

## **Karate Manitoba – Official’s Chair Report – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

As with the previous year, both Sensei Angelo Mendoza continued to spend a great deal of time working with the local clubs and hosting seminars and having Bushido Kai Canada students attend to have sparring matches and perform kata’s to help train and teach them the WKF rules. We also sanctioned and attended local tournaments. After putting in all the time and effort to unify the local clubs and have all of us using the same rules and thus broadening the pool for officials for all clubs to draw from for local tournaments, the local clubs we were training decided to revert back to their own rules and to deal with a different PSO.

In 2017 it is my long term goal that we will be able to focus on other avenues to find willing participants interested in learning the WKF rules and being trained to be skilled Provincial officials and eventually wanting to grow and become National officials.

Mullai Manickavalli provided his resignation to Karate Manitoba President and advised that he would no longer be officiating and wished to concentrate on his dojo and his coaching.

Sharon Andrews attended the 2017 Nationals in Quebec and spent the three days gaining more experience both judging and refereeing.

Eugene Fillion was unable to attend the 2017 Nationals due to a work conflict, thus making this his third year being absent (2015, 2016 and 2017). It will be up to the Official’s Committee of Karate Canada whether they require him to re-test for his National certification. He is still however holds a Provincial level certification.

It was a busy and productive year, which included a few setbacks, but I am hopeful that 2017 will be a great year and we will progress with building a solid group of officials.

I thank the Board for their encouragement and support throughout the past year.

Sharon Andrews  
Official’s Chair  
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