

# Umpire Advisory Team



## Members

**Bryan Richter, President**  
**Joe Holonich, Secretary**  
**Joan Brickwedde**  
**Bill Chatterton**  
**Carl Knight**  
**Jim Morton**  
**Scott Snyder**

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On February 3, 2025, the Umpire Advisory Team (UAT) held its initial meeting of 2025. Members in attendance were Bryan Richter, President, Joe Holonich, Secretary, Joan Brickwedde, Carl Knight, Jim Morton, and Scott Snyder.

President Richter opened the meeting by welcoming Carl Knight to the UAT. Carl is replacing Rick Morris who served for many years on the UAT.

A report was given by Joe Holonich and Joan Brickwedde on the status of recruitment and training. It was reported that approximately 20 recruits had joined Softball Umpires of Maryland (SUM) at the 2025 training. Training has been ongoing since January 11 and will continue until February 15. A perspective on the recruits was that several had potential and some were still growing.

The next agenda item discussed was a question on whether the UAT would make a presentation again this year at the March 1, 2025 SUM Annual Meeting. For the past several years, the UAT had made presentations on subjects it had addressed and provided information on their disposition.

In a previous meeting, the UAT discussed the subject of the 2025 presentation, and agreed the subject for 2025 would be professionalism of umpires. Scott Snyder provided information he had developed for his local organization. Carl Knight agreed to prepare and make the presentation at the SUM March 1, 2025, Annual Meeting.

Joe Holonich had an action to contact John Dye to see if a UAT presentation could be made, and if so, when it was needed. Carl agreed to complete the presentation and provide it to the UAT prior to sending it to John Dye.

The last topic discussed was scheduling the next UAT meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, May 19, 2025. This is approximately halfway through the season and would allow the UAT to provide some perspective on how the season is going.

The meeting was then adjourned by President Richter.