

## Board of Directors

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## PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Savoy member

This is the first of what will be a brief newsletter from me in my new role as president. It is intended to keep you informed of your Board's activities and decisions. I'll also post it on the Savoy web site (<http://ottawasavoysociety.org>)

First of all I'd like to thank you for the privilege of being your president and, on behalf of the board, to ask you to join with us in a renewed effort to restore the vitality of Savoy. We'll work hard this year and with your help it will be a successful one. Our objectives for the year, passed at our first meeting are: --

1. Present a low budget, profitable, show
2. Find a suitable, affordable, venue for the next three years
3. Find a suitable, affordable, venue for rehearsals
4. Find an accompanist.
5. Stabilize finances so as to create sustainability in our operations.
6. Ensure that the membership at large is aware of the aims of the Society, are actively participating to the extent of their wishes and abilities, and are fully informed at all times as to the current state of the Society.
7. Initiate a long term planning process.
8. Create a Vision and Mission statement.
9. Develop e-solutions for ticketing, communicating with our audience, etc.
10. Outreach.

We have decided that we will produce "The Mikado" in the spring of 2012. We have made application to secure the auditorium of St Paul High School, which has an excellent 760-seat auditorium, a huge stage (if anything bigger than Centrepointe), and a full orchestra pit. We are exploring the possibility of an amateur orchestra. We have begun interviewing candidates for the positions of Music and Stage Director. We will have an open house, probably on September 7th and conduct auditions on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (dates provisional) at Kitchissippi United.

As these arrangements are confirmed we will communicate them to you.

Several people have already agreed to head up functions within the society. You may shortly get a phone call from me soliciting your help in an area of our administration that you may be experienced in. Please call me if there is anything that you would particularly like to do. There is much to be done!

With your help and talents I'm confident that we are going to have a busy, productive, profitable and, above all, HAPPY year.

Sincerely

**John**

John Forster,  
President

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