

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Terry Shuh, Committee Chair

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2025/2026 were Jordan Duerrstein, Tabitha VandenEnden and Terry Shuh. (Jeff Jantzi was on medical leave from his ministry roles.) 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 November 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. Due to terms ending and a resignation, we had the potential of four (4) openings for a full complement of twelve (12) members, as per GOB Article 8.1.

We believe a healthy board includes a variety of members from our various congregations reflecting the breadth of diversity among us. This includes candidates who have long experience within and understanding of our MB family history and theological distinctiveness. It is not always easy to find such a balance. We hope that in the coming years our family of churches will continue to prayerfully recommend board candidates who will strengthen the leadership of our Ontario conference as we hold in tension the need for change and continuity.

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 and we recommend two (2) candidates. You will find their names and personal profiles at the end of this report, along with members 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 Brent Kipfer, Andrew Plett and Doug Valerio for their leadership and their dedication of time serving our conference. We also want to sincerely thank Tabitha VandenEnden for her faithful service on the Nominating Committee for a number of years. She brought leadership, wisdom and discernment to the work of this committee.

As we look forward, we ask for your prayers to cover our Board of Directors in their work and also to be prayerfully considering candidates from your churches who could serve on the Board of Directors in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shuh
Nominating Committee Chair

RECOMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Board of Directors for the period commencing from AGM 2026 until AGM 2027 be made up of twelve (10) members.
- (2) The following candidates be elected to the ONMB board as members-at-large:
 - Derek Klumpenhouwer
 - Allen Kleine Deters
 - Meghan Plett
 - Noah Grossman
 - Tanya Janssen
- (3) That all candidates for the Nominating Committee 2026 be acclaimed.

2026 ONMB BOARD OF DIRECTORS & NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject to approval for all candidates standing for election, the ONMB Board of Directors and Nominating Committee will be comprised as follows:

Executive Board:

Chair: Michelle Knowles
Vice Chair: Jeff Martens
Treasurer: Anita Boles
Secretary: Meghan Plett

Members-at-large:

(1) Noah Grossman
(2) Tanya Janssen
(3) Sanjay Kasukurthy
(4) Karen West
(5) Derek Klumpenhouwer
(6) Allen Kleine Deters

New Candidates for Board of Directors 2026:

(1) Allen Kleine Deters
(2) Derek Klumpenhouwer

Board Members for Re-Election 2026:

(1) Meghan Plett
(2) Noah Grossman
(3) Jeff Martens
(4) Tanya Janssen

2026 Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee:

(1) Jordan Duerrstein
(2) Jeff Jantzi
(3) Terry Shuh

NEW CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2026 Nominee Profiles



Derek Klumpenhouwer

- Role: Family Ministries Pastor, (WMB Church)
- Church Experience: Family Ministries Pastor 1 1/2 Years, Pastor of Families & Connections 1 year, Kids Pastor 1 1/2 years. EMCC Pulpit Supply (1 year). Youth & Young Adults Pastoral Intern at Westside Gathering (1 Year)
- Other Experience: Family Dairy Farm, Merchandise at Coca-Cola Canada, Marketing & Events at Ontario Holsteins
- Education: BA in Christian Ministry (minor in Theology) from Briercrest College
- Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching, Giving, Mercy/Hospitality



Allen Kleine-Deters

- Role: Pastor of Congregational Life (Northend Church)
- Church Experience: Youth/Worship Pastor 16yrs, Church Planter 12yrs (2 churches), Adult Ministries Pastor 3yrs (while in seminary), Lead Pastor 5yrs (in an established church), Congregational Life Pastor 4yrs (current)
- Other Experience: Web Development, Musician, Audio/Video Production and Voice Over, Podcast Host, Marketing, Professional Cook (Food Handlers)
- Education: MDiv, Calvin Theological Seminary, BRE, Reformed Bible College, Certified with Healing Care Canada in Formational Prayer/Spiritual Direction.
- Spiritual Gifts: Apostleship, Teaching, Evangelism



BOARD MEMBERS FOR RE-ELECTION

2026 Nominee Profiles



Meghan Plett

- Role; Since 2010-Spiritual Life Associate – Eden High School Spiritual Life Centre
- Church Experience: Life group leader, retreat leader, mentor, mission trip leader, chapel speaker
- Education: B.Sc. in Secondary English Education, M.A. in Counselling
- Other Experience: Community Education Director at the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, Jr LIT program at Camp Crossroads, Bible Quizzing
- Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Leadership, Discernment, Compassion



Noah Grossman

- Role: Active member of The Gathering Ottawa
- Church Experience: Board Chair at The Gathering Ottawa, Home Church Leader, Youth Leader
- Education: BA History University of Ottawa
- Other Experience: IFIC from Mutual Fund Dealer Association (MFDA) LLQP from Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO)
- Spiritual Gifts: Discerning of Spirits, Shepherd, Teaching



Jeff Martens

- Role: Pastor, Outreach & Operations, Cornerstone Community Church
- Church Experience: Has served as a Pastor at Cornerstone since 2010, Part of the Lead Pastoral Team since 2019, experience in leading Children and Youth Ministries, Outreach Ministries, and Executive Leadership
- Other Experience/Work: Ministry leadership at Camp Crossroads, extended experience in global ministry, 4 years on ONMB Nominating Committee
- Educational Background: Capernwray Harbour Bible School, Tyndale University
- Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching, Discernment, Encouragement



Tanya Janssen

- Role: Member at Kingsfield Zurich Mennonite Church
- Current Church Roles: Missions Committee, Prayer Ministry Team member, Sunday School Director, and Kids Connect teacher at Kingsfield Zurich Mennonite Church
- Church Experience: Finance Chairperson, Church Council member, Pastoral Search committee member, Girl's Club leader
- Education: Discipleship Training School with YWAM
- Other Experience: Bookkeeping, Office manager, Business owner, Respite foster care
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Teaching, Giving

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2026 Nominee Profiles



Terry Shuh

- Role: 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

- Role; 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

- Role: Associate Pastor — Scott Street MB Church
- 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