




# WICUA PRESIDENT'S QUARTERLY JULY - SEPTEMBER 2023

Presented By: Vivian Johnson - President



# President's Message:

Dear Fellow Umpires:

Arising from the WICUA 30<sup>th</sup> Bi-ennial Convention held in the Cayman Islands, in which I was elected President, the decision was made to produce a President's Quarterly to bring current information on situation in the Territories.

This is the first such a Quarterly and I hope that it will meet the desired objectives of providing relevant and pertinent information about our Association.


The 30<sup>th</sup> WICUA Bi-ennial convention was held in the Cayman Islands July 1 – 8, 2023. Umpires, their families and friends from all ten territories were represented during the one week of activities. From all reports and indications, the convention was a success, with the Cayman Islands Umpires as host, put on a magnificent show.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate them and thank them for the tremendous job done in accommodating and feeding and entertaining us every night of the event. Special thanks must go to Mr. Livingstone Bailey, President, Cayman Islands Cricket Umpires' Association; Mr. Leon Watson, Vice President, Ezra Hewitt, Secretary and Mrs. Marsha Watson, planning committee.

The convention was indeed a success as the program of activities including, the General Council Meeting, Election of Officers, Presentation of Discussion Papers and Symposiums, Extensive Umpire Training Sessions and the participation and discussions of the Officers, Delegates and Observers went generally well.

On the matter of the election of Officers, the following officers were elected to manage the affairs of the WICUA for the next two years:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Mr. Vivian Johnson</b>	<b>President</b>
Mr. Patrick Grazette	Executive Vice President
Mr. Roan McFarlane	Area 1 Vice President
Mr. Austin Christopher	Area 2 Vice President
Mr. Roger Davis	Area 3 Vice President
Mr. Jeewanlal Sookhoo	Area 4 Vice President
Mr. Terrence Richards	Hon. Secretary
Mr. Norman Malcolm	Assistant Secretary / Treasurer
Mr. Peter Nero	Chairman, Training and Exam Committee




I want to congratulate the officers on their election to their respective positions and wish them all the success in charting activities in their territories. Since the Elections, Mr. Norman Malcolm, Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer has resigned due to health reasons. I wish Mr. Malcolm the best of health in his daily life and thank him for his years of committed service to the WICUA. The executive has appointed Mr. Athol Hamilton, president of the Jamaica Cricket Umpires' Association to replace Mr. Malcolm for the duration of the term. Congratulations to Mr. Hamilton on his appointment, and we wish him all the best in his new role.

The WICUA has established a Five-Year Strategic Plan to realign itself with the provision of umpiring services throughout the West Indies and the Americas and becoming the primary umpiring organization in this hemisphere.

**The Five-Year Strategic Plan includes:**

- The formation of a Fundraising Committee to generate funding for
  - WICUA Exchange Program
  - Bilateral Exchange program
  - Funding of Future conventions
  - To facilitate regional Training in the territories
  - To expand WICUA representation in the Americas to be the principal umpiring organization in the region
  - To modernize WICUA to become a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization, with technological innovations in communications, conducting of meetings, preparation, and presentation of financial reports.
- To encourage the senior and Junior panel umpires to attend conventions.
- To have future and continuous meetings and discussions with the Senior and Junior Umpires' panel in relation to their obligations to WICUA
- To have the General Council meeting twice per year
- To have the area Vice Presidents visiting countries within their area and presenting quarterly reports to the executive.



Since the end of the convention, the executive has met on three occasions to discuss organization issues and plans going forward. The executive has also had a meeting with members of the Senior Umpires' panel. The mood and sentiments from the meeting, is that it was a positive meeting, and the umpires were happy to have this engagement with the executive and hope that this is the start of greater relationship building and information sharing. We are planning to have a similar meeting with the Junior and Female umpires in in short order.

During the period under review, the WICUA has been engaged in negotiations with the CWI regarding the renewal of contracts for the Senior panel umpires. At the time of writing, we had several meetings but to date we have not reached an agreement on the match fees and retainer contracts. We are hoping to conclude negotiations by the end of November 2023, and ensured that the umpires secure a contract suitable to their needs and values.



# REPORTS FROM AREA VICE PRESIDENTS

# WICUA AREA ONE QUARTERLY REPORT

Since our last Convention in the Cayman Islands Umpires have been busy officiating local cricket competitions and private T20 tournaments. Training and practical assessments are being carried out across the region preparing for Oral Exam in December.

## **Canada:**

Training resumed in Canada towards the end of August in preparation for WICUA Final Written Examination only one candidate was eligible to sit the exam.

Four candidates eligible to sit Oral Exam in December after completion of practical assessments over the summer cricket season, training will resume in November in preparation for the exam.

CCUA registered 10 new umpires who completed examinations and were assigned to cricket matches during 2023 season.

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## USA:

USA continued training and examination results were announced June 5, 2023.

## USACUA Exam:

### Level 1 - 30 Candidates

- Passed: 26
- Absent: 2
- Failed: 2

### Level 2 - 17 candidates

- Passed: 13
- Absent: 1
- Failed: 3

WICUA – Final Written 14 candidates appeared for the exam results pending.



# WICUA AREA ONE QUARTERLY REPORT

On April 1, 2023, USACUA Executive decided for the Constitution Amendment, name and address change to apply for Not-For-Profit Organization 501(c) (3).

