

MWPBA MUSIC BOARD REPORT 2018 Annual General Meeting

News

This year the Music Board issued two new adjudicator certifications. Dave Hickling completed his second shadow judging assignment and is now fully qualified as a Drumming adjudicator. Stephen MacNeil completed both his ensemble shadow judging assignments and is now fully qualified as an Ensemble adjudicator. So far, we have one applicant to take the drumming exam in the spring.

The annual adjudicator training seminar was held on February 17, 2018 and was well attended. Ken Eller presented live at the Scottish Home and the event was live-streamed so that adjudicators could attend without travelling to Chicago. Mike Cole provided a pre-recording video presentation on tenor and bass drumming tuning that was shared and discussed.

The member associations of ANAPBA have agreed to make efforts to share adjudicator training materials and seminars whenever possible. At the British Columbia Pipers Association Adjudicators Conference in February Rene Cusson (Music Chair of the BCPA Music Committee) and Tom Weithers gave a joint presentation on the ongoing ANAPBA project to draft grading guidelines that will define the expectations for each band grade to be used by all ANAPBA associations.

Proposed Rule Changes

The only proposed rule change this year is to change the age limit for Senior sections of Novice Piping and Grade 4 Piping from “30 and up” to “18 and up.” That would change the age requirement for the Junior sections to “under 18.” This brings the MWPBA into alignment with the EUSPBA, which is the only other association to split these grades by age.

Grading Decisions

PIPING

Senior Novice to Grade 4

Paul Napolitano
Bruce Beavis
Richard Scully

Junior Novice to Grade 4

Clayton Nelson

Note: any other player that has competed in a Novice Grade for a season may register in Grade 4 without Music Board approval

Grade 4 Junior Light Music to Grade 3 Light Music

Yingtong Xie

Grade 4 Piobaireachd to Grade 3 Piobaireachd

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Grade 3 Light Music to Grade 2 Light Music

Andrew Christie

Grade 3 Piobaireachd to Grade 2 Piobaireachd

Mary Beth Nicholson

Grade 2 Light Music to Grade 1 Light Music

Joseph Fischer

Grade 2 Piobaireachd to Grade 1 Piobaireachd

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DRUMMING

Note: all players in Beginning Snare are automatically upgraded to Grade 4 after one season.

Grade 4 Snare to Grade 3 Snare

Jack Manion

Nathan Vanderleest

BANDS

Turlach Ur Pipe Band from Grade 4 to Grade 3

The Music Board, as a one year experiment, also “conditionally approved” 17 other players for an upgrade. To accept this offer, these players will be contacted by email and advised that they must request the upgrade and will be subject to downgrade in the fall if their results during the 2019 season are not satisfactory. The Music Board will evaluate this experiment after the 2019 season to see if this process creates too much grading volatility.

For the Music Board,

Tom Weithers

Chairman