

2025 Nominating Committee Report

Terry Shuh, Committee Chair

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2024/2025 were Jordan Duerrstein, Jeff Jantzi, Tabitha VandenEnden and Terry Shuh. Trevor Seath also participated in our meetings as a non-voting member in his position as Executive Director, as per GOB Article 15.1.5.

In October 2024 a letter was sent to all churches, pastors and leaders as a call for nominations inviting prayerful input into the process of discerning future leaders of our conference. This past year the Board of Directors had eleven (11) members but we had the potential of three (3) openings for a full complement of twelve (12) members, as per GOB Article 8.1.

It was an active nomination process and each candidate completed an extensive questionnaire, with references, and met for an interview via Zoom, with the committee. As a committee, we have prayerfully discerned three (3) suitable candidates. You will find their names and personal profiles at the end of this report, along with mem-

bers of the Board of Directors slated for re-election.

We would like to thank this year's candidates for their willingness to serve our conference, discerning their own calling, and to serve with humility and with their gifts. We also express our gratitude to outgoing board members Jeff MacLeod and Richard Martens for their leadership and dedication of time serving our conference.

As we look forward, we ask for your prayers to cover our Board of Directors in their work and also be prayerfully considering candidates from your churches who could serve on the Board of Directors in 2026. Nominating gifted, qualified and spiritually mature individuals to serve on the board is one way that our churches collaborate with each other and bless the conference as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shuh
Nominating Committee Chair

Recommendations

MOTIONS:

- (1) That the Board of Directors for the period commencing from Annual Meeting 2025 until the Annual Meeting 2026 be made up of twelve (12) members.
- (2) That Michelle Knowles be acclaimed as Chair.
- (3) That Doug Valerio be acclaimed as Vice Chair for a one-year term.
- (4) The following individuals be elected to the ONMB board as members-at-large: Anita Boles, Brent Easey, Sanjay Kasukurthy, Karen West
- (5) That all candidates for the Nominating Committee 2025 be acclaimed.

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Slate of Candidates:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025

Members-at-large:

(1) Andrew Plett, (2) Brent Kipfer, (3) Noah Grossman, (4) Meghan Plett, (5) Anita Boles, (6) Jeff Martens, (7) Tanya Janssen

New Candidates for Board of Directors 2025:

(1) Sanjay Kasukurthy (2) Karen West (3) Brent Easey

Board Members for Re-Election 2025:

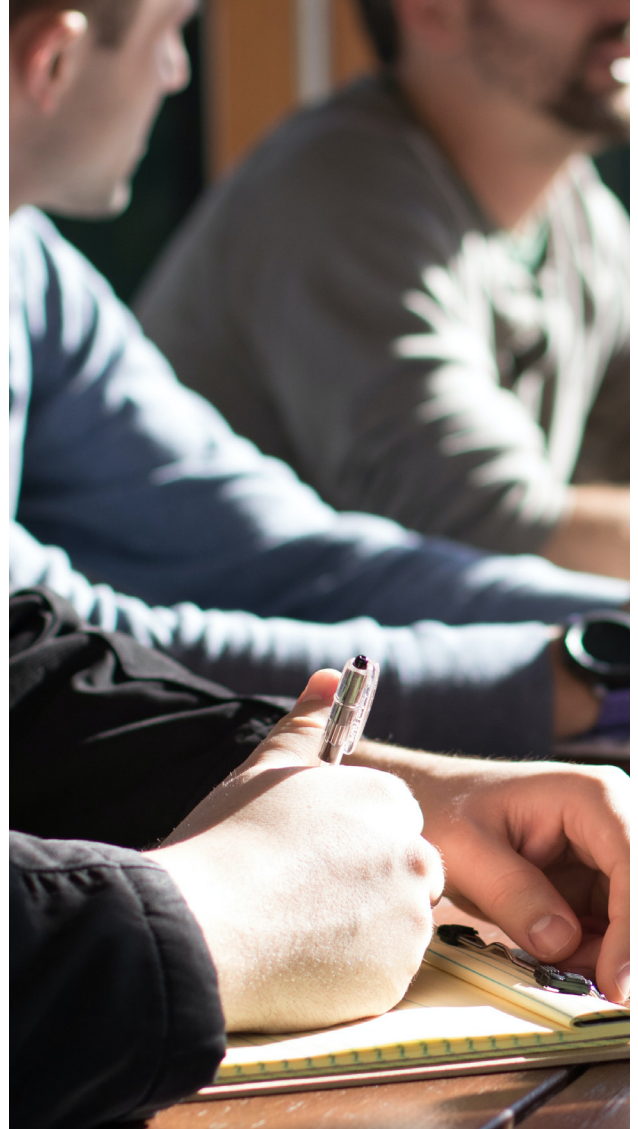
(1) Michelle Knowles, (2) Doug Valerio, (3) Anita Boles

Slate of Candidates:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2025

Committee Members for Re-Election 2025:

(1) Tabitha VandenEnden (2) Terry Shuh (3) Jeff Jantzi (4) Jordan Duerrstein



Thinking Ahead to 2026

The NC wants to hear from members and is asking our member churches to begin the discernment process now by prayerfully considering candidates who could serve on the BoD in 2026. Nominating gifted, qualified and spiritually mature individuals who can serve on the board is one way that our churches collaborate and bless the conference as a whole.

