



## Joe Brockington – President

To the WGSDPA Membership,

I would like to thank the WGSDPA board members and founder, James A. Honda, for entrusting me to represent the WGSDPA membership as President, a responsibility I will take very seriously and strive to serve with honor, integrity, transparency, determination, sportsmanship and progressive thinking. I do not accept this position lightly, understanding the duty of WGSDPA is to always put the Working German Shepherd Dog and our membership first. I know that the other new operating officers, meaning Chris Carr, Cheryl Moriarity and Lindsay will do the same and we will work together for your exclusive benefit, not our benefit.

### Agenda:

1. Local Clubs: WGSDPA is now accepting applications for local clubs so you can have trials. DVG, AWMA and other AWDF judges can accept an invitation to judge a WGSDPA trial. Please see the WGSDPA website for more details. There are no fees to establish a club just like there are no membership fees, but we do require proof of insurance. That benefits you and us.
2. Judges Program: We will start a judges' program and create modules featuring many learned judges, most of the faculty will be from Europe. If you feel you would be an excellent candidate to become a judge, please check out the WGSDPA Judges' Program on our website. One benefit of becoming a WGSDPA judge is that we will pay your organizational dog sport dues to **another** US - based organization since we feel competing at other organizations is beneficial. We were quite frankly shocked that for the AWDF Championship, there were words of discouragement towards some judges entering, etc. The dogmatic "them or us nonsense" has to stop. The founder of this organization competed at the WUSV representing the United States on behalf of the GSDCA WDA in 2007 and the USCA in 2008 and that German Shepherd (H.O.T.) did not notice the difference. He also made the DVG, and FMBB teams with a Belgian Malinois (H.O.T.). Did that dog notice the difference in terms of the letters of the alphabet? No. Please do what is best **for you and your dog**. The organizations must work for you. The competition shelf life is short and there is too much at stake to not look at each and every possibility.

3. WGSDPA Nationals: This event will take place August 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. All GSDs that have scored a 270 and above are welcome. The Top 3 WGSDPA members (membership must be attained by August 1, 2021) who are US permanent residents or US citizens, receive a stipend to compete in Germany at the RSV2000 World Championship. We fully understand anyone with a GSD that attains an IGP 3 is welcome at this championship but the top 3 as stated above will go with our stipend. Any others who go, we will offer all information and information to support them competing in Europe. The opportunity to compete in Germany may be a dream come true for many of us. Strong representation from the US, be it those on stipend or not, would be epic!

We have already received several inquiries from competitors in Europe looking to compete at the WGSDPA Nationals as Auslanders, meaning they are not vying for the stipend. Covid-being-placed-under-control willing, we look forward and welcome them, knowing this would add to the already international flavor of this event and an opportunity to share our love for the German Shepherd and dog sports.

Best Regards,  
Joe Brockington