

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**TO ALL ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES AND TO ALL WRESTLING OFFICIALS  
THAT ARE GOING TO REPRESENT THEIR ASSOCIATION AT THE OWOA BOARD  
OF GOVERNORS' MEETING ON SATURDAY MARCH, 9, 2024**

**This is notice to all OWOA Wrestling Officials Associations of OWOA Board of  
Governors' meeting to be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at  
The Derby Grandview, IIII W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Grandview Heights, OH 43212.**

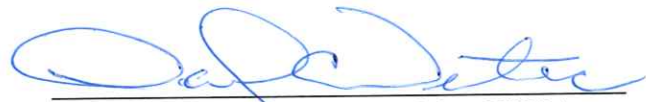
In preparation for the up-coming OWOA Board of Governors' meeting scheduled for March 6, 2025 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at The Derby Grandview, attached are the following for your information and prior review:

1. Discussion Draft of the Minutes of the OWOA Board of Governors' Meeting held on November 1, 2024 at the Homewood Suites, Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio; and
2. The Proposed Agenda for the OWOA Board of Governors' meeting to be held on March 6, 2025 as above described

If you have any corrections to the Draft Minutes of the November 1, 2024 OWOA Board of Governors' Meeting, or any additions to the Agenda, please e-mail me your suggested changes prior to Monday, March 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AGENDA AS TO NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE OWOA WHICH HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE. AGAIN, THE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE UNTIL 6:00 P.M. MARCH 1, 2025 TO EMAIL ANY FURTHER NOMINATION TO DAVID A. DETEC, SECRETARY AT DDETEC@MNBLAWYERS.COM

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

  
David A. Detec, Secretary of the OWOA

cc: OWOA Executive Board-via e-mail

**DRAFT MINUTES TO BE VOTED ON –**  
**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024**  
**HOMEWOOD SUITES, 2045 POLARIS PARKWAY**  
**COLUMBUS, OHIO**  
**(APPROXIMATELY 7:00 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.

**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. Ray Anthony, Sr – SRI and member of Greater Cleveland 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. **Jeff Simons – Vice President of the OWOA and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
12. **Rick Baker – member of the Central District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
13. **Dan Jaksetic– member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
14. **Mike Diglia – member of the Lima - Findlay Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
15. **Ryan Legg – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
16. **Charlie Hardman – member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials’ Association**
17. **Dean Wikel – member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
18. **Larren Wikel – Member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials’ Associations.**
19. **Chris Logan– member of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
20. **Kelly Stillman – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
21. **Dino Sevastos – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
22. **Jim Behrens – member of the North East Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
23. **David Fullentamp – member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
24. **Hugo Barajas – member of the Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
25. **Jarod Martin – member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials’ Association.**



26. **Jack Winans – member of the Flag City Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
27. **Warren Hudson – member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
28. **David Friend – member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
29. **Elliott Spence – member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
30. **Ron Spade – member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
31. **Greg Myers – member of the Northeast Ohio and Steel Valley Wrestling Officials’ Associations.**
32. **Matthew Turton – member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
33. **John Pugh – member of the Southeast Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
34. **Ken Trussa – member of the Northeast Ohio 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 role 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. **Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**

Associations not present were:

1. **North Central Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**

There are now 19 Association Members to the Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association and present were 17 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 March 9, 2024, Board of Governors' meeting held at Ohio State Schottenstein Center, 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 bank account balance, a report on the current balance and a report on the Banner fund update and the Vince Matteucci Memorial Fund, the amount received and items paid as to the November 2023 OWOA Rules Clinic, and State Individual Wrestling Tournament expenses. He gave a report as to the collection of Association dues. 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. HALL OF FAME: Vice President, Jeff Simons, gave the Hall of Fame report. He reported that there were three (3) individuals recommended by the Hall of Fame Committee to be voted on for induction into the 2025 OWOA Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee recommended to the Board of Governors the following three (3) individuals for vote:

1. Tom Neill,
2. Steve Asmus
3. Robert Lou Coffland.

At this time, Jarod Martin and Rich Carpenter raised the issue of the Constitution needing more clarity as to the specific credentials and requirements needed to be nominated for the OWOA Hall of Fame. After much discussion, it was agreed by all present that the Executive Committee is granted authority to work on appropriate amendments to the Constitution to clarify the process of nomination for induction into the Hall of Fame, the credentials needed to be nominated for the OWOA Hall of Fame, other issues relative to the OWOA Hall of Fame induction process. After that discussion, Jeff Simons, Vice President and Hall of Fame Committee Chairman, called for a vote for the three (3) individuals nominated for induction into the 2025 OWOA Hall of Fame. The vote was then tallied and results of the voting were that Thomas Neill and Robert Lou Coffland are two (2) individuals to be inducted into the OWOA 2025 Hall of Fame. David A. Detec, Secretary and Dan Cutcher, Historian, reminded everyone that the OWOA invites those inducted and up to four (4) guests to a luncheon at the Ohio State Schottenstein Center, which luncheon is held between sessions four (4) and five (5) at the individual wrestling championship tournament of the OHSAA. Also, the OWOA will provide up to four (4) admission tickets to session five (5) of the state tournament to each inductee. Of course, the OWOA will assist in obtaining more tickets for each inductee if needed, but the OWOA requests that the nominating association of each inductee purchase those extra tickets. The nominating associations were reminded to inform each nominee that they need to provide a "head-shot" picture and a short bio, no longer than a two (2) minute read as to what they would like announced at the induction ceremony conducted at the OHSAA individual state tournament just before the beginning of session five (5).

B. OHSAA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND OWOA DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT. Toby Dunlap started out his report by recognizing the OHSAA/NFHS wrestling officials of the year that were present at the meeting. He then reported that the OHSAA tournament eligibility forms will probably be sent out on Monday, November 4, from Mr. Keaton Jones of the OHSAA. He is requesting as many as possible to please complete the forms. However, don't say you are going to be able to do a sectional, district or state tournament and then when one is awarded, you are going to turn it down.

Toby then stated that according to his information from the OHSAA there are a total of 829 wrestling officials permitted as of the date of this meeting. 88 officials are class 3, 250 are class 2, and 491 are class 1. He asked that all associations work to try to get the class 2 officials certified to move up to class 1. Toby stated that the OHSAA decided that the girl's sectional and districts this year will be handled by the district boards instead of the OHSAA state office. Toby gave a report that the NFHS rules and case books for this year are a little late being sent out, but you should be receiving them shortly.



Toby then requested all associations to elect a mechanics interpreter for each association. Toby reiterated that proper mechanics are very important and also should be uniform throughout the state, equal to uniform application of the actual wrestling rules. He requested that each association remind all their officials to review the mechanics set forth in the Ohio OHSAA green book. He also requested that each association have at least one (1) observer to make evaluations and suggestions to young officials. If an association does not have an observer or does not know an observer to contact, please contact Toby and he will provide you the names of the OHSAA observers. Toby also stated that the ratings of officials should be out by late November.

C. REPORT ON THE OWOA WEBSITE. Jack Kruse, webmaster for the OWOA, again 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. Also, Dan Cutcher requested that the word "deceased" be deleted on the website for Hall of Fame inductees, Russ Brode and Paul Branco, both inducted for 2021, which was agreed to by those present.

D. REPORT FROM THE STATE RULES INTERPRETERS. Given the report made by Toby Dunlap, the other state interpreters had no further information to report, except Dick Loewenstine again reiterated that the OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic for 2024 will be covering some very important information and encouraged all to attend, not only this year, but each year. He stressed how important it is for officials wanting to do sectional, district and state tournaments to attend the OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic so that valuable information is obtained and everyone is informed as to the current view of the OHSAA and the NFHS as to rules interpretations and mechanics.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. VINCE MATTEUCCI AWARD. Ray Anthony, Sr. gave a short report as to the awarding of the Vince Mattucci Award. 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 31.

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 a number of 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, 2025. Dick Loewenstine then asked all in attendance as to what date we should have for the 2025 OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic. After discussion and checking on the Ohio State football schedule, it was decided that initially November 8, 2025 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 9, 2025 again 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.

D. Status of OWOA recommended new jackets. Rich Carpenter gave a report as to the recommended new jackets. The new jackets have been approved by the Executive Committee of the OWOA as well as by the staff at the OHSAA. Rich Carpenter reported that he sent out to all secretaries the information on the specifications of the jackets. Important item is that the American Flag be on the right sleeve of the jacket with the stars forward. The OWOA and the OHSAA would like all officials being awarded an OHSAA state wrestling tournament contract for the 2025 tournament have a new jacket by that tournament. Then, it is suggested the following year, that is the 2025-2026 wrestling season that new jackets be available for use at the sectional and district tournaments. Then it is suggested that the new jackets be used for all events starting the 2026-2027 wrestling season.

