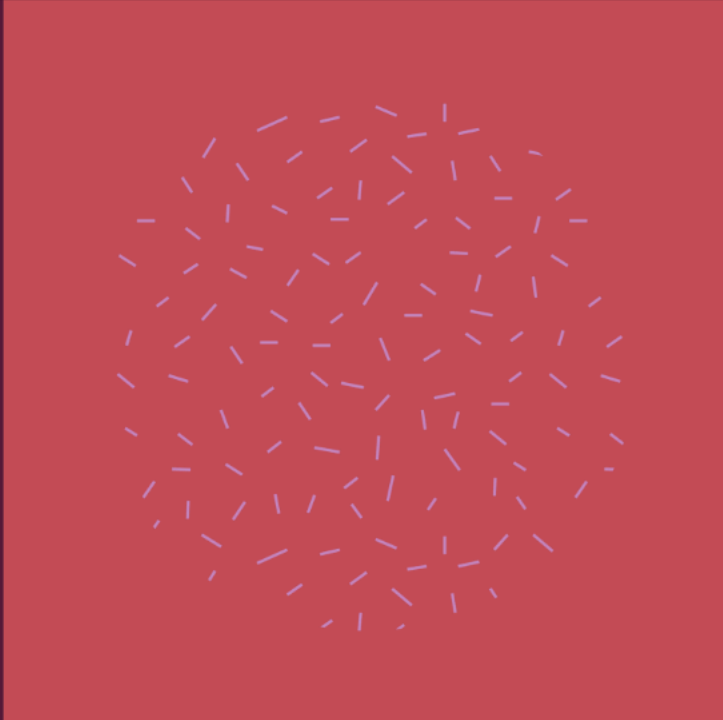
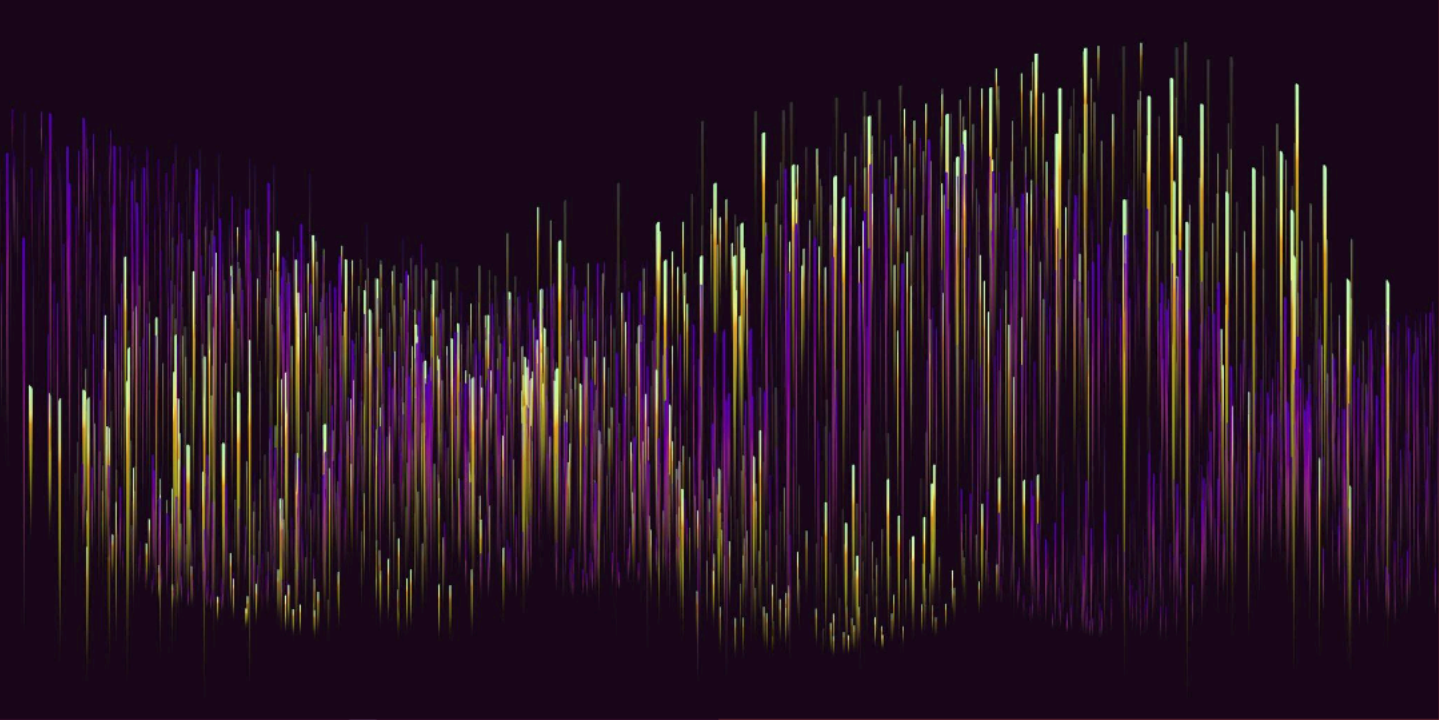
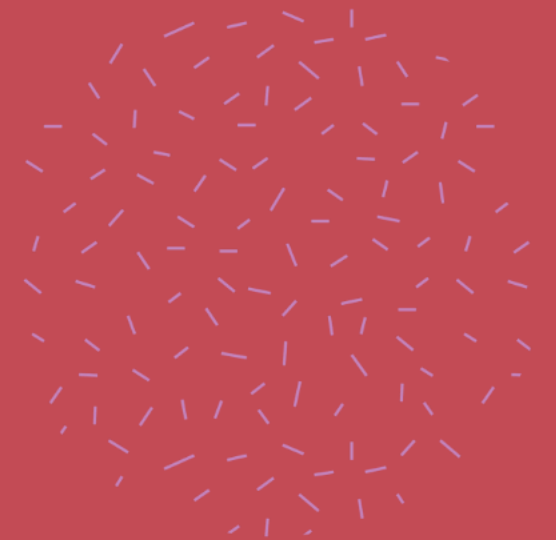


