



# MIDWEST PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2022, 1pm



## AGENDA

### Elected Officers, 2022:

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, 2022:

Chief Steward:	<i>(varies/game)</i>	Website Administrator:	Stuart Barr
Music Board Chair:	Tom Weithers	Score Keeper:	Julie Parry

1. Call to order Jim Sim  
*Meeting begins at 1:06 p.m. after technical issues (passwords for Zoom, WiFi not working so cannot connect to Zoom)*
2. Roll call of member bands Steve Stuart  
*22 bands represented*
3. Approval of Minutes of the 2021 AGM Steve Stuart
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report Steve Stuart
5. Registrar's Report – Band Tad Myers
6. Registrar's Report – Solos Dan Tesch
7. Music Board Report Tom Weithers  
*Scott McCawley is a full judge*  
*Rationale for Grade Level requirements change presented*  
*Discussion of MSR requirements for Grade 1 at Chicago-RSPBA has changed their MSR requirements; one band MSR must consist of 6-parted tunes (Long MSR), the other can be 4-parted (Short MSR). As Chicago is our only Grade 1 contest, and bands are not playing 2 sets, bands will not draw at the line for their MSR, as some bands could have to play their long set vs. their short set. The draw will now occur at the band meeting, so every Grade 1 band will know which MSR set they will be playing on the field in Chicago. No change to Grade 2 band draws; they still occur at the line*  
*Tie-breakers were further refined for the Chicago Games 8-judge panel (with two ensemble judges, it would be mathematically possible to have a tie in a band competition)..*
8. Vice-President's Report Scott McCawley
9. President's Report Jim Sim  
*2023 Games Summit is January 7*  
*2023 Winter Storm format: Thursday is Amateur solos, Friday is Professional solos*  
*The Terry McHugh Solo Piping contest will not have qualifiers in regions due to cost vs. attendance factors; everyone will be invited to the one day contest to be held in Chicago in April. Exact date TBD.*  
*Jim Enright, Sr. Memorial Drumming contest TBD*  
*Ian Swinton contest is May 6,*  
*Researching possibility of one day band contest at Alma vs. traditional two day; VP will send out a survey to the band managers/PM's*  
*Chicago will have a Grade 1 contest in 2023; there will not be a concert formation in Chicago due to the amount of bands expected & the time it takes to make the "concert formation" circle*  
*No MN Games planned at the moment*  
*No word received yet from Columbus, IN games*  
*Planning on having a Steward seminar over Zoom in 2023*

*Attempting to bring over a Grade 1 PM & Lead-Tip from Scotland for a week, looking to sell their services to bands in Metro Areas, potentially in the March/April time-frames.*

*Changed "Sustaining Bands" and "Sustaining Members" to "Supporting Bands" and "Supporting Members"; this is for our non-competing bands & soloists who wish to support the MWPBA.*

10. Business Items

a. Advisory Committee Proposals

- i. Allow Registered Instructors in G2 Bands **Passed***
- ii. Raise the Adjudication rate to \$300/day & per diem to \$50 (USD) **Passed***

b. Membership Proposals

- i. Allowing disabled/mobility-challenged players to set-up in band circle prior to three-pace rolls (L. Greenlee) **Passed***
- ii. Use of pre-recorded music for solo drummers (A. Hoinacki) **Passed***

11. Election of Officers

Jim Sim

*All passed; Tom Ogilvy to replace Brian Donaldson as Brian has moved away from our area; Keith McDonald (Central) & Keith Murphy (East) will not be area representatives; they will be replaced by David Bradley (Central) & Peter Deneen (East).*

12. Presentation of Champions Supreme Awards

Jim Sim

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13. Announcements

All

14. Adjournment

Bands in Attendance:

Cameron & District PB  
Celtic Nations Pipes and Drums  
City of Chicago PB  
City of Rockford Pipes and Drums  
Firefighters Highland Guard  
Fountain Trust PB  
Grand Rapids and District Pipes and Drums  
Jim Enright, Sr. Memorial  
Macalester College PB  
Madison Pipes & Drums  
Michigan Scottish Pipes and Drums  
Midlothian Scottish PB  
Milwaukee Scottish PB  
Minnesota Police  
Muskegon Regional Police PB  
Oklahoma Fire Pipes & Drums  
Rochester Caledonian  
Spirits of Michigan  
St. Andrew's Detroit  
The Alliance PB  
Twin Cities Metro