

WPF Report

1st Oct to 31st Dec, 2019

Feedback on 2019 events: There was a call for feedback on the 2019 events. This feedback has been collected and will be incorporated into discussions for changes to the Guidebook. We thank everyone who sent in their valuable thoughts.

WPF Budget Follow-up: Some measures were discussed to address the WPF Budget. The general direction of the decisions made were that we should work on revenue generating avenues in the future and there are plans to do the same. It was also discussed that the financial aid should be stopped for a year or two while we bring the deficits under control.

WSPC 2021: Will and his team followed up on Toronto's proposal and the board discussed the issues brought up during the GA and potential solutions in order to make it a viable proposal. There were many points made to discuss the different aspects of the proposal and there was further understanding on the potential hosts' plan to make it all work.

WSPC 2020 Puzzles: There were some approaches made at the behest of the 2020 organizers to arrange for puzzles for the 2020 event. These approaches didn't get positive responses but the organizers themselves eventually figured out an arrangement with Korean puzzle makers to collaborate for the event.

Copyrights: There was further discussion on copyrights of WPC and WSC Puzzles and what level of sharing and distribution is allowed. The elements of this discussion will be included into the proposal for Rules changes to be sent to the members once the vote on WSPC 2021 hosts is concluded.

Scoring Software by Michael Smit: After some extensive discussion it was decided that the scoring software would be offered to hosts on a per-event basis and will not be purchased by the WPF. The 2020 hosts expressed interest in using the software and Michael's help for their website, and they were connected to Michael for the same.

WSPC 2020: The WPF Board were in constant communication with the 2020 hosts to provide updates and a website. (Eventually this was released in 2020)

WPF GP: The authors and other plans for the 2020 edition were arranged. There have been some complaints about the process for picking GP authors and this is noted. We will attempt to have a better plan in future years.

Miscellaneous additions:

- WSPC 2019 puzzles were made available to the members. Unfortunately we still do not have the 2019 ASC content from the organizers.
- There was a circulation of information about Brain Olympics, an idea and concept submitted by our Turkish members. If members did not receive this or want to see it again, they may contact the WPF Director.
- Prasanna brought up content of old WPCs before the year 1999 and whether they can be digitized. There is no plan to do this at this point.
- An interested individual asked if it was ok to use links to PDFs of Instruction Booklets of past competitions and include the logo of those competitions in a database of results of past.

WPCs that he is preparing. After consultation with the Chairman, it was confirmed that this is fair game.

- There was some discussion to have clarity on what matters must be shared with the members, shared with the board, and handled by the Director or GP Directors independently.

- India were asked by Will to share a report of how they used the financial Aid. India's member representative, Amit Sowani, promptly shared this information which was conveyed to Will by Prasanna.