New Candidates for Board of Directors 2025

Nominee Profiles



Sanjay Kasukurthy

- Salesperson - Re/Max Realtron Realty Inc.
- Church Experience: Director, Worship and Programming/Vice-Chair, worship team member, member of New Life Christian Church
- Other Experience: Manager, Scotiabank/Tangerine Bank
- Education: BComm Ryerson University, Green Belt - Lean Six Sigma
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Exhortation



Karen West

- Retired. Pastor at WMB Church for 22 years
- MB Conference: Chair of PFLT, previous representative to NFLT, previous ONMB Moderator and board member
- Other Experience: Pastoral care, hospital/funerals/weddings, Senior Leadership Team at WMB Church, preaching/teaching.
- Education: Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Religious Education in Pastoral Studies
- Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom, Leadership, Teaching, Administration



Brent Easey

- Lead Pastor, St. Ann's Community Church
- Church Experience: Lead Pastor 9 years, Associate Pastor 2 years, Youth Pastor 2 years. Elder 15 plus years (6 as Secretary)
- Other Experience: Management in Retail Operations, Food Safety and Quality Control for Cidery, chaplain for offshore workers.
- Education: MDiv, Acadia, MTh (inc.) Huron College (Western) Business Administration
- Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Mercy, Wisdom



Board Members for Re-Election 2025

Nominee Profiles



Michelle Knowles

- Pastor, Discipleship – Kitchener site, WMB Church
- Church Experience: Served on pastoral staff team for fourteen years, member of WMB Church since 2005
- Education: MA – Transformational Leadership, Bethel Seminary; BA – Kinesiology & Phys Ed, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Other Experience: Served with the ONMB Board of Directors, 2012-2015 & 2019-present, ONMB Moderator Rep CCMBC Executive Board 2022 – present, Nominations Committee 2017-2019, chaired ONMB governance team, parliamentary teams for provincial and national gatherings, National Assembly task forces, served in leadership with many short-term mission teams, including various programs and events with Multiply
- Spiritual Gifts: Words of Knowledge/Wisdom, Exhortation, Faith, Leadership



Doug Valerio

- Lead Pastor, Manotick Community Church
- Church Experience: Executive Pastor, Small Group Director; Bible College Director and Tutor (Australia); Assistant Pastor (UK)
- Education: MA Christian Studies (Leadership Major) at Alphacrucis University College. Sydney Australia.
- Other Experience: ONMB Board Vice-Chair, Eastern Ontario prayer catalyzer for ONMB, Leadership Team for the Ottawa Unity Movement, Secretary for the Manotick Village Community Association; Co-lead Renew-Arts and Theology. Former Secretary/Chaplain for a local Christian Motorcycle Ministry.
- Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Leadership, Creative



Anita Boles

- Director, Finance & Operations, WMB Church
- Church Experience: (at various points over many years) prayer usher, home group leader, Leadership Board member, Sunday school teacher, premarital mentor
- Education: Business Administration-Accounting
- Other Experience: Chief Financial & Operations Officer at Emmanuel Bible College; Co-Chair of Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region
- Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Discernment, Wisdom

Candidates for Nominating Committee 2025

Nominee Profiles



Tabitha VandenEnden

- Co-Pastor – Grantham MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church Experience: Co-pastor, Music & Worship Leader, Children’s Ministries, Outreach Ministries
- Education: MA in Theological Studies, Bachelor of Church Music
- Other experience/work: Beacon Christian School Board of Directors, Chapel Coordinator at Canadian Mennonite University, Regional Representative for World Vision Canada, Ministry Team Director at Heritage College & Seminary
- Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Discernment, Encouragement



Terry Shuh

- Retired - Business, client relations/sales, active member of WMB Church (Waterloo site)
- Church Experience: Former Leadership Board Chair, Home Group Leader, Usher/Greeter, Mentor. Two previous terms served with the ONMB Board of Directors
- Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Discernment



Jeff Jantzi

- Pastor, The Gathering Ottawa.
- Church Experience: Lead Pastor @ The Gathering Ottawa (2014-present), Associate Pastor @ Southridge (2007-2014), ONMB Board Chair/Member at Large (2013-2021), ONMB FLT Member (2013-2017), Associate Spiritual Life Director @ Eden High School (2003-2007), Former Youth Worker with YFC (1999-2003).
- Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching/Preaching, Leadership, Discernment



Jordan Duerrstein

- Associate Pastor — Scott Street MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church Experience: Lead/Parish Pastor, Associate Pastor, Worship Pastor, Music Director, Choir Conductor, Preacher/Teacher
- Other Experience: High School Music/Media Studies teacher (overseas), MB Historical Commission summer archival intern, MoveIn Team Member, Toronto City Mission Day Camp Coordinator, Camp Crossroads Summer Team
- Education: Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Education
- Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Administration, Exhortation, Service