

2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
WUSPBA  
November 16, 2019  
Sacramento, California

Called to order by Suzan Karayel at 0912- Quorum established:31 bands, 55 soloists.

2018 AGM minutes presented and approved. Unanimous vote accepted.

Welcome by Kevin Conquest: Thanked everyone on the executive committee for their hard work. Explained to attendees that he will not be seeking reelection for President.

Attendance Introductions from attendees, Music Board, and the Executive Committee.

Branch Reports:

Craig Farley- Northern Branch President: He reported that there was an increase in solo competitions this past year with new events being created. He also reported there has been a drop in band contests.

Robert MacTavish-Southern Branch representative in lieu of Ed Best: Listing of their games that are held each year. The branches current goal this coming season is to make their organization more visible at games i.e., stewards given a specific shirt for recognition. He also recognized Sharon Gates for all he work that was given this season.

Jamie Cuthill- Intermountain Branch President: Listing of their games that are held each year. He reported that the branch has seen wide spread of soloists at the games. The Colorado Irish Festival will not be held in 2020 to allow the organization to regroup. Raymond Marshall recognized for placing second in the juvenile competition at the World Drumming Solo Championships in Glasgow.

Bob Spetz-Great Basin Branch President: A moment of silence held in memory of Zach Lees. The branch has a big interest in getting juniors involved and it continues to be their focus. The Glenwild Conservatory is being held again in 2020. Expressed that the branch is trying to get a feel for interest in the PDQB certifications in WUSPBA.

Stuart Baker-Desert Branch President: Five games are held with three of them having band contests. They held a workshop this past year that included 7 instructors. Erica Lue and Teresa Black was recognized for work contributed.

#### Music Board Report:

Ken Sutherland, Chair, presented. (See slide show addendum for details).

- Brief overview given of the Music Board and explained the diversity amongst the board. BJ Gunn and Ryan Balchuck recognized.
- Informed attendees of Ensemble Workshop later in day after AGM.
- Grading has been completed for the 2020 season. He explained the objective is to promote players development while maintaining a level playing field. He explained that several factors go into regrading: CPLs, judge recommendation, instructor recommendation, applications, and first-hand accounts of the player or band playing.
- He informed the attendees that split grading is only used when really warranted.
- Education: The YouTube channel will be restarted with its focus being on information, and guidance for members, adjudicators, and stewards.

#### Audit Report:

Nate Lorenz, Treasurer, presented.

- Stephanie Sigmund volunteered to complete the audit.
- Finance Committee is forming and is a priority

#### Budget Report:

Nate Lorenz, Treasurer, presented. (See Budget Report addendum for details)

- Suzan Karayel moved to accept the 2020 budget, Craig Farley second. Accepted by unanimous vote.

#### Circle of Honor Recipients:

Kevin Conquest, President, presented.

- Charlie Capperault was inducted a few years ago but a plaque was lost. A new one has been made
- Hamish Yule
- Larry Erdmann (presented by Bob Spetz)

#### Officer Elections:

President Candidates: John Partanan and Jeff Mann.

Executive Secretary Candidates: Diane Lees and Christina Marshall

Band Registrar Candidate: Charlie Butterworth

Treasurer Candidate: Nate Lorenz

Ballots given to attendees and collected. Counting completed by 2 attendees, Amara Reddick and Amy Johannsen.

A 15-minute break was given.

Results announced for Officer Elections:

President (317 votes collected): Jeff Mann 309; John Partanan 8

Executive Secretary (317 votes collected): Christina Marshall 220; Diane Lees 97

Band Registrar (287 votes collected): Charlie Butterworth 286; Scott MacDonald (write-in) 1

Treasurer: (271 votes collected): Nate Lorenz 271

Contest Rules Proposals: (There were no Bylaw proposals submitted) See Addendum for specifics on each proposal.

- CR-Proposal 1: Submitted by Pasadena Scotts. Regarding CR 7.2.2.3 Juvenile Bands by eliminating "Grade 5" wording and including age specifications. Vote to accept new wording as presented: PASSED
- CR-Proposal 2: Submitted by Erin Berta. Regarding CR 2.1 and split grading in Piping Light Music and Piobaireachd: FAILED
- CR-Proposal 3: Submitted by Erin Berta. Regarding Piobaireachd set tunes list: FAILED Goal set for MB to come up with a list of recommended Gr. 4 Piobaireachd tunes.
- CR-Proposal 4: Submitted by Diana Lees. Regarding CR 8.2.3 and move to define what a part equals: FAILED
- CR-Proposal 5: Submitted by Jeff Mann. Regarding CR 8.2.4 and tune re-usage. Stuart Baker presented a friendly amendment to wording which was accepted by Jeff Mann. Suzan Karayel moved to vote on proposal with friendly amendment presented, seconded by Jeff Mann. PASSED
- CR-Proposal 7 withdrawn by submitter, Jeff Mann and will send to committee.
- CR-Proposal 8: Submitted by William Wallace Regrading CR 1.6 and to alternate grades on contest days: FAILED
- CR-Proposal 9: Submitted by Adam Blaine. Regarding 6/8 March Piping tune submission requirements. FAILED

Closing Remarks (1<sup>st</sup> set) by Kevin Conquest with thanks given Suzan for arranging and leading the AGM.

It was then brought to the attention that Games Sponsors needed the opportunity to promote games. Attendees given opportunity to do so from the following games: Pleasanton, Queen Mary, Costa Mesa, Phoenix Scottish Games, Rio Grande Celtic Festival, Redding Bagpipe Competition

New Business-

Karen from Pasadena Scots was inquiring about General Liability insurance and was looking for guidance where to obtain. Attendees offered to discuss with her.

Events for the Day announced including Ensemble Workshop and Contest Organizers Workshop

It was then announced that regrade information will be emailed in about a week.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02