



CENTRAL TEXAS BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

New Website, Membership Platform, Annual Meeting, & Board Elections

Hello members and friends of the **Central Texas Bluegrass Association!**

The **CTBA Board** is happy to announce some new technological developments and some upcoming events:

- **New Website**
 - **New Membership Platform**
 - **Annual Meeting & Elections for 2020-2021 Board of Directors**
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NEW WEBSITE

The CTBA is excited to announce that we have partnered with Wild Apricot, a web and membership management platform for non-profits. This comes with a brand-new website at CentralTexasBluegrass.org that we hope will become a fantastic new hub for the Bluegrass community in Central Texas!

The new website preserves the content of the old website while enabling some new features:

- improved responsiveness for mobile and tablet
- greater flexibility to make changes to the site
- improved ability to get news to the CTBA membership
- new promotional opportunities for **Band** and **Business** memberships to come
- new **Member-Only** features to come

We have already implemented a members-only **Event Submission**. CTBA members in good standing can access a special event submission form on the "Calendars" menu. Use this form to get your jam, show, or event onto the CTBA calendars. These calendars, of course, are visible to the general public.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM

Wild Apricot also provides a new **membership management** platform, which was the main impetus behind the switch.

The entire CTBA membership database has been uploaded onto CentralTexasBluegrass.org. If you are now or have ever been a member of the CTBA, you now have an account at CentralTexasBluegrass.org with your membership information. Here is how to **check your membership status**:

1. Navigate to CentralTexasBluegrass.org/Login
2. Enter your email address
3. Click "Recover Password"
4. You will receive an email with a link to the page where you can create a password for your account
5. After creating your password, you can log in and access your account

It is **important to check your membership status**. Since there were no recent renewal reminders sent, **your membership may have lapsed** without your knowledge. And, if you prefer, you are of course welcome to submit a printed application and any payments by cash or check.

If you have a **Band** or **Business** membership, please consider renewing ASAP. While we will soon be adding new promotional opportunities and benefits, the first step will be making our "Band" page accurate (with live links, pictures, etc...) over the coming weeks.

The CTBA is a membership organization; we are only as successful as our membership is strong. Your modest membership fees go a long way to promoting and supporting Bluegrass in Central Texas, be it through performances, scholarships, or our brand-new website. **Please consider renewing or joining today.**

If you have any questions whatsoever, please contact us at ctba@centraltexasbluegrass.org, we'll be happy to help you sort it all out.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

The **2019 CTBA Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, November 10th**, at the [St. Elmo Brewing Company](#) (440 E. St. Elmo Road, Austin, TX 78745). We will be holding our **weekly jam** there from **3-5PM**, after which there will be three or four bands performing. Mark your calendars!

And it is time to **elect** our **Board of Directors for 2020-2021!** There are five seats up for grabs, and eight candidates. Which is to say: **NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**. Ballots go out on **Tuesday, October 10th**, giving us one month to collect and count ballots. While anyone joining before the cutoff of 6PM on Sunday, November 10th, will be able to cast a ballot, we are **strongly encouraging you to get your membership in order before October 10th!** The election winners will be announced after the 6PM cutoff at our Annual Meeting.

Lastly, the CTBA Board wants to acknowledge **Jeff White**, who has worked selflessly for many years as the CTBA webmaster. We are immensely grateful to Jeff for all of his help and support. If you know Jeff and/or see him at Pearl this weekend, please thank him for his hard work and congratulate him on his retirement.

Thank you all so much for your CTBA membership and support of Bluegrass in Central Texas.

Jon Lundbom

CTBA Board Member (for two more months...)

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