- Members suggested changes to the constitution.
- An electronic election through “Election Buddy” was conducted with financial members who voted in favor of the new amendments.
- Yes – 48
- No – 6
- Results was announced on July 17, 2023, new Constitution was adopted.

During Executive meeting on September 20, a name change of the Association was announced by President.

New name United States Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association relevant documentation is complete.

All funds were transferred to a new account bearing the Association’s new name old account closed.

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Members continued to umpire across the country the major highlights were:

- Inaugural Major League which attracted local and International Umpires.
- Minor League – local Umpires
- National Age Tournament – local Umpires
- On October 7 WICUA Coach and Trainer Peter Nero was inducted in the Cricket Hall of Fame in Hartford, Connecticut, USA.

Unfortunately, I am still awaiting updates from other Territories.

Roan Mc Farlane

WICUA Area 1 VP



# Area 2 Vice President Quarterly Report

**LEEWARD ISLANDS CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION (AREA 2)**

**ANGUILLA, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, MONTSERRAT, NEVIS, ST. KITTS, AND US VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**To Hon Secretary Terrance Richards**

Mr. President Vivian Johnson, Hon Secretary and Members of the Executive.

First of all, on behalf of the Leeward Islands Cricket Umpires Association, I would like to thank the member of Cayman-Islands Cricket Umpires Association for their hospitality and a successful 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention.

I am honored to present this quarterly report as Area 2 Vice President.

# Area 2 Vice President Quarterly Report

## LEEWARD ISLANDS CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

### Association Executive

- Vincent Weeks      President
- Carl Tuckett      Vice President
- Luther Kelly      Secretary/Treasurer

Congratulations to the newly elected body of the Antigua & Barbuda Cricket Umpires Association on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, September 2023. The Association held its Annual General Meeting elected were:

- James Stevens      President
- Felix Auguiste      Vice President
- Avoy Knight      Secretary
- Austin Christopher      Treasurer
- Donald Sheckles      Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
- Javid Goodwin      Public Relations Officer
- James Trotman      Executive Member

# Area 2 Vice President Quarterly Report

## Examinations

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the President of the Leeward Islands Cricket Umpires Association along with the Secretary-Treasurer held a short ceremony in Warner Park St. Kitts for the purpose of handing over certificates to three (3) Candidates, Thelma Gumbs, Shirlene Maloney and Eardley Nisbett who were successful in the WICUA practical and oral (level 3) examination in 2022. The ceremony was carried on ZIZ Radio and Television.

Congratulations to the Five (5) Umpires from Antigua & Barbuda who received their certificates on August 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, being successful in the West Indies Cricket Umpires Association Level 3 examination. The ceremony was carried during the local news on ABS Radio & Television. The names are as follows: -

- Michael Lawrie
- Kella Joseph
- Donald Sheckle
- Fitzroy Langley
- James Trotman

# Area 2 Vice President Quarterly Report

## Examinations

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Leeward Islands Cricket Umpires Association held its preliminary (level 1) examinations. Six (6) candidates wrote the exam, all were successful.

Pass mark 60%

- Hayden-Ann Walsh-Palmer 86
- Kenesha Simon 84
- Jo.Nelle Walsh 76
- Joseph Hunte Snr 71
- Tassilo Allen 70
- Aheem Marshall 62

Three candidates wrote the West Indies Cricket Umpires Association Level 2 examination on August 20<sup>th</sup> 2023 awaiting results.

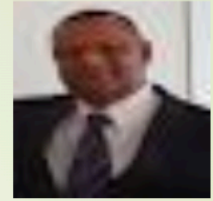
The Leeward Islands Cricket Umpires Association would like to congratulate Umpire Carl Tuckett on his many appointments in 2023. We wish him well as he goes from strength to strength.

Best wishes,

Austin Christopher

Area 2 Vice President (Leewards)

# Quarterly Report. Re- Area 4.



Good day.

It's with great pleasure and honour to have been elected to the position of Area 4 V. P. In which I intend to serve to the highest standards.

Since assuming office, I have been working with the hope of getting Meaningful dialogue with the three territorial umpiring bodies.

There were little activities at this time in the region. How I will share some of what's going on.

- 1) The Regional under 17 tournament was held in Trinidad.
- 2) The recently concluded C. P. L. This was held in Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and concluded in Guyana. Congratulations to The Guyana Warriors on their victory.
- 3) Trinidad and Tobago cricket Umpires Council held their annual Family Day on September 24th. It was reported be a successful event.

# Quarterly Report. Re- Area 4.

- 4) Peter Nero chairman of Training and Examination W. I. C. U. A conducted an Umpires workshop on August 19th. This included the visiting and local umpires. I attended the workshop, and I must say it was well attended and informative.
- 5) I visited some of the under 17 games where I met with the visiting umpires. They were, Sisnet from Barbados, Bryan and Foster from Jamaica and Javed Persaud from Guyana.
- 6) There was the India tour played in all three territories. I attended both games played in Trinidad.
- 7) I attended three executive meetings with W. I. C. U. A, and one with the Exchange Program committee. All meetings showed growth.

In closing, I would like to urge everyone in the umpiring family to work together for the good of umpiring.

Thank you.

Regards

Jeewanlal Sookhoo

Area 4 V. P.

25/09/2023





# Note

NB: Please note that I did not receive any report from Area 3 Vice President. Therefore, there is no report from the Windward Islands.