

ISWA Monthly Meeting

August 2, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 2:38 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting held in person and via Zoom

Attendance:

In the office: Pat Culp, Steve Mathis, Jimmy Tonte, Tina Fouts, Jennifer Pierson, Josh Curry, Jared Curcio, Mary Friedt, Mark Galka, Payton Halbig, Dalton Halbig, Nick Hull, Dan Mikesell, Jason Miller, Jonah Odum, Ryan Parrish, Jen Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Lou Silverman, Mark Stevenson, Doug Strayer, Melissa Strayer, and Roby Webster.

Zoom: Andy Oberlin

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch, Georgia Bartley

Consultants:

Guest: Jodi Webster

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Tina Fouts presented the June draft minutes as previously supplied through USA Wrestling membership website.
- Roby Webster made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Payton Halbig seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Steve Mathis

- The annual budget meeting was held immediately prior to this meeting.
- Roby Webster made a motion to accept the proposed annual budget, decided upon in the prior meeting.
- Jared Curcio seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

Open Board Positions

- Pat Culp reported that Mark Stevenson is stepping down from his position as Section 4 Director.
- Current open positions are Section 3 and Section 4 Directors.
- These positions will be posted on the website for applicants review.

Annual Awards Banquet

- Pat Culp reported that the annual awards banquet is being held tomorrow.
- The office has certificates and awards.
- Set up begins at 7:00 am at Center Grove High School.
- Check-in is from 8:30 to 9:30 with the ceremony beginning at 10.
- Auditorium will be used.
- All board members are asked to come and assist.

Women's National Duals

- Pat Culp rebid for Indiana to host the duals this fall and we have it next year
- We are looking to buy out a hotel next year.
- We need additional workers desperately.
- Dates for next year are 6/14-6/20.

Annual Calendar

- Pat Culp reported that we went over the calendar in the June board meeting.
- High School boys team state duals are going to 2 locations
- Tournament is 1/10/26
- Brownsburg will be hosting AAAA and AA.
- Franklin will be hosting AAA and A.
- Each will have the mats in their gym and fieldhouse.
- Reducing from 6 mats to 4 mats.
- Might go another hour or hour and a half in length.
- Working with boys coaches' association to reduce mats.
- Easier to find venues when less mats are needed.
- Revamped the rounds.
- Met with Robert Faulkens about moving girls' regionals to 1/10/26, using 4 locations.
- A couple of locations are set, working on the other ones.
- Each location will have 4 mats.
- Officials will be allocated to all of these events.
- 1/11/26, Elementary Duals will be held at Franklin
- 8 mats will already be down.
- We definitely need more help from board members.
- Spoke with the Athletic Director and it will be another late set-up due to Basketball game on Saturday prior to the event.

New Business

Fargo

- Pat Culp felt that the recap showed it was amazing.
- Boys had 15 All Americans in Freestyle and 5 All Americans in Greco.
- Great chemistry in staff -
- Dan Mikesell shared his thoughts on Indiana's experience in the tournament.
- Had a National Champion from Center Grove.
- Doug Strayer stated we had 62 girls at Fargo.
- 2 All Americans in 16U, 6 Juniors, including 3X Heather Crull Champ.
- Coaching staff was excellent.
- Nice article on Chad/CJ Red, father/son coaching together at Fargo.
- Article about Heather and she will be receiving a special award tomorrow at awards banquet.

Annual Meeting

- Working on the 9/14/25 meeting, always held on the second Sunday in September.
- Location is Lawrence Central.
- Will be releasing bid calendar to public this week.
- Jennifer Pierson stated the Annual Meeting committee will be meeting this week.
- Pat Culp stated that all directors need to be there for the annual meeting.
- Jennifer Pierson will reach out to Mark Stevenson to make sure he's here.

Potential New Venues for hosting tournaments

- Pat Culp reported that there are 2 new venues, in Mishawaka and Bargersville.
- She will be communicating with both.
- Visited the one in Mishawaka.
- Can hold 30 mats on basketball courts.
- 6 to 8 on turf and 12 pickleball courts and can get 6 – 8 on that side.
- The downside is restrooms. There are 16 stalls, men and women and 10 dressing rooms but that doesn't appear to be enough.
- They are currently booked out.
- They have started expanding. Will be adding to their facility.
- She told them they need to get locker rooms and more restrooms if they wish to host us.
- Ryan Parrish said the facility in Bargersville will have 9 basketball courts and 8 other full-size courts and seating for 500.
- Separate area for championship.

