



WUSPBA

2017 Annual General Meeting

Preparation Guide



Saturday November 18, 2017

Irish Cultural Center

Phoenix, Arizona

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Transportation

The 2017 AGM will be held at the Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix, AZ. The Irish Cultural Center is located at 1106 North Central Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Driving directions from the airport to the Irish Cultural Center:

Driving from the airport to the Cultural Center will take approximately 10-15 minutes. Access to the center is only available from the North as Central Avenue is split into one way streets due to the light rail. Come from McDowell Rd. and Turn South onto Central Avenue. The center is located on the right hand side; you will enter through the driveway with the green harp gates. Parking in the adjacent lot is limited. However, there is public parking near the Irish Cultural Center. Below is a map of parking areas around the Irish Cultural Center.



The nearest Phoenix Light rail station is at Roosevelt/Central of “The Arts District.” Light rail trains run approximately every 15 minutes. For more information about route maps, schedules, and fares please see the Valley Metro website www.valleymetro.org.

Lodging Information

The host hotel for the 2017 WUSPBA AGM is the Found:Re Phoenix. This hotel is directly next door to the Irish Cultural Center. The hotel address is: 1100 North Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85003. Rooms will be available to WUSPBA members for \$109.00/night. For reservations please call 602-875-8000. For additional hotel information see their website: www.foundrehotels.com.

AGM

Saturday November 18, 2017

Participants will check in starting at 7:00am. The AGM will begin promptly at 8:00AM.

AGM AGENDA

Call to order, Establish Quorum

Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes

Welcome and comments by President Andrew Morrill

Attendee Introductions

Music Board Report

Budget presentation and vote

Election of New Officers

President

Executive Secretary

Treasurer

Band Registrar

New Business-Amendments to Bylaws and Contest Rules

Closing remarks and adjourn

Seminars available after the WUSPBA AGM

Dress and Department Seminar

Saturday November 18, 2017

Kevin Conquest (chairman of the Drum Major Committee) will be conducting a free dress and department seminar. Topics covered will include: how to properly wear the kilt and other parts of the uniform and how to look your best during band and solo competition. The seminar will begin at 2:00pm, or after the WUSPBA AGM.

Contest Organizer Meeting

Saturday November 18, 2017

A meeting of organizers, of the WUSPBA sanctioned competitions will be held at the Irish Cultural Center beginning at 2:00pm, or after the WUSPBA AGM. This is a chance for all contest organizers to share our best practices. If you have any questions about how to run a piping and drumming contest, the R2 system, or the WUSPBA contest rules please submit your question to Erin Gunn egunn.ec@gmail.com by Wednesday November 8th. All questions will be answered as part of the meeting.

Saturday Night Social

Saturday November 18, 2017

The Desert Branch officers are organizing a social event to be held at a pub in downtown Phoenix (time and location TBD). This event will feature a no holds barred kitchen piping/drumming event. If you are staying over Saturday night please plan to attend.

AGM Timeline

7:00 AM	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM
Saturday November 18, 2017																
Check in	Annual General Meeting											Lunch Break	Seminars			

Annual General Meeting of the Western Unites States Pipe Band Association**Held Saturday October 22, 2016 in Park City, Utah**

Meeting called to order, quorum was established (9:02am)

Minutes of the 2015 AGM (9:04am)

Motion to waive the reading of the 2015 minutes, and approve by acclamation (Drew McPheeters, 2nd BJ Gunn)-APPROVED

Comments by President Andrew Morrill (9:05am)

“Thank you for coming. I want to thank the Executive Committee and the Music Board for the many hours that go in to this behind the scenes.”

