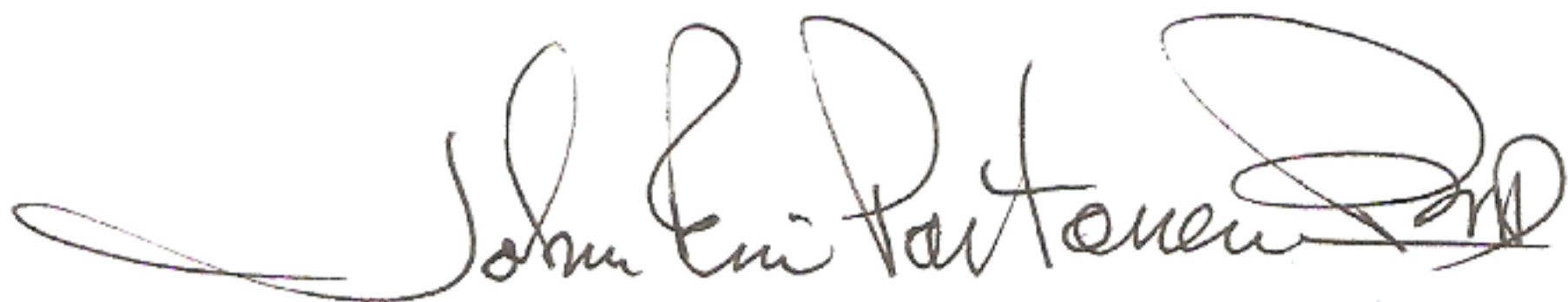


Some on the Music Board believe he is not prepared to compete in Grade II. Others on the Music Board want to re-grade him and “force” him to compete in Grade III. Most members of the Music Board believe he is “gaming” the system by joining an association in Canada as a Grade II piper so he can compete in WUSPBA sanctioned contests as a Grade II piper. These “attitudes” by members of the Music Board are contrary to the purposes for which they are on the Music Board, and will most certainly lead to abuses of the power and control they have wrongfully been given in the first place. If Mr. Campbell wants to compete in Grade II, SO WHAT? The Grade II contests he competes in will sort it all out. If he’s not prepared, he won’t win or place. If he’s prepared, he will win or place, and if that’s the case why did he need permission to compete in that grade from anyone? Why should he feel compelled to join another association in order to compete in the grade he wants to?

This contest rule change limit’s the power and control of the association over solo competitors. The Music Board and “Grading Committee” may make recommendations only, which must be approved by the Executive Committee of the association before they are sent to the solo competitors. The solo competitors may agree with or disagree with the recommendations. It gives solo competitors the right to re-grade themselves up one grade at the beginning of each contest season. It also gives solo competitors the right to challenge up one grade with the contest sponsor’s permission at any given contest. It gives the solo competitor the right to request to move down one grade with the Music Board’s agreement and approval by the Executive Committee. It gives the solo competitor back the power and control over their ability to compete in the grade they themselves believe they are prepared and able to compete in. This eliminates “politics” and other potential abuse of powers by the association and encourages solo competitors to advance when they believe they should, not be told that they should.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Eric Partanen PhD". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John Eric Partanen, PhD  
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