

**NOTE:** All minutes are final after approval by the committee and all approved resolutions are subject to final approval by the USTA NorCal Board.

Carol Kim, chair of the Umpire & Referee Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm and roll call was conducted. The meeting was held by Google Meet video conference.

**Committee and NorCal Staff Present:** Chair - Carol Kim, Russell Groh, Cheri King, Tom McTighe, Craig Pasqua, Chris Preston, Joan Vormbaum, John Wong, Staff Liaison - Chris Wilson

**1. Chair Report**

- Item 1: Carol Kim advised that we had 13 newly certified officials in 2023, and 4 officials retired.
- Item 2: The committee was advised that there would be a roving umpire workshop and referee workshop held in Alameda on December 2 and 3 respectively. Also, there would be a chair umpire workshop in Roseville on January 6, and some sort of ITA workshop (in person or virtual) on January 7, 2024
- Item 3: It has been requested that we hold more Serve Tennis trainings/webinars for referees.
- Item 4: Tentative webinars/Kahoot meetings were scheduled for February 15, April 18 and June 13, 2024 for bi-monthly (subject to change)

**2. Issue #1** – The Committee held discussion regarding the award criteria and nominations for 2023 Rookie Umpire of the Year Award.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Tom McTighe, seconded by Joan Vormbaum, and **approved** by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 recusals:

**RESOLVED:** That the Rookie Umpire of the Year Award would be awarded to Gary Hanna.

**3. Issue #2** – The Committee held discussion regarding the award criteria and nominations for 2023 Umpire of the Year Award.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Joan Vormbaum, seconded by Chris Preston, and **approved** by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 recusals:

**RESOLVED:** That the Umpire of the Year Award would be awarded to Kevin Ware.

**4. Issue #1** – The Committee held discussion regarding the award criteria and nominations for 2023 Referee of the Year Award.

Following discussion, the following motion was duly made by Chris Preston, seconded by John Wong, and **approved** by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 recusal:

**RESOLVED:** That the Referee Umpire of the Year Award would be awarded to Laura McTighe.

**4. New Business.** Tentatively, the next meeting of the Umpire & Referee Committee would be held on Thursday, 2/1/24, 6:00 pm, subject to change

There being no further issues or discussion to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.