

Technical Secretary Report to Bureau Meeting – December 2023

Since being elected to the Technical Secretary Role, I have found a larger learning curve in the beginning of the 2023 year. Thank you for Bureau patience during the last 12 months. I also began the preparation of a numbering/integration sample of documents which I will provide a response on later and a sample that has been provided to the President and Secretary of how the CGR, Volumes, forms and docs could look in the future.

Agenda for Plenary 2023: Subcommittee and NAC proposals have been received by the Technical Secretary in and during the week leading up to the 15th November 2022 deadline, discussed at Bureau that year and the Proposals section of the Agenda produced during January and February 2023. The Proposals section of the Agenda was once again very long for Plenary 2023. As F3 Aerobatics and Heli were by far the largest updated volumes in 2023. Some minor changes have now been finalised and all volumes will be ready for upload mid December 2023 for the 2024 year.

e-Plenary 2022: The Sporting Code proposals were discussed at e-Technical meetings before being voted on. Early implementation rules were requested and revised Volumes were published owing to the number and scope of the rules. Early implementation proposals and volumes were published on-time.

Proposals for Plenary 2024: The 2024 Proposals have been received and some are being checked by the TC Chairmen currently. I do note though that contrary to previous years, it seems that ALL proposals have been lodged correctly and in word format which will allow a faster preparation.

2024 Editions of Sporting Code Volumes: The process of producing the 2024 Volumes was interrupted by some personal illness, however at the writing of this are finalised for final review by the Subcommittee chairs. I expect that the 2024 volumes will be available for loading in the second week of December and focus on the preparation of the 2024 Proposals can be finalised the first week into the new year (January 2024) ready for inclusion in the 2024 Plenary and Technical Subcommittees. All amended Volumes were again prepared by the Technical Secretary from the Minutes and dispatched to Subcommittee Chairmen for checking for the early implementation Volumes following the 2023 Plenary Meeting as noted in the Minutes. Thank you again to the Chairmen for their thorough work throughout this process and their assistance and patience.

All Volumes will be ready to uploaded to the website mid-December.

Forms and Documents: 2024 year I wish to become more proficient with this section of the role. Recently I provided the current list of forms and Documents to the President as many needed updating. I look forward to helping where requested to with the updating.

Records: The number of record proposals have picked up again in 2023 and show that Record setting has been easier for 2023. Yearly running totals are - 20 records were homologated in 2018, 10 in 2019, 3 in 2020 and 2021 there 0. In 2022 there were 3 and this year 2023 – 6 with an additional being finalised as I write this report.

General: I am still on a steep learning curve and appreciate the patience of the Bureau. I am relatively young at 43 with a young aeromodelling family but have a commitment to help in aeromodelling for the long-term. The main disappointing issue currently is that travel to Lausanne is still expensive (approx. \$3100 euro just for travel to and from and 2-days travel time each way). Peter Uhlig recently travelled to my home state in Queensland (Australia) for the F3A World Championships and was amazing for so many aeromodellers here in that discipline to be able to see him in attendance down here in Australia, but I think the journey to and from was a big one for Peter.

I also offered to prepare a sample of amalgamation of the CIAM Aeromodelling Volumes which I will email to the Secretary and President. This is similar to how our business prepared operations manuals for Aviation Businesses and the final product allows simple and quick navigation in all platforms (ipads, PC, phone etc) with the linking of relevant volumes from CGR through to volumes. I have prepared a sample with the first couple of volumes, which started as a numbering consideration which has been considered in the F1 Volume. To transition the entire suite of volumes to a singular package is about 250-300hrs of work as many of the existing volumes over the years seem to have been modified and changes individually and some cross reference between volumes which could be linked where needed in the text. But it is a option for the future which we can work through.

NOTE: this sample has utilised archived volumes to remain completely independent of the current volumes and is a sample for Bureau on how we could integrate into a single manual in the future.