WICUA President's Quartely

Presented by: Vivian Johnson



- The quarter January to April 2024, the actual start of the new year, is the beginning of a pivotal period in the WICUA. The Executive committee met twice during this period to discuss and plan the affairs of the association. The WICUA primary focus during this period was to conclude the negotiations for increased fees, retainer, and the signing of the MOU with Cricket West Indies.
- The WICUA was able to, after a year of negotiations, finally signed off on the increased fees with the CWI that were mutually agreed to by both parties. Whereas the fees were agreed to, a 20% increase in the retainer contract for the senior panel umpires was only accepted for one year and a committee was established by both the WICUA and CWI to continue negotiations to look at a performance evaluation system which the payment will be based on. It is hoped that the committee will conclude their negotiations by the end of the next quarter, and we can sign off once agreed to.





In relation to the MOU, the WICUA has retained the services of an Industrial Relations Specialist to review the MOU before any agreement with the CWI is reached. The MOU is a historic document that will guide and bind the activities of CWI and WICUA over the next four years. Again, we are hoping to conclude the reviewing and signing of this document during the next quarter to establish this new initiative.



In addition to the increased fees and negotiations, the Training and Examination Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter Nero has continued to provide training opportunities for all levels of umpires within the region. The most impressive of these training courses was the conducting of the trained the trainer course, which was conducted over three nights. The average attendance over these sessions was over 50 umpires per session. This augers well for us as a region, as it provides more umpires with the wherewithal to conduct training within their own territory, which is truly beneficial to the wider membership.

This quarter also saw the implementation of the new WICUA Examination Policy wherein the WICUA Level 2 (Final Written) Examination is now being held in April with the successful candidates eligible to do their practical and Oral examination within the same year. It therefore means that those umpires who passed this exam in April, can finish their level three (Practical & Oral) by December of this year.



The Budget Committee led by the Treasurer Mr. Athol Hamilton continues to carry out its responsibility of updating and reorganizing the financial reporting aspect of the Association. They were able to prepare the financial report for our financial year ending March 31, 2024. This will now become a new feature of their reporting by providing us with a financial report each quarter. I want to thank this committee for their hard work and the manner they are working to strengthen our financial reporting responsibilities. The Budget committee has also presented the executive with a document that will guide our financial responsibilities in terms of internal control. This document is aimed at determining how finance is handled and how approval and signings are done.



Convention 2025:



The WICUA Bi-ennial convention will be held in Trinidad & Tobago between July 12 – 19, 2025. Please note this date and plan accordingly. In discussions with the Secretary of Trinidad & Tobago, their planning committee has decided to add Tobago to the convention schedule, wherein we would go to Tobago for a day and have the convention event there on that day. Please note the cost to travel to and back from Tobago is approximately US\$60 return. We are looking forward to a great turnout at the convention, especially with the panel umpires.



Reports:



There were no reports submitted from Area two and three Vice Presidents and as it relates to Area four, only the Guyana Cricket Umpires Council's report was submitted.



**WICUA AREA ONE
QUARTERLY REPORT**



Activities in Area One has been busy since the beginning of the new year with several Territories conducted elections and annual training sessions.



**Annual General Meeting
(AGM)**



Canada



**CCUA AGM was held on
March 25, 2024.**



Azad Khan was elected the new President and Malik Ghaswala as the new Secretary, Terry Mathura was reelected as the Treasurer.

Bermuda	Bermuda Cricket Umpire Association [BCUA], conducted election on March 28, 2024.	Newly elected Executive members:	President – E Carrington
Vice President – L Williams	Secretary – Marc McComack	Assistant Secretary P Smith	Treasurer – A Cumberbatch
Jamaica	All members of the Management Committee were returned unopposed at there AGM held in January. Central and Northern Zones	are under new leadership.	Congratulations to all newly elected and returning Executive members,

of Canada, Jamaica, and Bermuda Umpires Associations.

Training and Examination

Canada Education Seminar - A total of 5 Education Training sessions were conducted with over 35 participants in attendance during the period March 3 to April 21, 2024. Each session lasted 4 hours.

WICUA Exam – 9 candidates sat exam on April 28, 2024

CCUA Exam – 15 candidates are eligible to sit level 1, level 2 and level 3 exams on May 5, 2024.

USACUSA has been conducting annual online Zoom Training sessions since January 13 headed by Training Officer Aveek Ganguly. Training is conducted every Saturday, and it is scheduled to be completed on April 27, 2024.

USACUSA – Level 1 and 2 and WICUA Final Written Exams are scheduled for Sunday April 28, 2024. All candidates appearing for the exams have been notified.

Bermuda Umpires Association was unable to conduct training this season as a result of issues beyond the control of BCUA.

International Appointments

- **Jacqueline Williams was appointed as a neutral umpire in the South Africa vs Sri Lanka Women Bilateral Series in March 2024.**
- **Umpire Oraine Ebanks appointed to the WI U15 Rising Star Championship in Antigua in March.**

Umpires Christopher Taylor, Patrick Gustard, and Jacqueline Williams for on field duties in the CWI Four-day Championships.

Umpires Robert Foster, Oraine Ebanks, Colin Bryan, and Carolyn Brown for stand-by duties. Jacqueline Williams and Carolyn appointed to Regional Women 50 overs Tournament.



Summary

Cricket season has started in the various Territories. We are looking forward to a busy Summer especially with Cricket World Cup hosted by USA and the WI.

Jamaica - Plans are well in place to resume Residential Retreat and Training Seminars for October or November this year, as well as their Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

USACUSA – Membership have seen an increase, plus the retention of the existing membership.

Coordinate ICC CWC 2024 Match Officials Meet and Greet at various location across the USA, still waiting for further information so we can coordinate final plans.

Canada – CCUA Umpires appreciation luncheon was organized, and certificates were awarded to successful candidates with over 50 members in attendance. The event was attended by WICUA President, Vivian Johnson, and other dignitaries from other cricket associations.

Cayman Islands - No communication was received from Cayman Islands several email messages to the Secretary with no response.

To all Presidents and Secretaries in Area1, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support as your Area1 VP Representative.