Fargo - future

- Pat Culp reported that USA Wrestling is discussing with state chairpersons, regarding the girls to determine if it gets to the point we have to separate by gender or by age groups.
- If the boys continue to grow, the majority opinions were to split by gender.
- There is discussion of giving the girls their own Fargo experience.

Pairings Advisory Committee

- Pat Culp reported that USA Wrestling is working towards some changes, due to USA Bracketing.
- Pairing officials are no longer referred to as that title but are now known as Operations Officials.
- They are eliminating tests to move up in pairings.
- She feels like each state chair knows who can run a tournament and will be using this to determine who is able to do the different things.
- TSO's are needed, and they need to know how to run events. Need to know how to run little events and state events. This was approved.
- There will still be P1, P2 and P3, but all will have to requalify to determine their level status.

2025-2026 ISWA Committees

- Pat Culp reported that committees have been posted on the library in USA Membership.
- All Directors should review and pull from there.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp will speak with Steve Pugliese this week to see if he would be willing to stay on in the position if the Safe Sport aspect can be removed from his duties.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Steve Mathis reported a change in salary requirement for the trainers at our state events.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**

- JD Minch read his annual report which will be presented at the Annual Meeting on September 14th.
- Provided breakdown by year (going back 10 years) for the total number of athletes, coaches and wrestling leaders, clubs, and sanctioned events.
- Also provided information as to the growth in female wrestlers, the cost of the different types of memberships, and relative information in regard to IHSAA tournament entries and placements and how many were ISWA members.

State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte

- Annual Report Status
- New Conflict of Interest link emailed to board members
- Awards Ceremony preparation/meeting with committee
- Directors can pick up a publication copy, review club organizer, and email updates
- Training Georgia Bartley and working with Jennifer Pierson/Jalen (Intern) with Team Indiana gear.
- Asked if anyone had questions about the team building social this evening, see flyer.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson

Disciplinary Committee Report:

- Nothing to report.

Regular Report

- Awards ceremony tomorrow.
- Tournament committee reviewing for state events and out for bids.
- Working on annual meeting.
- Meetings this week for both.
- Finishing up a very busy summer.

• **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Nothing to report.
- Check the calendar for future events and make a note so that we can get enough people to help at events.

▪ **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- It went pretty well this year.
- 7 scholarships, 32 applicants, if we keep that trend, she thinks we need to look at adding 1 or 2 more scholarships due to the numbers coming in.
- Mark Galka spoke to females applying and growing and would like to add additional scholarships.
- Roby Webster made motion to add a 1000 scholarship in the name of Mary Friedt
- Tina Fouts seconded the motion.
- Payton Halbig made a friendly amendment to Roby’s motion to add 2 more scholarships with name recognition later for women only.
- Roby agreed to the friendly amendment to add 2 more scholarships
- Jared Curcio seconded the motion.
- Approved to add to the budget
- No one opposed.
- Payton Halbig clarified these will be \$1000 scholarships
- Motion passed unanimously.

- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Nothing new to report.

- **Social Media/Marketing Director – Andy Oberlin**
 - Not Present – report via Jennifer Pierson.
 - Will be coming up with a social media calendar
 - Will reach out to coaches and board members to get content.

- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**
 - Gear finished.
 - Packaging was much better this year, still some things to work through.
 - National team gear goes out for bid this year.
 - For the in-state sales, approved 3X extension.
 - Will work through bids once they come back.
 - Working on gold certification with USA Wrestling. Silver last year, working with Mike Clayton.
 - One task is to teach 20 minutes at silver college or webinar.
 - Chose freestyle/Greco wrestling, growing that part of wrestling.
 - Put together PowerPoint talking through what we have done here.
 - Framework of processes and workflow as other states can use as a blueprint to help grow Olympic style wrestling.
 - Showed the PowerPoint to the room.
 - Strategy (shared vision), structure, process (to allow coaches and athletes to get excited), highlighted our state’s vision and mission, rewards.

- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Dalton Halbig**
 - Keith Halbig received Tom Clark award at Central Regionals
 - Jake Skinner received Young Mat Official Award
 - Mike Landrum received Freestyle/Greco official of the year.
 - Cameron Diep received the award for Greco official of the year at Fargo.
 - Committee to work on development of officials in the state.
 - Jimmy Tonte, Dalton Halbig, and Jared Curcio were tasked with this.
 - Would like to try to do a certification clinic.
 - Would like to invite coaches to attend as well.

- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jared Curcio**
 - Gary Fox received Official of the year for Folkstyle.
 - Working on more experienced officials as we go into next year.
 - He will be in China from October – April 15.
 - Will be working on getting someone to fill in for him and delegate tournaments to different people.
 - Will work this person on organization.

- **Logistics Director – Melissa Strayer**
 - Busy summer.
 - Team trips went well.
 - All team leaders great to work with this year.
 - Corporate enterprise and budget accounts have been set up. Will save us money.
 - Girls’ tournaments, 16U, Heartland, we used the band app and was really good for communication.

- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Annual Report is in.

- **Section 2– Mary Friedt email**
 - Thanked all for the gift card when she was injured.
 - Annual report in.
 - Getting ready to get something out to the clubs to remind them to start Safe Sport and background check, etc.
 - Has a few new club leaders and will touch base with them to assist in renewing, etc.
 - Will notify they need to pre-register tournaments and can change at the annual meeting.
 - Master email will be sent by Jennifer P.

- **Section 3 – Georgia Bartley**
 - Submitted annual report.
 - Will notify by email that there is a position open for section 3.
 - Jennifer Pierson will post this week for this and section 4 openings.

- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not Present.
 - Annual report has been submitted.

- **Section 5 –Payton Halbig**
 - Annual report has been submitted.
 - Will be spokesperson for nominations at the Annual Meeting.
 - Presented the ballot, based on nominations that were submitted:
 - Chair: Pat Culp was unopposed
 - Vice Chair - Programs Jimmy Tonte
 - Vice Chair Administration – Jennifer Pierson
 - Treasurer – Steve Mathis,
 - Secretary – Tina Fouts
 - Payton Halbig made a motion to accept the panel of nominations to present at the annual meeting
 - Mark Galka seconded the motion.
 - Motion passes unanimously.

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Wrote a book
 - Working on making more incentives to get upgraded coaches' certificates.

 - **Regional Training Center – Josh Curry**
 - RTCs have been going well.
 - Discussed options for next year.

 - **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Trip this summer – Ben Nicely and he took 9 kids to New Zealand
 - Was an eventful trip out there, kids were well behaved, hosts were great.
 - Tournament going on in Australia at the time they were there and some of the New Zealanders had gone to that, so some of the smaller kids didn't have anyone to wrestle.
 - Had a great experience. Saw a lot of cool things.

- Working on trips to South Africa and Middle School to Puerto Rico for next year.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not Present – No Report.
 - At NWC Conference.
 - Did a history of our All Americans going back to the 1980's.
 - Will finish and provide to us once completed.
- **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- **Girls/Kid's Director – Patrick Rowles -**
 - Not present. Report via email.
 - June and July were very busy, prepping and competing at women's duals in Westfield.
 - Also, All Girls' Regional Development Camp at Manchester University
 - And serving as Team Leader for the 16U Girls in Fargo.
 - 14U girls competed well at the Women's National Duals with an overall record of 6-2 in Freestyle with 2 All Americans and 3-3 in Greco finishing 6th place nationally.
 - Partnering with the USA Women's National Committee, ISWA was able to host the first Central Regional All-girls Development Camp.
 - The camp went well Jacarra Winchester as the clinician and USA Wrestling providing the camp schedule and curriculum.
 - Had 55 girls in attendance with many of them being Fargo competitors.
 - As team leader for the girls 16U, is very thankful for the help and guidance from Doug and Melissa Strayer, and Coach Pompei. The 16U girls competed very well.
 - Had 27 16U girls compete, 56 girls make it to day 2, and 2 All Americans with one being Champion.
 - Annual report has been turned in.
- **16U/Junior Director –Dan Mikesell –**
 - Annual report is in.
 - Junior boys finished 5th – highest ever.
 - A lot of people talking about Indiana wrestling.
- **16U/Junior Women's Director –Doug Strayer – email in ISWA**
 - Manchester camp held in June had over 60 girls for the weekend.
 - A week and a half later, the national duals camp was held.
 - Discussed the successes that girls had at Fargo
 - All reported in the Annual report that has been turned in.
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Nothing much to report.

Ryan Parrish motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Everyone seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:02 pm.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at Lawrence Central High School.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary