



Office of the Chairman

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LAS VEGAS WORLDS INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was announced Saturday, November 14th at the Western United States Pipe Band Association's annual general meeting (AGM) in Las Vegas that major funding was approved for an International Pipe Band Invitational Competition, Military Tattoo, Ceilidh and Highland Games.

State Senator Dennis Nolan, along with Las Vegas Events Vice President of Marketing, MaryAnne Beaman made the announcement during the AGM's general session.

The precise venue in the Las Vegas area has yet to be determined. This has been a work in progress since 1999 when the concept for an international championship was first discussed at the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations (ANAPBA) meeting held in Salt Lake City.

The Board of Directors for the Invitational Pipe Band Championships and Drum Major Contests are as follows:

Jeff Mann, who is currently the Chair for the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations, current Vice President for WUSPBA and sits on the Board of Directors for the Wasatch & District Pipe Band.

John Biggar, 13-year Piping & Drumming Chairman for both Santa Rosa and Pleasanton Highland Games, competing bandsman and current President of WUSPBA

Jim Harrington, who is the Senior Drum Major Adjudicator for WUSPBA and the chief organizer, choreographer and director at many of the massed band and tattoo events in the western United States.

Daniel Schneider, Treasurer for ANAPBA, Treasurer for WUSPBA, and President and chairman of the board of directors for the Wasatch & District Pipe Band.

Currently the plan for the Invitational Pipe Band Championships is to invite all Grade I and Grade II bands from North America, and the top three bands in Grades III and IV, determined from each of the ten pipe band associations within the ANAPBA.

A website is being developed and will soon have additional information.

Kindest Regards,

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