

The WICUA President's Quarterly October – December 2023

Presented by: Vivian Johnson – President

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Umpires:

The WICUA Quarterly is a report on the activities relating to cricket umpiring throughout the region and our three north American territories and the Cayman Islands. As president, I am committed to provide and communicate to the general membership, what is happening generally within our organization, but also on the stewardship of the people elected to carry out the affair of the Association.

During the months of October to December 2023, the WICUA has been steadfast in negotiation with the CWI for increased match fees for all regional competitions and retainer for the senior umpires. At the end of December 2023, the WICUA and the CWI were still engaged in discussions regarding this issue. Both teams met on several occasions and progressively, there has been agreements in some of the areas. We are hoping that an agreement will be reached shortly.

During the period under review, the WICUA executive met two official times as well as with the negotiating team in assisting to streamline the negotiation. The President and Hon. Secretary also met with the Budget committee to assist them in modernizing the accounting affairs of the Association. The Budget Committee under the leadership of the Treasurer Mr. Athol Hamilton has been meeting quite regularly to put the financials in a state of readiness going forward. From our meeting with them, they seem to be doing a very good job. The WICUA also held its first Council meeting since the convention. The territories were represented by their two delegates who along with the officers, make up the General council of the body.

The Agenda and the Minutes of the meeting are hereby presented:

THE WEST INDIES CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

ONLINE

NOVEMBER 22, 2023

AGENDA

Commencement: 6:00 p.m. (Jamaica, USA East Coast & Canada) 7:00 p.m. (Bermuda & Eastern Caribbean)

<p>1. Meeting Opening 1.1 Call to Order/Welcome/Opening Remarks 1.2 Prayer 1.3 Apologies 1.4 Empathies 1.5 Congratulations</p>	<p>Lead President</p>	<p>Guided Time 10 minutes</p>
<p>2. Meeting Overview 2.1 Meeting Expectation 2.3 Update on Status of WICUA/CWI Negotiations 2.4 5 Year Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Lead President</p>	<p>Guided Time 10 minutes</p>
<p>3. Matters for Discussion & Decision/New Business 3.1 Area Vice Presidents Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 1 • Area 2 • Area 3 • Area 4 3.2 Training & Examination Report 3.3 Proposal from Budget Committee Treasures Report 3.4 Status of WICUA Website 3.5 Exchange Program Committee 3.5 Affiliation Fees 5.6 Examination Fees</p>	<p>Lead President</p> <p>Training & Exam. Chairman Treasurer</p> <p>Publicity Chairman Chairman President</p>	<p>Guided Time 90 minutes</p>
<p>4. Meeting Finalization 4.1 Any Other Business 4.2 Adjournment</p>		<p>Guided Time 20 minutes</p>

MINUTES OF THE WEST INDIES CRICKET UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023.

1. MEETING OPENING

Attendance

1. Mr. Vivian Johnson - President
2. Mr. Patrick Grazette - Executive Vice President
3. Mr. Austin Christopher - Area 2 Vice President
4. Mr. Roger Davis - Area 3 Vice President
5. Mr. Jeewanlal Sookhoo - Area 4 Vice President
6. Mr. Terrence Richards J.P. - Honorary Secretary
7. Mr. Athol Hamilton J.P. - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
8. Mr. Peter Nero - Chairman Training & Examination Committee
9. Mr. Azad Khan - Chairman Publicity Committee
10. Ms. Kim Sealy - Barbados
11. Mr. Mark McCormick - Bermuda
12. Ms. Linnell Williams -Bermuda
13. Mr. Everton Davis - Jamaica
14. Mr. Dawchan Nagasar -Guyana
15. Mr. Vincent Weekes - Leeward Island
16. Kellman Kowlessar - Trinidad & Tobago
17. Mr. Premanand Roopia -Trinidad & Tobago
18. Mr. Rohan Chambers - USA

- 1.1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by President Johnson who welcomed the members and provided a brief background of the meeting purpose.
- 1.2. **Prayer** – President Johnson offered prayers.
- 1.3. **Apologies for absence/lateness** – Apology was tendered on behalf of Vice President Area 1 who was officiating in the USA, Premier League, for Mr. Danny Khan who also participated in the same league and was travelling home at the time of the meeting, Mr. Bisham Singh who was unavoidably absent.
- 1.4. **Empathy** – Extended to Mr. Alpheus Lewis of Jamaica who passed on.
- 1.5. **Congratulations** – Extended to Mr. Joel Wilson who officiated in the Finals of the MWC 2023, also to Umpire Sheckle of the Leewards Island for being elevated to the B Panel (official communication being awaited from CWI in this regard).

2. **MEETING OVERVIEW**

The President provided a brief overview of the meeting and expressed the following expectations: fruitful discussion/cordiality/respect, and he anticipate strong questioning

3. **Update on Status of WICUA/CWI Negotiations:** President Johnson provided a very comprehensive report on the status of negotiations with CWI. He indicated that since the Convention, much time has been spent meeting and negotiating with CWI. He provided a backdrop to where we are in the negotiation process. He spoke on the status of the MOU (CWI/WICUA). President Johnson outlined the back and forth of the negotiation. President Johnson gave a detailed description of the negotiation process. He intimated that the lengthy process amounted to be “feet dragging”. He stated that the last word from CWI is a proposed meeting for Friday November 25.
4. **Mr. Kellman Kowlessar queried if any negotiations have been done on behalf of Junior Panel Umpires.** Mr. Johnson indicated that the Negotiation was all encompassing. Mr. Tuckett supported the argument proffered by Johnson and expressed gratitude to WICUA for fighting the cause of Umpires. Zachy also supported, however, he thought that there should be more sharing of information with the territories.

