

Technical Secretary Report to Bureau Meeting – December 2022

Since being elected to the Technical Secretary Role there has been an effective handover from Kevin over the last few months. I have been following the procedure document handed over which had continued from the previous Technical Secretary to Kevin. Some slight modifications with preferences of processes but a smooth transition nonetheless. Thank you for Bureau patience during the handover. 2022 tasks since May continued much the same as 2021 in terms of Technical Secretary tasks.

Agenda for Plenary 2022: Subcommittee and NAC proposals have been received by the Technical Secretary in and during the week leading up to the 15th November 2021 deadline, discussed at Bureau that year and the Proposals section of the Agenda produced during January and February 2022. The Proposals section of the Agenda was once again very long for Plenary 2022. As F4 decided to postpone their Technical Meeting until 2022, this volume has been one of the largest changes. Some minor changes are still in progress with the addition of diagrams pending.

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; and additionally, to make the new rules available for preparation for postponed World Championships to be held in 2023.

Proposals for Plenary 2023: Except for one, these were received in the last days prior to the deadline. There are 39 Proposals at this stage for the 2023 Plenary Meeting in the server. Last year there were 59. There are currently no proposals carried over from 2022. There are possibly several redundant proposals for corrections already in place which have not been included in the total. Hopefully 2023 will continue to see the World Championship cycle settle, and the Technical Meetings (and therefore the proposals) regain order.

Some proposals lodged were not automatically forwarded so at present, together with the President, I am in the process of confirming those received by the Technical Secretary and those which have not.

2023 Editions of Sporting Code Volumes: The process of producing the 2023 Volumes went smoothly and early implementation proposals were completed in the following weeks. All amended Volumes were again prepared by the Technical Secretary from the Minutes and dispatched to Subcommittee Chairmen for checking. Thanks to the Chairmen for their thorough work throughout this process. Several volumes are still being checked by the Chairmen and will be ready for publish in coming days.

All Volumes will be uploaded to the website late in December. Several Volumes only require statutory changes but it is necessary to have a complete set of 2023 Volumes, as the 2022 versions will go to the Archives folder and become a little difficult to find.

Forms and Documents: The following Forms and Documents were updated in November this year, so as to be available in 2023.

- CIAM classes
- Model Specification Certificate
- All the Record Forms for both Model Aircraft and Space Models

As I progress to being more proficient to meet the standard of the previous Technical Secretary, please continue to be patient and if I have missed any uploads or updates, please feel free to alert me to any outdated forms and documents that require changes, I am always available.

Records: The numbers show that Record setting has been either very difficult of late or perhaps it is becoming less popular. Twenty records were homologated in 2018, ten in 2019, three in 2020 and this year just three.

General: Being new to the Technical Secretary role but have been exposed to the role for many years from the previous Technical Secretary, I am surprised of the inclusion and involvement with the role. I continue to enjoy the volume of discussion and proactive involvement from all Chairmen and the continual devotion to the roles. I look forward to taking part in the Zoom meetings and even more so to face to face Bureau meetings again when possible.