



Western United States Pipe Band Association

Executive Secretary Report to 2023 WUSPBA AGM

One objective of the Executive Committee (EC) in 2023 was to improve WUSPBA representation at contests by ensuring Contest Stewards be present at all contests, with the goal of helping contests to run consistently, smoothly, and according to Association rules. To assist games organizers, the Office of Strategic Planning for Games Organizers (OSPGO) committee, currently chaired by Suzan Karayel, has updated the Contest Manual, developed a mapped list of available Contest Stewards and developed a training program for Stewards. Suzan will be talking to these points at the AGM.

Another objective was to encourage and make the use of R2 easier for both contest organizers and registrars. Again, OSPGO, along with the Registrars and Sanctioning Secretary have been working towards this all season.

The EC also put a lot of emphasis on reaching and encouraging youth members in our organization by providing support to the Youth Education Council (YEC) in their activities, providing financial support for contests, and scholarship funding.

Also, the EC has been working with the Music Board to encourage expansion of our judging panels while maintaining quality aligning with other Pipe Band Associations.

To encourage greater participation at the AGM, and to divert funds to other priorities, the EC decided on an online only format for this year, and moved the meeting to the first Saturday of December to avoid conflict with any contests.

And finally, and most exciting, the Bylaws and Contest Rules were reviewed, updated in accordance with the amendments made at last year's AGM, and additional amendments have been proposed to reflect current practices. Policies were reviewed and revised, updated or instated as necessary.

Respectfully,
Karen McIlvena
Executive Secretary
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