2.1 Secretary Richards gave a recap of an emergency meeting which was held on July 25, 2023 to a situation which existed in Guyana and to chart the forward.

2.2 Secretary Richards stated that a decision taken at the meeting of July 25th to write to the Guyana Cricket Umpires Association was acted upon promptly. He stated that in response to the letter written, President Nagasar replied to inform, that the regions within Guyana were informed of the position of WICUA and they all will comply with the stated stance.

3.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

3. 1 Vice President Austin queried the method by which examination documents should be sent to the Chairman of Training and Examination Committee. He was advised to hold onto them, as someone might be moving around and they could be collected that way.

3.2 A discussion around definition of what constitutes “a year” in terms of determining when exams (final written) may be done. Various members outlined what obtained in their territories, which differed from one territory to another. It was agreed that a draft be done and circulated for more discussion before a definite position was taken.

3.3 President Johnson engaged the meeting in a discussion regarding the Five-Year Strategic Plan which was circulated. In response to the question posed by the President to find out if persons had given serious thought to the contents, most persons intimated that although they would have taken a cursory look at the document, they would not have yet wrapped their heads around the ideas presented.

3.4 Chairman of the Training and Examination Committee, said he has given some thoughts of ways in which WICUA could be highlighted and become better known to the wider public.

3.5 Exchange Programme: the Chairman of the Exchange Programme Committee indicated that he wants to step aside as Chairman for the time being, due to personal circumstances but will remain a member.

It was decided to draft the Executive Vice President as well as Area VP Sookhoo to the Exchange Programme Committee. Vice President McFarlane made some suggestions for example, having a WICUA Day at conventions.

President Johnson charged the exchange Programme Committee to meet within two weeks.

3.6 Chairman of the Training and Examination Committee (Peter Nero) suggested that we target tournaments instead of weekends for cricket, this he opined would allow for more involvement and less downtime.

3.7 President Johnson to raise at the next meeting with CWI the commitment of annual assistance to WICUA and try to have outstanding amounts paid.

REPORT OF THE TRAINING AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

4.1 Chairman Nero reported that the Training and Examination Committee has been very active in the past two (2) months with five (5) training workshops across territories in level 1, 2 and 3 programmes.

4.2 Proposal from Budget Committee Chairman presented and took us through a proposal. This proposal is to be looked at the next Executive meeting

Other Business

The meeting was terminated at 9: 35 p.m.

Reports

For this quarterly. There was no report submitted from Area 1, 2 & 3. Please see the reports from area 4 Vice President, Chairman of Training, and report on the Exchange program. Vivian Johnson – President.

Area 4 Vice President's Report

To - Secretary W.I.C.U.A.

From - Area 4 V.P.

Subject - Quarterly report for the period 1st October to 31st December, 2023.

Date - January 14th 2024

Sir, Reference the above-mentioned subject, I have to report on the following.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO –

The T.T.C.U.C conducted its level one Exams on November, 19th.

The Regional C.G. Super 50 was conducted in Trinidad and Tobago during the period under review with success.

A train the trainer program was conducted by Peter Nero.

The W.I.C.U.A Level 3 exam was held on December, 3rd,

All candidates were successful. Refer to the Training Report.

GUYANA.

Level one exam was conducted on December 10th.

No other Reports.

BARBADOS.

No reports.

In conclusion I would like to encourage the territories to be forthcoming with their information .

Respectfully,

Jeewanlal Sookhoo

Area 4 V.P

Training and Examination Committee Quarterly Report October – December 2023

The Committee have been involved in the following activities through across all territories;

Country/Office	Activities
Barbados	Level 1 course. From September 26 th , 2023 to November 23 rd , 2023 with classes two evenings a week. Fifteen persons completed the course with eleven of them being successful.
Bermuda	Level 1 course scheduled for middle of February for 6 weeks. Regular training will commence in April and will be every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm
Canada	WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination
Cayman Islands	No activities.
Jamaica	WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination.
Guyana	GCUC Level 1 Training and examination.
Leeward Islands	WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination.
Trinidad & Tobago	WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination.
United States of America	WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination. Look forward; USACUA Level 1 January to April 2024 online.
Windward Islands	WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination.
Chairman of Training and Examination Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report submitted to General Council November 2023. 2. Attended General Council meeting November 2023. 3. WICUA Level 3 Practical and Oral Examination completed December 3, 2023. 84% success rate. 4. Trinidad and Tobago Umpires Council Train the Trainers Workshop; certificate awarded. December 9, 10 2023. 5. Acquired through purchase bubble envelopes, WICUA corporate seal, seal labels. 6. Look forward for 2024; Year of the Trainer, Trainers forum, qualification timeline decision, change of Level 1 examination syllabus, territorial trainers workshops, WICUA Level 2 and 3 examinations, Umpires Workshops. 7. Preparation 2024; WIC, Women S50/T20, BU15, BU19, GU19, BU17, CPL, IHS, DRS/TV training.

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January 15th, 2024

President/ Secretary
WICUA

Report on the WICUA Exchange Programme since July 2023.

Dear Sir

First let me apologize for the lateness of this report. Many things have been occurring around me which impeded greatly on time.

We as a committee met on September 13th, 2023, where we introduced ourselves to each other and outlined our thoughts for the programme going forward. Much was discussed, where we tried to strengthen the template that was used by the former committee.

We had a second meeting, November 20th, 2023. Coming out of that meeting we agreed that a working policy document should be developed. This is now a work in progress, and we are getting ready for our third meeting shortly.

Unfortunately, our Secretary Linnell, lost all of her contacts and service last month. She is in the process of reconnecting so we should be back in business soonest.

Best wishes to one and all.

Yours respectfully

Patrick Grazette
Executive VP & Chm. Exchange Committee (WICUA)