

SUMMIT MEETING – January 13, 2002 Airport Delta Hotel - Toronto
ALLIANCE OF NORTH AMERICAN PIPE BAND ASSOCIATIONS

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Sunday Morning, 9:20 to 11:35 (Chaired by Bob Allen)

Attending: Aaron Noga, Rob MacNeil, Susan Thornton, Jeff Mann, Bob Allen, Paula Glendinning, Amanda Hammond, Kevin Blandford, Roddy MacDonald, John Geddes, Iain MacDonald, David Noga, Marlene Stephen, Georgann Hoel, Jim Scott, Charlie MacDonald, Jeff Middlebrook, Nancy Taylor, Al McMullin, Reid Maxwell, Kimberley Chisholm, Ray Holmgren, Wendy McCormack, Paul McCormack, Andrew Bertoff, Ed Neigh, and Dale Morton.

Leftover items from previous deliberations:

Music Initiatives Advisory – circulated by Rob MacNeil on behalf of “the bar committee”

- Rob elaborated on the document, emphasizing that every association should try to establish a Music Board
- Suggestion that perhaps each association could have Champion Supreme from each grade perform a couple of tunes and put up as an audio file on website. They could then be taken as indicators for standards of play across the continent; encouraged for educational purposes.

[Note: Al McMullin announced that EUSPBA is having a workshop 20 April in Charlotte, NC regarding types of material suggested to be covered by instructors, syllabus, helpful material, etc., and invited participants to attend. Information also to be available after-the-fact on their website if Music Boards would find it useful.]

BUSINESS RESULTING FROM THE SUMMIT: (Motions to formalize recommendations)

Moved by Prairie PBA of Manitoba; 2nd by EUSPBA that Alliance adopt the recommendations put forth. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by PPBA of Manitoba; 2nd by Alberta PBA that Alliance accept in principle the adoption of recommendations in the documents prepared by RobMacNeil and Al McMullin regarding adjudication; those recommendations would go back to each of the 10 Music Boards who would be asked to shape the content of the document through inter-association communication. MOTION CARRIED

[Note: Consensus that the 10 associations would be prepared to have the finished document sent out by their respective local associations.]

Moved by Alberta PBA; 2nd by SUSPBA that anything of a monetary nature incurred on behalf of the Alliance be unanimously approved by the association presidents (or designated representatives). MOTION CARRIED

Moved by MWPBA; 2nd by BC Pipers that *ad hoc* committee be established to create Bylaws document. (Jeff Middlebrook, Chris Hossack and Amanda Hammond volunteered). MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Alberta PBA; 2nd EUSPBA that suggested Alliance dues for 2001 be set at \$120 US, and \$350 US for 2002. MOTION CARRIED

Moved by BC Pipers; 2nd by Saskatchewan PBA that 10 presidents (or their designates) for the next year make up Executive Board, and appoint from among themselves a Chair and Vice Chair, and may appoint a Secretary/Treasurer, a Press Secretary and an Archivist/Historian. MOTION CARRIED

[Noted by Paul McCormack that we be more specific in terms of motion and seconder, along with vote outcome recorded, in order to prevent any future misunderstandings.]

Discussion regarding site of the next Summit, whether hosted by EUSPBA or BC Pipers – both agreed they would be prepared to host next meeting, with the other hosting the subsequent one. Moved by BC Pipers; 2nd by Alberta PBA that EUSPBA host 2003 Summit and BC host 2004 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

At that point there was an executive change-over, with Al McMullin and Kim Chisholm assuming their respective roles as Chair and Vice Chair. On behalf of the Alliance, Al extended a thank you to Jeff Mann and Susan Thornton for their great work over the past three years. He also recognized the efforts of Kevin Blandford, Amanda Hammond, Paula Glendinning, Bob Allen, Rob MacNeil, Aaron Noga, and Dale Morton as part of the executive team.

Outstanding issues regarding status of Committees:

Ray Holmgren – not clear whether D/M committee is to be dissolved or carry on. Al McMullin stated that we should perhaps assume that D/M would be covered as part of the recommendations submitted to the various Music Boards.

Susan Thornton – who will chair the Central Registry? People should be encouraged to submit notices of upcoming workshops to ANAPBA website.

Bob Allen – on-line registration too comprehensive. Paul McCormack suggested that we table the issue of on-line registration until next year’s Summit. Consensus that the matter be sent back to the local associations for determination as to whether they would be interested in on-line registration, or some system of registry of their own.

Agreed that the issue of adjudicator certification also become part of the “MIA” (music initiatives advisory) document prepared by Rob MacNeil. Suggested by AI that Rob and Paula continue on as facilitators for the music initiatives; not necessarily best for the local Music Boards to assume that role. Both Paula and Rob agreed to those roles. For the record, Paula Glendinning and Rob MacNeil were appointed as co-chairs of the Music Initiative Advisory Committee.

North American Championship Committee: Suggested by AI that we continue on with this initiative, which was agreed to by Bob Allen with assistance from Reid Maxwell and Jeff Mann.

Development Committee: this group will now be incorporated into the Executive Board.

Website Committee: Concern expressed about the cost associated with maintaining the website; i.e, \$300 US per quarter. It was suggested that the Chair discuss this issue with the webmaster with view towards reducing the costs. (Noted that EUSPBA website costs only \$450 US for the entire year)

- Need information from various associations regarding costs for their respective websites. Consensus that we would like to have Kevin MacHeffner continue on as webmaster for continuity, but we need to be able to reduce maintenance cost as much as possible.
- Should continue to have music information submitted for inclusion on ANAPBA website.

Wrap-up discussion about keeping our international affiliates informed of ANAPBA dealings. There has been an expression from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Swedish Pipe Band Associations that they might be interested in a global meeting, perhaps with ANAPBA leading that initiative. We need to get a summary out to the various affiliates for clarification and historical purposes. We need to be clear that ANAPBA initiatives should be worked on to ensure that we don’t “drift” from original intent. If other international associations see value to any of those initiatives, we may be willing to share the information. With regard to potential impact relative to RSPBA, Jeff commented that there was a suggestion from the RSPBA representative at Pleasanton that the Alliance may wish to take out a “branch membership” in the RSPBA to ensure flow of communication. Reminder from the Chair that we need to keep international affiliates in the loop with what the Alliance, and extend invitations for attending subsequent Summits; however, we should be focusing on ANAPBA, with respect to North America doings.

Suggestion that all associations bring a paper copy of their reports (i.e., “show & tell”), with sufficient copies for all attendees, for subsequent Summit. Comment by AI McMullin that if Music Boards want to have concurrent meeting, EUSPBA will make sure that there are adequate facilities available to them.

Date for next Summit:

General consensus that timing for this meeting seems to be good for everyone; therefore, it will be “carved in stone” that future Summits will be held on the second weekend of January. Accordingly, the next meeting will be weekend of January 10-12, 2003, at a site to be determined by EUSPBA, as the host association.

Al McMullin again recognized tremendous amount of time, dedication and financial contributions to ANAPBA over the past three years. Comment from Nancy Taylor that we also need to recognize efforts of PPBSO (Bob Allen and crew) for hosting the event. In particular, she expressed appreciation on behalf of the group for the “goodie bags” provided by Jim Scott.

It was noted that WUSPBA had graciously offered to leave their contribution towards ANAPBA fees for 2001, even though it was over the subsequently agreed amount.

Jeff Mann wrapped up comments with a commendation to all contributors towards the realization of the Alliance, and paid particular thanks to Susan Thornton, Rob MacNeil, Paula Glendinning, Amanda Hammond, Kevin Blandford, Aaron Noga, and Dale Morton.

Motion for adjournment (11:35) by Bob Allen. MOTION CARRIED

Board of Directors Meeting – Chaired by Al McMullin
Sunday, January 13/02 11:45~12:15 hrs.

- Need to keep on with what we are doing but don't take on any new initiatives
- Arrange for hosting of next Summit
- Unanimous agreement that we need to have Jeff Mann in the picture for retention of his “corporate memory”. Jeff thanked participants for the expression of confidence and emphasized that he would very much like to be involved in some manner. It was agreed that he would be an “ex-officio” member of the Board of Directors.
- Unanimous agreement to ask Aaron Noga to take on appointment of Secretary/Treasurer. Aaron stated that he had no problem with paying occasional bills and being note-taker for meetings, but he did not know American law and therefore didn't want to assume any potential liability with regard to official signing authority. General feeling that Aaron should be part of the committee looking at the Bylaws revisions. A bank account is to be set up for Canadian financial transactions, complementary to the one currently in Utah. Agreed only one signature will be required for the present; US account will have Jeff Mann's name replaced by Al McMullin's.
- Agreed that Secretary/Treasurer, at minimum, to have expenses paid to the Summits. Other appointed positions (e.g. Press Secretary) to have expenses subsidized as funds permit. Presidents, or designated representatives would be expected to have their way paid by their home associations. There was a general consensus that we need to get our own house (ANAPBA) in order financially.
- Clarification needed for roles of Press Secretary and Historian. Amanda Hammond agreed to stay on as Press Secretary; Kevin Blandford agreed to remain as Historian/Archivist.