

# WPF Report

**1<sup>st</sup> Jul to 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2019**

**WSPC & WPF GP:** A plan was made to have a new format for the GP Playoffs for 2019. To facilitate this, and arrange other presentations and timeslots, there was constant and timely communication with the hosts. The WPF Newsletter was couriered to the hosts in this period too.

**New Member - Iran:** WPF Personal Member, Mr. Omid Ostad Norouzi, applied and received approval for Iran to be a Member of the WPF, having founded an organization for these purposes. Omid also requested a letter to Iranian officials stating that his organization is a member of the WPF, which was promptly sent to him.

**Board Candidates:** Will Shortz said he will be contesting the elections for the vacant board spots, while Yuhei noted that he wouldn't be contesting, citing a lack of time to perform duties effectively in the next three years. Jan Zverina will be contesting for the vacated positions along with Will.

**WSPC 2021-22 interest:** There was some interest from Peter Grabarchuk, of Grabarchuk Puzzles, to host the WSPC for both 2021 (in Ukraine) and 2022 (in the USA), and there was a conference call with the Board to discuss the same. However, after subsequent emails, the talks fell through and as of now the information we have is that there is no bid coming from this source.

**WSPC Registrations:** Some members have been late to intimate the German team with any of their details and others haven't followed participant number limitations set by the hosts. We request all members to cooperate fully with the hosts and resolve these matters.

**Personal Membership Interests:** There were applications and renewals from multiple Personal Members interested in attending WSPC 2019, from countries like Australia, Austria, Canada, Slovenia, Belgium, etc.

## **WPF Rules, Statutes and Guidebook:**

There were extensive discussions about edits and changes to the Rules & Regulations, Statutes and Guidebook of the WPF to polish these documents and provide a better understanding about the WPF Structure. There were also a few additions to the rules suggested over the course of these discussions. These proposed additions will be put to a vote by the members at the GA in Germany pending further discussion. [Note: The additions were put to a vote but after much discussion, it was decided that a few things needed changing and a new version of the documents will be sent to the Members by the end of November to have an online vote on these matters.]

## **WPF Registration:**

It was noted that Hns Eendebak had done the work to register the WPF in the Netherlands. The point that was discussed is that we now need to continue maintenance of this registration. The potential solutions in order of preference include –

1. Having someone from the WCPN take this up.
2. Having the Registration of the WPF shifted to another country to handle it there.

**Miscellaneous additions:**

- There is a Report by Tom Collyer from the "What Is A Sudoku?" Committee. Tom will also make a presentation in Germany about the same. Relevant information has already been shared.
- There was a note from a member to discuss term limits if any of the Director Position. The clarification given was that the Director serves at the pleasure of the WPF Board and the Board may appoint a new Director if the need arises. Prasanna updated the Director's job description and shared it with the board.
- There was an approach from Mind Sports Olympiad, who were conducting a puzzle competition, asking for puzzles. Due to the short notice of this, and the indication that they would otherwise procure puzzles online, GP Puzzles were offered as a stopgap solution towards a more time-efficient partnership in the future. A fee of 50 Euros was charged for usage of the puzzles, which was settled with the UK Member of the WPF.
- The WSPC 2019 hosts had some trouble with late registration applications from some teams. We request better co-operation from all the participating teams and their captains in this regard.
- A projected list of Income and Expenses for 2020 was shared with the Board and possibilities for increasing income were discussed. Some of these will be brought up at the Members GA in Germany.
- The WPF started new social media accounts on Instagram and Twitter to complement the one on Facebook. WPF news will generally be shared on all three platforms henceforth. This was started with information about the 2019 WSC, WPC and GP Finals, among other things.