

USCA Southwest Region – End of Term Report (2023–2025)

During my term as Regional Director, I focused on strengthening the Southwest Region through improved communication, transparency, education, and support for our clubs and members.

Website and Regional Resources

One of the first projects undertaken was the creation of a regional website, uscaswr.com, along with a new regional logo. The website was developed to provide members with easy access to club information, events, policies, educational opportunities, and board activities. The board also secured five years of hosting and domain registration to ensure its continued availability.

Club Development

Over the course of this term, the region welcomed several new clubs, including Danubius Club, Sin City Schutzhund Club, Ground Zero Schutzhund Club, and Maximum Effort Working Dog Club. Oceanside Schutzhund Club began the affiliation process, and discussions were initiated regarding the possible reactivation of the San Diego Schutzhund Club.

Communication and Transparency

The board held regular monthly meetings throughout the term. For the first time, board meeting minutes were made available online, giving members greater access to regional activities and decisions. Regional policies were also reviewed and updated, with several new region-specific guidelines developed to provide greater consistency and transparency.

Education

The region hosted two educational seminars covering tracking, obedience, protection, and show handling. The goal was to provide members with practical training information while emphasizing sound foundations and age-appropriate development.

Preserving Regional History

The Southwest Regional Champion Trophy, which recognized champions from 1987 through 2024, was officially retired. A record of past regional champions was compiled and added to the regional website to preserve the history of the region. The region also voted to sponsor the High Southwest Region Competitor Trophy at the USCA National GSD Championship each year.

Appreciation

I would like to thank the board members who served during this term: Krista Hribar, Steve Romeo, Bob Johantgen, Tyler Pluss, and Oscar Mora. Their support and cooperation contributed significantly to the progress made during these two years.

I would also like to thank our club officers, volunteers, event organizers, helpers, judges, competitors, and members whose efforts continue to make the Southwest Region active and successful.

Respectfully submitted,

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