



Western United States Pipe Band Association

Jeffrey M. Mann, President

WUSPBA Annual Membership Renewal

The issues presented by Covid-19 impacted many aspects of our lives we take for granted. One was the cancellation of many of the Highland Games and other events that sponsored solo and band competitions.

It is unknown what impact the virus will have for future solo and band events in 2021. At the 2020 WSUPBA AGM, the organization voted to sanction and award points for online competitions. Your WUSPBA membership will be required to enter online as well as in person competitions.

Maintaining your WUSPBA membership will allow:

1. More online programs such as the on-line workshops presented at the AGM in 2020. This year, WUSPBA also created an online competition, as well as a one-on-one critique with our judges. These programs will continue in 2021; your membership gains you access to these events; and help to fund them.
2. WUSPBA is run by volunteers. The organization does have operating costs for the website, licensing and legal costs as well as day to day expenses. Membership dues do help with these expenses.
3. WUSPBA continues working to make the organization better and more productive for all our members. Your membership ensures your vote on rule and bylaw changes at the AGM.
4. Your WUSPBA membership can be used to register for competitions in all ANAPBA piping associations across North America. Additionally, WUSPBA is working with other piping associations to set up "reciprocity" whereby their members can compete in WUSPBA competitions, and our members can compete in their competitions.

The WUSPBA Executive Committee has decided to move the late-fee deadline to **June 1st, 2021**, due to the current and future virus restrictions. There will be upcoming online competitions, so make sure to renew your membership.



All of us in the WUSPBA Executive Committee sincerely thank you for being members of WUSPBA – without you we wouldn't have the wonderful organization that helps us all to grow and express our music.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Mann, President
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