

OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024
OHIO STATE SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER
COLUMBUS, OHIO
BETWEEN STATE TOURNAMENT SESSIONS 2 AND 3
(APPROXIMATELY 3:30 P.M.)

I. CALL TO ORDER:

OWOA President, Dick Loewenstine, called the meeting to order and thanked all for coming. Dick Loewenstine reminded everyone in attendance that they need to take the information discussed at this meeting back to their own Associations so that their own Association members are informed as to what the OWOA is doing on their behalf. David Detec, Secretary, then reminded everyone that because many in attendance have duties as to the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament, and further, we have to conduct the OWOA ceremony as to the 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees. This will be a short, brief meeting. Discussion will be had as to having this meeting the day before the State Tournament to allow for move time.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS (ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES) PRESENT:

1. **David A. Detec, Secretary of OWOA and member of the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Richard Carpenter, Treasurer of the OWOA and member of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Toby Dunlap – OHSAA and OWOA Director of Development and Education and member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
4. **Jim Vreeland – State Rules Interpreter and member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
5. **Jack Kruse – OWOA Webmaster and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
6. **Dan Cutcher – OWOA Historian.**
7. **Dick Loewenstine, President of OWOA and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Association.**
8. **Tony Campolo, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials Association.**

9. **Paul Basinger – member of the Lima – Findlay Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
10. **Tony Stapleton – member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
11. **Larry Saxton – member of the Northwest Fifth District Ohio Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
12. **Okey Woodard, member of the South East Wrestling Officials Association.**
13. **Matt Boumen – member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
14. **Rick Baker – member of the Central District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
15. **Dan Jaksetic– member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
16. **Dan Sayers – member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
17. **Joey Kise – member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
18. **Rocky Dusenberry – member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials’ Association**
19. **Russell Parish – member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
20. **Dusty Wilson – Member of the Greater Toledo and the Flag City Wrestling Officials’ Associations.**
21. **Tom Cochran – member of the Central District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
22. **Kelly Stillman – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
23. **Dino Sevastos – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
24. **Jim Behrens – member of the North East Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
25. **Todd Victor – member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials’ Association.**

26. **Hugo Barajas – member of the Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
27. **Jarod Martin – member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
28. **Nevin Taylor – member of the Central District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
29. **Jack Regis – member of the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
30. **David Friend – member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
31. **Elliott Spence – member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
32. **Steve Long – member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
33. **Chaz DeShayes – member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
34. **Butch Blankenship – member of the Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials’ Association.**

There were 34 attendees at the Board of Governor’s meeting per attendance sheets turned in.

After review of the attendance sheets and after roll call taken, the local Wrestling Officials Association (the actual members of the OWOA) represented and present at the meeting were:

1. **Steel Valley Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
2. **Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
3. **Central District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
4. **Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
5. **South Shore Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
6. **Wayne County Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
7. **Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
8. **Western Reserve Wrestling Officials’ Association.**

9. **Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
10. **Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
11. **Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Lima – Findley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
14. **Southeast Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Flag City Wrestling Officials' Association.**
17. **Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
18. **Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**

Associations not present were:

1. **North Central Wrestling Officials' Association.**

There are now 19 Association Members to the Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association and present were 18 of the 19, and therefore, the Secretary certifies that a legal quorum is present for this meeting.

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the November 3, 2023, Board of Governors' meeting held at Homewood Suites Polaris, Columbus, Ohio, were circulated, read and unanimously approved after proper motion and second.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Richard Carpenter then gave his Treasurer's report including a report on the starting balance, a report on the current balance and a report on the Banner fund update and the Vince Matteucci Memorial Fund. He gave a report as to the collection of Association dues. He reported on the expenditures made since his last report. Handouts as to all such matters were provided to all Association Members who had a representative present at this Board of Governor's meeting.

A motion which was then made, seconded and approved that the Treasurer's report be approved for filing and audit; which motion was unanimously accepted.

V. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Richard Loewenstine stated because this is a shortened meeting to allow officials to attend to their duties at the State Tournament and to allow time for the OWOA Hall of Fame ceremony, no President's report will be given.

B. HALL OF FAME: Since Jeff Simons, Vice President and Hall of Fame Committee Chairman could not be present; David Detec, Secretary gave a report as to the OWOA Hall of Fame inductees for 2024 who are Rick Baker and Braun Alexander. Congratulations to the both of them.

David Detec then quickly described the procedure for both the private OWOA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and for the public induction ceremony at the OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament.

C. OHSAA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND OWOA DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT. Toby Dunlap, OHSAA Director of Development and OWOA Director of Education then reported that, again, since this is a shortened meeting, no report will be given at this time.

D. REPORT ON THE OWOA WEBSITE. Jack Kruse, webmaster for the OWOA, again just stated that the website was current and up to date, and if anybody wants anything posted on the OWOA website, they need first to obtain consent from Dick Loewenstine, President, or from Toby Dunlap, DOD, or from David Detec, Secretary.

E. REPORT FROM THE STATE RULES INTERPRETERS. Again, because of the shortened meeting, Toby Dunlap, Jim Vreeland, Ray Anthony, Sr. and Dick Loewenstine stated no report would be given at this time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. VINCE MATTEUCCI AWARD. Ray Anthony, Sr. gave a report as to the awarding of the Vince Mattucci Award for 2024 to Jim Vreeland. Ray Anthony also reminded everyone that if they would like to nominate for the Vince Matteucci Award, then go on the OWOA website, download the application and submit the application with all supporting documents to Ray Anthony, Sr. by December 30.

B. The State Individual Wrestling Tournament Banner. Ray Anthony, Sr. then also reported that the Banner project is at a point that a new Banner will not be prepared for about 8 to 10 years to allow time for the committee to follow candidates that would be considered to be placed on a banner; to make sure of their credentials prior to placing them on a banner. Also, they want time to consider and give time for female wrestlers to develop credentials to be placed on the banner. There was then some discussion among the members present as to the banners,

what should be placed on the banners, and how long the banner committee should wait before they develop a new banner.

C. OWOA Clinic for November, 2024. Dick Lowenstein then asked all in attendance as to what date we should have for the 2024 OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic. After discussion and checking on the Ohio State football schedule, it was decided that November 1, 2024 will be the Board of Governors' Meeting. Ray Anthony said that he would work on a location. It was then decided that the OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic would be held the following day, November 2, 2024 at Olentangy Liberty High School, the same location as last year. Dick Loewenstine then stated that if anyone has any ideas for topics to be covered at the OWOA Clinic, please contact one of the officers of the OWOA.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Recruiting of New Officials. Ray Anthony, Sr. then gave a report as to new attempts to recruit new officials. He had banners made for each association to take to tournaments and other events with information on the banner as to how someone can sign up to be a Wrestling Official. He also printed flyers. He has used both the banners and the flyers at this state tournament. They are located on the first-floor lobby areas. Ray stressed that there is a serious need for recruiting new officials and to retain new young officials.

B. Suggested Change in March Board of Governors' Meeting. Rich Carpenter gave a short report as to how the Executive Committee of the OWOA is working on potential moving of the March OWOA Board of Governors' Meeting since we are so rushed to conduct such a meeting at the state tournament. The idea is to find a location to hold the Board of Governors' Meeting at a restaurant or banquet hall the night before the start of the state tournament. Many of the members present were in support of investigating that option. It was agreed that the Executive Board will continue to investigate the possibility of having the Board of Governors' Meeting the night before the state tournament at a restaurant or banquet hall in Columbus. Many of the Wrestling Officials will already be present in Columbus for the state tournament. This option will allow much more time to conduct the meeting, and will allow for the Officials to have time to socialize and network before and after such a meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion was then properly made, seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



David A. Detec, Secretary of the OWOA