Roan McFarlane

Area 1 VP

WICUA



- **GUYANA CRICKET UMPIRES COUNCIL (GCUC)**

- **Report for the Area 4 Vice President**

- April 24, 2024.

- The reporting period was not as progressive as we had hoped, nevertheless the council has improved somewhat, and we are working to ensure that it is moving in the right direction.

- AT our Ordinary General Meeting which was held on February 11th, 2024. The following was approved.

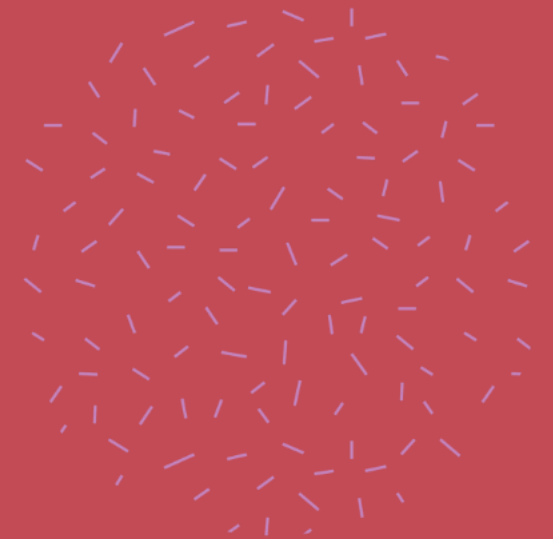
- That our Bi-Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of February 2025 in the County of Essequibo.

- That preparation be made, and motions submitted to change the name and rules of the Guyana Cricket Umpires Council to the Guyana Association of Cricket Umpires, Scorers and Referees.

- To improve the finances of the GCUC and affiliates associations proposals be shared on ways to increase Dues and improve finances.

- There should be a written signed agreement between the GCUC and GCB regarding Umpires, Scores and Match Referees benefits.

- That the chairman of any committee must be a member of the Executive, as such the following changes was made.



- 1). Selection Committee

- Z. Zakier - Chairman

- Z. Moakan

- V. Ritney.

- 2). Disciplinary Committee

- Z. Moakan

- S. Devers

- C. Alfred

3). Training and Examination Committee

S. Josiah - Chairman

S. Crawford

N. Dugaid

I. Moakan

R. Banwarie

Z. Zakier

C. Alfred

N. Shivsankar

J. Persaud

W. Dhanraj

S. Hussain

4). Fund Raising Committee

J. Persaud - Chairman

S. Devers

V. Ritney

W. Dhanraj

A. Baker

S. Hussain

C. Persaud

S. Josiah

- To note the President and the Honorary Secretary are part of all committees.
- **Disciplinary Committee.**
- There was no need for the Disciplinary Committee to take any action. The umpires behave themselves.
- **Selection Committee.**
- The selection committee was very busy during the period. There were some issues with the non-availability of umpires. However, the council was able to provide umpires for all the GUYANA CRICKET BOARD (GCB) tournaments, even though there were some issues with the fees paid by GCB. We are presently working with the GCB to resolve this issue.
- **Fund Raising Committee.**
- There was no fundraising done for the council during the period under review.

Training Committee.

Training was done in all three counties and the WICUA level one/ Preliminary examination was done on the 10th of December 2023.

There were 30 candidates who took this exam and 11 were successful. There were four successful candidates from Berbice, three from Demerara and four from Essequibo. A special congratulation to brother Saif Baksh from Essequibo for gaining the highest marks of 82%.

Training is presently continuing for the Level 1 and the Level 2 examinations.

The Level 2 examination will be done on April 28th, 2024, at 10:00 hrs. at the

Charlestown Secondary School. Thirteen (13) candidates will be taking this exam.

The Level 1 exam is proposed to be done in August 2024.

Executive/Managing committee.

Executive Committee meetings are held in a timely manner.

Accounts.

Our Audited Financial Accounts are up to date, and this was presented and approved at our Ordinary General Meeting in February 2024. Presently all payments for umpiring fees are paid through the bank by GCB.

Thank you.

Submitted By:

Dawchan Nagasar President - GCUC