

Secretary's Report
December 2025

I want to begin this report by thanking Stan Earnhart for his devotion to this post over the last year. His efforts to begin pushing this Board into the electronic era were timely and thoughtful. It will be my goal this year to build upon his foundation of successes and nudge the WPA further into the 21st century.

At the 2025 annual meeting in November, the community voted to ask the Board to investigate online proxy voting as an option for upcoming Member meetings. As the owner of the election committee, I will form this year's Member election committee early and set a charge to investigate online proxy voting and, if appropriate, create policy amendments for delivery to our Compliance Chair and start the process of online proxy voting capabilities for the upcoming 2026 Annual meeting. As discussed at the 2025 meeting, this will only be an additional method of voting offered to our members if the process is found viable.

The Board will also continue to look at internal email and document storage solutions. I hope to ask for a vote for such a solution by the January meeting. Any solution we select should meet minimum requirements of WPA-administered email accounts and cloud document collaboration and storage. Online document collaboration between Board members and the office is key for a simplified WPA administration system. We won't stop here, but this will be a significant milestone as we continue to modernize our back office systems.

As most of our documents are already electronically stored, I encourage members to ensure you have access to the Member Area of our website. We will be adding more documents to this section as appropriate, and I welcome suggestions for content. I will work with the rest of the Board and the Communications Committee to ensure members have accurate, up-to-date information about our Association available on this site.

Again, thank you to Stan for leading the charge and more especially last year as Secretary for the Board. I look forward to working with him and all other Directors as we try to deliver more value and transparency for our members.

Respectfully submitted,

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WPA Secretary