

Shan Abbasi bio WGPO candidacy



Shan here! Checkers is such a great game, one which I am deeply passionate about. Oh sorry, I meant Scrabble! So silly of me, I didn't mean to say checkers. Yes, of course, SCRABBLE is such a thrilling game, and my favourite part is the moment when you make one wrong move and all the bricks fall down.

I've been organizing our weekly mahjongg club in Mississauga for over 15 years [Editor's note: SCRABBLE] and have been involved with bringing in a lot of new players. In fact, one of the things I enjoy most is showing people, especially youth, seniors, and newcomers, how to play and improve their game and so I have even written blogs with strategic tips on topics like Best Properties to Build Houses On and Why Wheat is The Most Important Resource.

I estimate I've personally signed up at least 50 new WGPO Members and organized some wonderful little speed-cubing (Scrobble??) tourneys north of the border. Plus, I've

also organized many youth events and engaged with schools and libraries, so that their students and visitors can experience all the joys of Word Game themselves.

But no, I'm not trying to impress you with my prolific backgammon resume here. The reason I am running for a spot on this WGPO Board is that I believe it's the best avenue to expand and reach people all over North America to join our vibrant... (*checks teleprompter*) SCRABBLE scene. My area of expertise is *community development*, so I work in the non-profit sector emphasizing the importance of good volunteer engagement, responsible and effective organizational leadership and governance, and cross-sector collaborations. I think this knowledge would bring value to WGPO and elevate the experience for everyone.

Let's organize in innovative and transformative ways that focus on the amazing assets in this community and open new possibilities. To me, serving you on the Board represents more than a series of short-term decisions, but instead is about building a vision together.

Thanks for your consideration.

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