Attendee Introductions (9:07am)**Branch President’s Reports (9:14am)**

Kevin Conquest-Southern Branch

Suzan Karayel-Northern Branch

Christina Marshall-Intermountain Branch

Tyler Johnson-Great Basin Branch

Report from Music Board Chairman Ken Sutherland (9:26am)

- 13 individuals currently serve on the Music Board. They are divided into three different sub committees.
- The Music Board makes recommendations to the Executive Committee.
- During 2016 the Music Board focused on grading and the Adjudicator Development Program.
- Announced bands that have been upgraded for the 2017 competition season:
 - Las Vegas Pipe Band [grade 5 to grade 4]
 - Prince Charles Junior [grade 5 to grade 4]
 - Phoenix Pipe Band [grade 4 to grade 3]
 - Cameron Highlanders [grade 3 to grade 2]

Budget Presentation by Treasurer Nate Lorenz (9:48am)

2015-2016 actuals were presented

2017 proposed budget was presented

Motion to accept the treasurer report and approve the 2017 budget (Drew McPheeters, 2nd Lise Nelson)-APPROVED

Contest Organizer Introductions (9:55am)

Officer Elections (10:04am)

Vice President-Drew McPheeters was nominated

Motion to close nominations and elect by acclamation (Andrew Morrill, 2nd Ken Sutherland)

Sanctioning Secretary-Todd Brown and Amara Reddick were nominated. A silent vote was taken by secret ballot. Results were announced after the break. Amara Reddick was voted in as the new Sanctioning Secretary.

Solo Registrar-Lezlie Mann

Motion to close nominations and elect by acclamation (Erin Gunn, 2nd Christina Marshall)

BREAK (10:12am)

Called back to order (10:30am)

Results of the Sanctioning Secretary vote were announced. Todd Brown 109 vs Amara Reddick 117. Amara Reddick, having won the vote, is the new WUSPBA Sanctioning Secretary.

Amendments to Bylaws

Creation of new Branch (10:32am)

Friendly amendments were proposed and accepted by the author changing the proposed name from Kokopelli to Desert and changing Northern California Branch to Northern Branch.-passed

Vote on the amended proposal-PASSED

Branchy Financial Support (10:44am)-FAILED

Reciprocity Limits (10:49am)-PASSED

Amendments to Contest Rules

Solo Bass Terminology (10:56am)-PASSED

Tenor Drumming Back to 3 grades (10:58am)-PASSED

Calculation of Solo Aggregate Points (11:01am)

Friendly amendment proposed and accepted by the author clarifying the definition of an invitational event-passed

Vote on amended proposal-PASSED

Solo Grading Process Change (11:10am)-FAILED

Third Drum Major Class (11:31am)

Friendly amendments were proposed and accepted by the author removing the specification of cash or medal prizes and the qualifying upgrade statement.-passed
Vote on amended proposal-PASSED

Aggregate Drum Major Points (11:41am)-PASSED

Massed Bands tunes and lead drummer (11:44am)

Friendly amendments proposed and accepted by the author specifying high hand version of Scotland the Brave, striking out Glendaural Highlanders, striking out High Road to Gairloch, and changing the word required to approved.-passed

The tunes will be phased in over the next two years; two tunes per year.

Vote on amended proposal-PASSED

Massed Bands time limit (12:08am)

Friendly amendment proposed to change the time limit from 30 to 45 minutes.-failed
The DM committee will work with contest organizers to plan shows using the bands efficiently.

Vote on proposal-TABLED

Changes to band order of play and Band contest order of play-two opposing proposals presented at the same time. (12:27am)

Band Contest Order of Play was split as it dealt with two issues:

Strikeout 7.2-PASSED

2nd part of Band Contest Order of Play-FAILED

Changes to Band Order of Play:

Friendly amendment proposed and accepted by the author changing the wording from time to order.-passed

Vote on amended proposal-PASSED

BREAK (1:07pm)

Called back to order (1:15pm)

Band performance and formations (1:15pm)-PASSED

Additional clarifying wording on MMSR (1:27pm)-PASSED

Circle of Honor Winners (1:31pm)

Charlie Lumsden and James McCall

Closing Remarks by Andrew Morrill (1:40pm)

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2018 AGM will be held in Denver, CO

Meeting Adjourned (1:41pm)