

## Baton New Brunswick - Newsletter

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#### Fall 2023 Edition

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### 2023-2024 Board of Directors



At the annual general meeting held on September 30th, 2023 in Moncton, the new board of directors was elected:

President Micheline Babineau
1st Vice President Daniel Babineau
2nd Vice President Jennifer Middleton
Treasurer Virginie Stanert

Technical Chair & Competition Coordinator Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc

Membership Chair Monique Maillet

Judges' Representative Debbie Middleton

Coaches' Representative Solange St-Coeur

Group Representative Anne-Marie St-Coeur

Sanction Officer Anise Ouellette
SDP Officer Natalie Branch

Media Coordinator Tyra Joe

Athletes' Representative Sophie Babineau

\*Not pictured: Anne-Marie St-Coeur & Tyra Joe

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### **Message from the President**

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### Vacant Position! Get Involved!

We are still looking for a secretary for our board of directors.
This person should have good computer skills and being bilingual would be an asset. If you want to get involved, this is a great place to start! If interested or you would like more information, please send an email to nb.baton@gmail.com

I'd like to start by saying I'm quite honoured to have been elected the Baton NB president for 2023-2025 and will do my very best to represent our athletes' best interests. I'd also like to thank the board directors who are staying on for the year and welcome the new ones who've just joined the board. I look forward to working with you all.

We've already been hard at work preparing for a great season for our athletes. We've brought back the Fall Clinic, with a new and improved format. I'm certain that our competitive athletes will benefit from our guest instructors and be inspired by our guest speakers. Thank you to the organizing committee for your hard work behind the scenes to get this organized.

We've created a new Baton NB Competition Committee headed up by Competition Coordinator, Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc. The objective of this committee is to oversee all competitions in the province regardless where they are held, this will help with consistency and planning. We are hoping this will encourage members to participate and volunteer at competitions. The old saying is true: Many hands make light work. If you're interested in joining the committee or putting your name as a volunteer, please reach out to Brenda at <a href="mailto:batonatlantik@gmail.com">batonatlantik@gmail.com</a>

Lastly, I look forward to seeing our athletes perform and progress throughout the year. I hope you all achieve the goals you've set out for yourselves.

Micheline Babineau

President BNB (micheline.babineau@gmail.com)

### Meet your Athletes' Rep - Sophie Babineau



Hi, my name is Sophie Babineau, I'm 16 and live in Grande-Digue. I'm a grade 11 student at Polyvalente Louis-J.-Robichaud in Shediac where I participate in several committees and sometimes work at the cafeteria. I also work part-time at Canadian Tire.

I've been twirling with Baton Atlantik since I was 4 years old and I've been coaching since 2020.

In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, watching movies, camping, doing all sorts of puzzles and eating. I am a foodie!

This is my 2nd year as Athletes' Rep and my job is to be the voice of all NB athletes on the Baton NB board as well as the CBTF Athletes' Commission. If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions, please feel free to reach me at sophiebab31@icloud.com

Keep an eye out on Baton NB's Facebook and Instagram pages for some fun activities I will be organizing during the year.

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### **Upcoming Events**

- BNB Fall Clinic November 4th & 5th
- Winterfest Competition December 2nd
- Pan Pacific Cup January 18th-21st (Alberta)
- Team Trials March 8th-10th (Saskatchewan)
- ♦ NB Provincial Open Competition & Championship April 26th-28th
- Team NB Practice June 15th
- BNB Awards Banquet June 15th
- Canadian Championship July 1st-6th (Ontario)

Please note these are tentative and are subject to change. More details will be announced as they become available.



Baton New Brunswick is excited to announce the 2023 Winterfest Competition will be held on December 2nd.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!

CLICK <u>HERE</u> TO REGISTER DEALINE IS NOVEMBER 19TH

We can't wait to see you there!

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### **NB Athletes in England**



Photo: Coach Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc, Sophie Babineau, Julie Allain, Brianna Middleton & Lucy Gray. NB had 4 athletes and 1 coach travel to Liverpool, England as part of Team Canada this past August. Sophie Babineau, Lucy Gray and Julie Allain competed in the 2023 IBTF Nations Cup while Brianna Middleton competed as an elite athlete in the 2023 World Championship! This was a great experience for all and we are proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations!



We wish to offer our sincere congratulations to Brianna Middleton, the World Senior Woman's 3 Baton Silver Medalist!

What an amazing accomplishment and we are very proud to be able to call her one of our own!

**Congratulations Brianna!** 

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### **Club News**

#### **Baton Atlantik**

- ♦ Baton Atlantik participated in the 2023 Sackville Fall Fair Parade September 23rd
- Baton Atlantik performed at the Moncton and Fredericton Fusion Production Shows - AKIKO. What a wonderful experience for all involved.
- ♦ CommunityVotes Moncton Baton Atlantik was nominated in 4 categories this year.







### Les Étincelles

• Les Étincelles received a visit from Athlete's Rep Sophie Babineau during their special gymnastics class on October 14th.







### **Baton Explosion**

- Baton Explosion has a new website and Facebook page. Check it out!
- https://www.batonexplosion.com/
- https://www.facebook.com/BatonExplosionInc

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Baton New Brunswick is a member of the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation. Our organization is run by a group of dedicated volunteers who help promote the sport of baton twirling in NB.

BNB prides itself on putting our athletes first and is committed to providing a fun and positive atmosphere for all twirlers, no matter the age or skill level.

Our vision is to inspire all New Brunswickers to embrace the sport of baton twirling and to make it accessible for everyone.

Our mission is to promote, provide, administer, guide, educate and develop baton twirling in New Brunswick.

#### **Clubs in NB:**

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