ringing.

No record of Stuart's first experiences with handbells prior to 1974 has been uncovered for this article. (Please contact Mary Loree if you can help fill this in for our archives.) It is known, however, that between 1974–1982 he had significant involvement with bells in Nova Scotia. He built an original two octave donated set at St. James United Church, Dartmouth to five octaves. He and the St. James choir did much performing and generated such interest that there were up to 15 choirs in the province when he left to return to Ottawa.

Stuart directed the adult, child and youth ringers at **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**, Ottawa in the 1980s. These choirs, including ringer Lira Buschman, played for many other congregations, school groups and camps, thus spreading the message of bell ringing. In the early 1990s, Stuart directed the **Chancel Ringers at Gloucester Presbyterian Church**, Ottawa. This choir, including member Olive O'May, attended its first of many OGEHR Festivals in 1993, in Kingston.

Stuart was involved with OGEHR throughout his handbell career. Records indicate that he was a member of the Executive in 1988, where he made a motion to divide Ontario handbell choirs into geographic regions. His choirs consistently attended OGEHR festivals, beginning in 1989. As a member of that Festival Committee, Stuart was in charge of workshops and mini-rings. Although not listed on the 1991 Festival Committee, Stuart's involvement in encouraging Don Allured to attend the '91 festival as guest director resulted in Don dedicating his *'The Maple Leaf Forever'* arrangement to Stuart.

In 2001, when Stuart was director of the **Metamorphosis Handbell Choir**, a community-based choir in Ottawa, an unusual invitation arrived from the Iqaluit Music Society in Nunavut – to visit and perform 300+ km south of the Arctic Circle! Not only did the choir enthusiastically agree to visit, but also dedicated a portion of their own fundraising to the Iqaluit efforts to raise funds for the purchase of bells. As well, they facilitated the at-cost purchase and transport of a used set of bells to the community. During the visit, Stuart and MHC spread their expertise and enthusiasm for bells in church services, school presentations and public concerts. In an article in the September 2001 *Clapper Chatter****, Stuart recounts the Iqaluit adventure in detail. For years after this trip, individual OGEHR members travelled to Iqaluit in the summer to instruct ringers and chimers.

Stuart taught for some time at the **Presbyterian Music Camp**, a day camp in Muskoka, Ontario. It was here that he met David Chin. David, a director in Ottawa, and other Belson director mentees continue Stuart's impact on Ontario handbell communities today. Many are members of the East Area Directors Roundtable, of which Stuart was a founding member.

In 2004, Stuart started the **Trinity Hilltop Ringers at Trinity Presbyterian Church** in Kanata, leading them from beginner to level 3 in just 4-5 years. Unfortunately, due to health concerns, Stuart retired after just a couple of years, but continued with the **Stuart Belson Small Ensembles** and **Bella Duetto**. True to his dedication and passion, Stuart directed these choirs until two weeks before his passing on December 19, 2018.

* February 2019 *Clapper Chatter* <https://www.ogehr.ca/resources/Documents/Clapper%20Chatter/Clapper-Chatter-Feb-2019.pdf>

**September 2001 *Clapper Chatter* Available from Mary Loree (secretary@ogehr.ca) upon request.



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Greetings OGEHR members!

As many of you are aware, our national handbell association has been undergoing a significant transformation in recent years. In the fall of 2018, it incorporated as a non-profit organization, and changed its name from Handbell Guilds of Canada to Handbell Musicians of Canada. In the fall of 2020, the first elections were held and in January of 2021, the first fully elected board of directors took the helm of your national organization.

One of the most significant changes in this period of transition has been to our membership structure. When we operated as the Handbell Guilds of Canada (HGC), our members were not you - the ringers, directors, composers, and supporters of this artform we are so passionate about. Our members were the provincial guilds themselves.

This meant that anyone who was a member of their provincial guild was automatically a member of HGC. This was very convenient for guild members but, given that less than half of the Canadian provinces and territories are currently represented by a local guild, this was not an optimal arrangement.

In our new governance structure, it is individuals who are the members, rather than the guilds. This allows anyone, regardless of their guild affiliation, to become a member of HMC. As a result, it's extremely exciting to see that after less than a year of offering this new structure, close to 10% of our membership comes from provinces and territories that were not previously represented in our national organization.

As our first fully elected board of directors takes the helm, our main goals are to expand the network of handbell musicians across our country. To support this goal, we are in the process of solidifying and growing our online presence using social media and our newly developed website. We will soon be offering expanded content on our website to include event listings, articles, videos and photos of member's activities and other items from around the international handbell community. We invite everyone to send us their content ideas and event listings – we can currently be reached via our website or Facebook page, as well as using the personal email addresses of our board members. Very soon we will have official email addresses set up so that contacting us will be even easier. We will be sure to share these contact details as soon as they are set up.

I am particularly pleased to bring you the news that the 20th International Handbell Symposium is moving forward and will take place from August 1-6, 2022 in Nashville, TN. Details of this event are starting to come through, and what is of great interest this time around is the number of ancillary events that will be taking place around this symposium. Not only will there be the main symposium, there will also be three additional events happening before, and during the symposium:

College Ring-In International, Jul 30-Aug 1 - aimed at young adult ringers aged 18-30

HMA Seminar Experience, Jul 31-Aug 1 – a workshop focused taste of

HMA's national seminar

International Youth Symposium, Aug 2-5 – a level 2 to 3- event aimed at youth ringers not already participating in the main symposium

More details regarding registration, fees, accommodations and such are planned to be released in late-summer/early fall, and registration is expected to be open shortly thereafter. We will be sure to pass along further details as they come in.

All the very best to you all for a happy and healthy summer,

Ellen Ramsay

Chair, HMC



Memory Column

Because many friendships are formed over the years through bells, the OGEHR Board recently decided that a "Memory Column" should be incorporated into each issue of the Clapper Chatter. Please let us know if someone in your bell community has passed away and a bit about that person so that we can let bell friends be aware.

Memorial Gifts



Honouring the memory of a loved one through a gift to the Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers (OGEHR) will create a lasting legacy. When a loved one passes, you may choose to have friends and family members make a donation to OGEHR in lieu of flowers. We will send you a list of names of those who contribute in memory of your loved one. To make your donation, please go to www.ogehr.ca/donate-now. A tax receipt will be provided on receipt of donation.

Estate Planning

Please consider creating a lasting legacy by remembering OGEHR in your estate plan. Called a charitable bequest, your gift will help future generations experience the joy of learning and ringing together. Making a bequest is as simple as inserting a few sentences into your will, specifying either a fixed amount or a percentage be directed to OGEHR.



Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers

OGEHR Board of Directors as of May 29, 2021

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2020-21 Term, as of June 15, 2021

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2. Vacant
3. Vacant
4. Vacant
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