

OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

OHIO STATE SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER

COLUMBUS, OHIO

HELD BETWEEN SESSIONS 2 AND 3 AND STARTING AT

APPROXIMATELY 3:40 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Our President, Richard Loewenstine, called the meeting to order and thanked all for coming. He stated that since we are at OHSAA individual state wrestling tournament, we need to move this meeting along because many of those in attendance have duties that they have to get to as part of the tournament. He also 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 Loewenstine, President of the OWOA, State Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Richard Carpenter, Treasurer of the OWOA and member of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
4. **Toby Dunlap – OHSAA and OWOA Director of Development and Education and member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
5. **Ray Anthony, Sr. – State Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
6. **Jim Vreeland – State Rules Interpreter and member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
7. **Jack Kruse – OWOA Webmaster and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
8. **Dan Cutcher – OWOA Historian.**

9. **Jeff Simons, OWOA Vice President and member of the Greater Cincinnati 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. **Mike Diglia - member of the Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Charles Hardman – member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
14. **Kelly Ducey - member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Dan Jaksetic– member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Larren Wikel – member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
17. **Morgan Stanley – member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
18. **Dennie Uhl – member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
19. **Craig Heidinger – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
20. **John Pugh – Member of the Southeast Wrestling Officials' Association.**
21. **Tom Stortz – member of the North Central Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
22. **Kelly Stillman – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
23. **Jeff Lawrence – member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
24. **Matthew Turton – member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association.**
25. **Larry Leggett – member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**

26. **Brian Lowrey – member of the Central District Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
27. **Mike Doll – member of the Southwest 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. **Todd Victor – member of the Northeast Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
31. **Elliott Spence – member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Association.**
32. **Butch Blankenship – member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials’ Association.**
33. **Richard Kunkle – member of the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials’ Association.**

There were 33 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. **North Central Wrestling Officials' Association.**
17. **Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**

Associations not present were:

1. **Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**

There are 18 Association Members to the Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association and present were 17 of the 18, 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 4, 2022, Board of Governors' meeting held at The Hampton Inn and Suites, 8411 Polaris Place, Columbus, Ohio, were circulated, read and unanimously approved after proper motion and second.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Richard Carpenter then gave his Treasurer's report including a report on the starting balance, and a report on the current balance and a report on certain aspects of the 2022 OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic. He reported on expenditures made since his last report. He also gave an update as to contributions made for the banner being made for display at the OHSAA Individual State Tournament and an update on the collection of the OWOA 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. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Richard Loewenstine stated that because of the shortage of time available for a Report and because we must allow time for those in attendance with duties to assist at the OHSAA State Tournament to timely attend to such duties, he waves his report at this time.

B. HALL OF FAME: Discussion as to the OWOA Hall of Fame luncheon and this year's honorees being inducted into the OWOA Hall of Fame were conducted by Dan Cutcher and Jeff Simons. Charley Hardman and Rich Kunkle are the inductees to the 2023 OWOA Hall of Fame. A brief introduction of the resume of the inductees, Charles Hardman and Richard Kunkle, were then provided.

C. OHSAA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND OWOA DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT. Toby Dunlap stated that because of the shortage of time as above mentioned, he will waive giving a report.

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 either the President, Dick Loewenstine or the Secretary, David A. Detec.

E. VINCE MATTEUCCI AWARD. A report as to the Vince Mantteucci Wrestling Person Of The Year award was given by Ray Anthony, Sr. Ray stated that this year's award winner is Tom Evans. Ray gave a short report on the credentials of Tom Evans. The award will be given tomorrow at the OWOA Hall of Fame luncheon. Ray asked that all keep that the award is going to Tom Evans confidential until it is awarded to him tomorrow. Tom Evans does not realize that he is getting the award and Ray would very much appreciate it being a surprise.

F. REPORT FROM THE STATE RULES INTERPRETERS. Because of time constraints, Ray Anthony, Sr., Dick Loewenstine, Toby Dunlap and Jim Vreeland stated that they waive a report at this time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. OWOA CLINIC AND BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING FOR NOVEMBER, 2023. Dick Loewenstine and David Detec then stated that we need to pick a date for the OWOA Clinic and Board of Governor's meeting for November of 2023. It was stated that we should pick a date that is on a weekend on which Ohio State football does not have a home game because of the difficulty of getting hotel rooms and the cost of hotel rooms on a weekend where Ohio State has a home game. It was then suggested that November 3, Friday night, starting at 7:00, be chosen as the Board of Governor's meeting. The following day, Saturday, November 4, would be the date for the OWOA Rules and Mechanics Clinic. Ray Anthony stated that he was sure that he can obtain Olentangy Liberty High School location, the same location as the last two years, for the clinic. Clinic will start at 9:00 with hopes of ending before 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 4, 2023. It was agreed that the same format as last year will be followed. David Detec said he will contact Sam Covelli at Panera to see if he is willing again, this year, to provide food at a 50% discount. Dick Loewenstine then stated that if anyone has ideas for topics and speakers that they should get a hold of either him or anyone else on the executive committee.

B. The State Individual Wrestling Tournament Banner. Ray Anthony, Sr. stated that they are working on a new banner that hopefully will go up at the 2024 state individual wrestling tournament. They are in the process of finishing the design and working on the raising of funds. A motion was made seconded and approved that the OWOA allocate another \$1,000.00 to its state banner fund.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. OWOA Hall of Fame Committee At Large Members. David Detec, Secretary of the OWOA, again pointed out that the OWOA Code of Regulations/Constitution requires the appointment of At Large Members to the OWOA Hall of Fame Committee and that no such appointments have been made to date. We need five (5) At Large Members:

- One (1) from the Central District;
- One (1) from the Northeast District;
- One (1) from the Northwest District;
- One (1) from the Southwest District; and
- One (1) from the East and Southeast District

A discussion was then had as to appointing members to fill those positions. After discussion and after agreement among the members, it was agreed that Nevin Taylor would represent the Central District, Dino Sevatos would represent the Northeast District, Dan Jaksetic would represent the Northwest District, Chas DeShayes would represent the Southwest District, and John Pugh would represent both the Southeast and East District.

B. New Ideas for OWOA Activities, Programs and Functions. John Pugh on behalf of the Southeast brought up that we should discuss issues he has encountered as to match and tournament contracts and payment for officiating wrestling matches and tournaments. Because of time constraints it was suggested by both Toby Dunlap and Dave Detec, that that is a lengthy possible discussion, and because of the time constraints the topic could not be adequately handled at this meeting and should be suggested for a future meeting.

There were no other comments for the good of the order.

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