

Bylaws Proposal - Band Late Fees

Submitted by The Nicholson Pipes and Drums

EXISTING TEXT:

Article III Membership and Registration

2. Classes of Membership

2.1.1 Active Bands:

2.1.1 b. Annual fees of \$300.00 will be for a calendar year and will be due no later than January 15 of each year

2.1.1 c. Annual fees received after that time will be \$400.00.

PROPOSAL TEXT:

Article III Membership and Registration

2. Classes of Membership

2.1.1 Active Bands:

2.1.1 b. Annual fees received after January 15 will be assessed a late fee based on a graduated late fee structure. An email late notice will be sent by the WUSPBA Treasurer one time if the delinquent band's membership dues are not received by January 15th including the late fee and graduated late fee structure.

After January 15th: \$325.00

After February 15th: \$375.00

After March 15th: \$400.00

RATIONALE:

The rationale for a graduated late fee structure is that charging a band \$100.00 for being a day late is an excessive penalty. WUSPBA does not send out payment notices. If a band has overlooked or missed the membership due date it gives that band the opportunity to be current without incurring a 30% late fee penalty. If the band still does not submit their dues within the 30 day grace period after being informed by e-mail, then the graduated late fee will then go into effect. It is a common practice within the private financial sector to have a graduated late fee structure.

ASSOCIATION COMPARISON:

1) The band membership graduated dues late fee has precedent. EUSPBA, which represents 25 states, currently has a graduated late payment structure, i.e.,

\$125.00 if paid by January 1

\$150.00 if paid by March 1

\$200.00 if paid after March 1

2) Southwest Pipe Band Associations membership policy is: \$5.00 membership fee per member plus a one time \$2.00 fee with each years roster submission or 30 days prior to a competition date.

3) Current WUSPBA membership and late fee assessment for Juvenile Bands:

Membership \$50.00

Late Fee \$25.00

Associate Bands: Membership \$40.00

Late Fee: \$20.00

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