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2023 Judges Registrar Annual Report.

I am grateful to have had the honour of holding this position for the last 12 months and I look forward to continuing in this position for 2024.

After taking on the role of Judges registrar I updated a number of the forms used within this portfolio. These were the Judges application form, the Judges renewal form, and the Provisional s report form. The updated versions are available on the EPA website.

In addition to this I have formally added the categories of field & forest (F&F) and Eggs to the forms and the published judges lists.

In late 2022 the EPA Executive simplified the application process for judges in NSW who were not previously qualified or who had allowed their membership to lapse. This offered current experienced judges in NSW to easily gain recognition and formal qualification for their judging experience and commitment to strengthening the exhibition poultry fraternity in NSW. This call out to judges to join the EPA of NSW was very well received.

With the assistance of the executive a new judge's badge was designed and the majority of NSW judges proudly wear it. This new badge design includes an equally designed badge for Provisional judges.

At the beginning of the financial year in July 2022, when I came into the position, The EPA of NSW had seventeen (17) Registered Judges who were financial members. At the end of the financial year in June 2023 the EPA of NSW has ninety three (93) Registered Judges on our judge registrar. Since then, we have had one additional Judge join the Registrar.

I will be working to ensure each judge renews and maintains their membership with the EPA although it must be noted that any judge who does not maintain financial membership with the EPA will be subsequently removed from the judges list.

We currently have nine (9) provisional judges enrolled with the EPA of NSW and many of which have received judging appointments during the 2023 show season. I would like to emphasise the importance of clubs supporting provisional judges by giving them judging appointments and by completing provisional judge reports in a timely fashion. We currently do not have an exam written so at this stage provisional judges are not required to complete one before progressing although this is on my agenda for 2024.

The EPA did not run a judges' workshop or seminar in 2023, we may look to run one for 2024 but with a national show the timings and availability of members to be involved is unknown, alternatively a judges seminar or information session may be held online.

I look forward to continuing in this position into 2024.

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