



# IT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

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*Advancing CSPA mission and objects through technology...*

# FELLOW PARTICIPANTS

## INTRODUCTION

Over the past year, we have been quite busy at the IT Committee managing the existing technology at the CSPA. Longer term we hope to continue to assist the office in their goal of migrating off this system to our new cloud-based membership platform.

The primary focus of the IT Committee is to support the technical assets and resources of the CSPA and to advise the BoD and committees when required. We are always looking for ways to improve efficiency, functionality and the overall experience of our participants. With that said, if you have any suggestions on how we can better serve our participants, committees or organization, we would love to hear from you! At the end of the day, the CSPA is here to represent our participants and athletes, and if we can improve your experience through technology, we have accomplished our goal!

## LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD!

### PREVIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Looking back over the past year, the IT Committee has completed a variety of initiatives to advance the CSPA's goals and values as well as supporting the organization's core systems. After reviewing last year's IT AGM report, I would like to update and highlight some of the accomplishments thus far:

- In 2019, we installed a new server and the network adapter setup was changes that resulted in an improved network. PhpList was kept to date we are currently at 3.5.0 release.
- The IT Committee continues to act as a bridge between the National Office, committee members and our public website resources. When required, we post information updates to our Content Management System (Drupal) on behalf of other stakeholders or when appropriate delegate direct access. Backend maintenance is conducted on our CMS as well as other resources, such as the Moodle online training platform.

## GOALS AND INITIATIVES FOR 2020

As we move forward to 2020, there are several initiatives that we will be undertaking. Obviously, technology seems to change and advance quite rapidly, and I fully expect our list to grow as the year progresses:

- We will continue to support the technological aspects of the National Office to ensure they are able to provide efficient services to members and participants.
- We will continue to evaluate and improve our internal SharePoint site, adding functionality when appropriate. All CSPA officers are now on Office 365 which should further facilitate the further use of this platform.
- The CSPA public website will continue to be reviewed to ensure it contains current and relevant data. Our public facing websites and applications are currently hosted on a dedicated virtual server, we will continue to ensure this system is updated.
- Although the move to our new cloud-based membership database is taking longer than expected, we will assist the National Office and our chosen system provider wherever possible.

Despite some ongoing and longer-term items that are currently being addressed, I believe that the overall state of the CSPA's information technology infrastructure is in good order. As always there is room for improvement, and I look to you to advise how we can make your CSPA a greater asset! Thank you for taking the time to review this report. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to reach out! It has been a pleasure serving the CSPA in my current capacity and I hope I can be of use in the future again...

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