



# MIDWEST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2021, 1pm



## AGENDA

### Elected Officers, 2021:

President:	Jim Sim	Regional Rep' (East):	Keith Murphy
Vice President:	Scott McCawley	Regional Rep' (Central):	Andrew Lockwood
Secretary/Treasurer:	Steve Stuart	Regional Rep' (Central):	Keith McDonald
Registrar – Bands:	Tad Myers	Regional Rep' (West):	Cliff Davis
Registrar – Solos:	Dan Tesch		

### Appointed Positions, 2021:

Chief Steward:	Sherry Sievewright	Website Administrator:	Steve Stuart
Music Board Chair:	Tom Weithers	Score Keeper:	Julie Parry

1. Call to order  
*Jim Sim started meeting at 1:03 pm* Jim Sim
2. Roll call of member bands  
*16 bands present* Steve Stuart
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 AGM Steve Stuart
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report  
*46 bands total* Steve Stuart
5. Registrar's Report – Band Tad Myers
6. Registrar's Report – Solos Dan Tesch  
  
*Looking to streamline the solo registration process in 2022*
7. Chief Steward's Report Sherry Sievewright
8. Music Board Report Tom Weithers  
*Changing Novice to Grade 5; keeping consistent with other associations. This represents a name-change only, no changes in musical competition requirements. Same splits between Junior & Senior (age 18). Upgraded several players & 1 band (Cameron & District) to Grade 3.*
9. Vice-President's Report Scott McCawley  
  
*Scott is the front-man for the Ian Swinton & Terry McHugh. A survey will be coming out shortly, regarding about bringing in a top Pipe Major/Lead Drummer in the Feb-March time-frame. The survey will ask if band members would attend (a.k.a. gauge potential attendance). The event would be free if they're on a roster of an MWPBA pipe-band.*
10. President's Report Jim Sim  
*Started out year with instructional interviews funded by the Association. We held our first contest in 20 months in May. The second contest was the Scottish Home solo contest in August, held in conjunction with the Scottish Home picnic. Well attended, and a great day of piping. The third contest was held in Delafield, WI, and was a full pipe-band and solo contest. We had a few e-mails regarding the Slow-Air event. Two parts repeated of a slow march of a slow-air are the requirements. Chicago Highlanders & Chicago Stock Yard Kilty Band either have celebrated or are celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

*Placing in the top 3 at the McHugh Memorial, under the age of 18 are available for the scholarship. We had 5 drummers qualify that will begin their lessons next week (mid-November)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> week of January will have our Highland Games summit. Alma Games will be taking place on Memorial Day weekend in Alma, MI. Chicago & Waukesha games are also scheduled to take place. More details will come after the HG summit. Tulsa ScotFest had their 2<sup>nd</sup> sanctioned contest this year.*

*Chicago Highland Games – plan to have 8 judges (4 piping, 2 drumming, 2 ensemble) adjudicate the Grade 2 & 3 contest, pending final approval.*

*Mention of survey for bringing in PM & lead-tip of a top pipe band in 2022*

*Jim, J.Reid Maxwell & Doug Stronach are trying to press forward with improved massed-band drum scores for North America. The intent is for them to be introductory drum-scores for bands*

*Our intent is to run 2022 as a normal year – bands & soloists would have to re-register Regional contests to take place in the locations that they have previously taken place. Finals will be held in Park Ridge, near Chicago, along with the Ian Swinton Professional contest & the Jim Enright Sr. Drumming contest.*

*Competition dates for Milwaukee would be June 4, Chicago June 17/18, and Waukesha on Sept. 3.*

*John Haack appreciated our association's flexibility*

*Brian Donaldson thinks every band should send at least two representatives to the Top PM/Lead-Tip event.*

#### 11. Business Items

##### a. Advisory Committee Proposals

*i. none*

##### b. Discussion items

*i. Any other business*

#### 12. Election of Officers

Jim Sim

*All current officers are voted into the same positions for 2022.*

#### 13. Presentation of Champions Supreme Awards

*Presentation of winners per information on the website.*

#### 14. Announcements

*Steve Stuart recommended that members send in newer photos to post on our website at [mwpba.org](http://mwpba.org)*

#### 15. Adjournment