E. Recruiting of New Officials. Ray Anthony, Sr. then gave a report as to new attempts to recruit new officials. He had new banners made for each association to comply with the need to use the DragonFly website to register for a wrestling official training class. These banners should be used at tournaments and other events. He also printed flyers. He has used both the banners and the flyers at the OHSAA state tournament. Ray stressed that there is a serious need for recruiting new officials and to retain new young officials.

F. 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. It was noted that 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 time for the Officials to have time to socialize and network before and after such a meeting.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business discussed.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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David A. Detec, Secretary of the OWOA



**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025**  
**THE DERBY GRANDVIEW**  
**1111 W. 1<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE, GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**(APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M.)**

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT, RICHARD LOEWENSTINE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

2. ROLL CALL - ATTENDANCE VERIFIED

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS PRESENT (MEMBERS) –  
DAVID A. DETEC, SECRETARY

3. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 1, 2024, MEETING – DAVID DETEC, SECRETARY

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – TREASURER, RICHARD CARPENTER

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – RICHARD LOEWENSTINE

6. REPORT AS TO MARCH 10<sup>th</sup> OWOA HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND LATER INDUCTION OF HONOREES – JEFF SIMONS AND DAN CUTCHER

7. OHSAA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND OWOA DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT – TOBY DUNLAP

8. ANY REPORT ON THE OWOA WEBSITE – JACK KRUSE

9. REPORT ON VINCE MATTEUCCI WRESTLING PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD - RAY ANTHONY, SR.

10. ANY REPORT FROM THE STATE RULES INTERPRETERS – RAY ANTHONY, DICK LOEWENSTINE AND JIM VREELAND

11. OLD BUSINESS:

(A) OWOA CLINIC FOR NOVEMBER, 2025 –  
RICHARD LOEWENSTINE AND RAY ANTHONY, SR.

(i) DATE – NOVEMBER 8, 2025

(ii) LOCATION – OLENTANGY LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL  
(same as last year)

(iii) TOPICS/SUGGESTIONS:

(B) CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION.  
DAVID A. DETEC

12. NEW BUSINESS

(A) ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR NEW THREE (3) YEAR TERM,  
TO START MARCH 10, 2025

(i) OHIO VALLEY WRESTLING OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION NOMINATES THE CURRENT OFFICERS FOR RE-ELECTION, THAT IS: RICHARD LOEWENSTINE, PRESIDENT; JEFF SIMONS, VICE PRESIDENT; DAVID A. DETEC, SECRETARY; RICHARD CARPENTER, TREASURER; AND DAN CUTCHER, WRESTLING HISTORIAN;

(ii) SOUTH SHORE WRESTLING OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION NOMINATES DENNIE UHL FOR PRESIDENT AND ELLIOT SPENCE FOR VICE PRESIDENT, AND LARREN WIKEL FOR WRESTLING HISTORIAN;

(iii) NORTHEAST OHIO WRESTLING OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION NOMINATES JEFF SIMONS FOR



PRESIDENT, AND ELLIOT SPENCE FOR VICE PRESIDENT;

(iv) GREATER CLEVELAND WRESTLING OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION NOMINATES RICHARD LOEWENSTINE FOR PRESIDENT; DINO SEVASTOS FOR VICE PRESIDENT; DAVID DETEC FOR SECRETARY AND RICH CARPENTER FOR TREASURER.

NOMINATIONS BY OFFICE

- (i) FOR PRESIDENT: RICHARD LOEWENSTINE, DENNY UHL, JEFF SIMONS
  - (ii) FOR VICE PRESIDENT: JEFF SIMONS, ELLIOT SPENCE, DINO SEVASTOS
  - (iii) FOR SECRETARY: DAVID A. DETEC
  - (iv) FOR TREASURER: RICHARD CARPENTER, AND
  - (v) FOR HISTORIAN: DAN CUTCHER AND LARREN WIKEL
- (B) NEW IDEAS FOR OWOA ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS (IF TIME ALLOWS)
- (C) OTHER COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (OPEN TO THE FLOOR) (IF TIME ALLOWS)

13. ADJOURNMENT