

Michigan Wrestling Association  
Fall Metro Regional Meetings  
October 17, 2018  
Bar Louie

**Meeting called to order 6:12PM by Bill Polk**

Attendees:

Dominic Adams **Fenton**, Brian Ales **Dakota**, Scott Bergeron **Annapolis**, Todd Cheney **Hartand**, David Chiola **Franklin**, Hall of Famer Frank Cox **John Glenn**, Tony Durocher **Melvindale**, Mike Gaffka **John Glenn**, Brett Greene **Wyandotte**, Mitch Hancock **DCC**, Eric Hebestreit **Official**, Jeremy Henderson **Salem**, Bill Polk **John Glenn**, Chris Puckett **Wyandotte**, Casey Randolph **Clinton**, Tim Roberts **Dundee**, Jeff Rolland **Clinton**, Phil Shannon **Official**, Joel Smith **Novi**, Kyle Summerfield **Linden**, Kevin Vogel **Bedford**, Howard Welsh **Farmington**, Phil Westheimer **Official**

Membership Drive

- Inform all in attendance on how to register for MWA membership.
  - Online at <https://www.michigangrappler.com/mwa>
  - Explain that you do not have to pay online. You can register and select to mail in payment.
  - Clinic Discount - Discount for coaches registering 3 or more coaches.
    - **Discounts**
      - \$125 for the 1st and/or 2nd coach
      - \$25 Staff Discount for the 3rd coach, only
      - \$50 Staff Discount for the 4th or more coach, only
        - **This is designed to develop entire staffs.**
        - **The higher MWA membership is, the stronger its voice.**
  - All questions - email Christopher Dunham

Nominations and Voting

- Question about the process? Refer to constitution ARTICLE IV, Section 1, D, 4. [https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0138/0423/2017\\_Constitution\\_and\\_By-Laws\\_10.28.17.pdf](https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0138/0423/2017_Constitution_and_By-Laws_10.28.17.pdf)
- Regional - All seats (except for Tri-Cities (Vacancy)) will be held for at least 2 years due to inaugural vote last Spring.
- Executive Board - 3 open seats
  - Nominations and Voting will take place online leading up to Fall Clinic. Communication will come from Chris Dunham.
  - Voting results will be announced at 4:30 pm at Fall Clinic.
  - Timeline
    - Nominate open (really prenomination because they could last minute nominate at the meeting) 10/17 - 10/26
    - Bios posted on grappler 10/27 - 11/3
    - Voting to take place on 11/3 with electronic voting open from 12:00 and closes no later than 4:00 to allow for results to be stated at 4:30. I will email blast the link to all current coaches the voting link.

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Fall Clinic

- NWCA Leadership Academy - [FLYER and Details](#)
  - Free to anyone attending Fall Clinic, pre-registration required
  - Starts Friday, November 2nd at 8:00 am
    - **Several coaches that attended last year championed the event.**
    - **To sign up, refer to the email send this week with other information.**
    - **Any questions can be referred to Mark Holdren**  
[mholdren@portlandk12.org](mailto:mholdren@portlandk12.org)
- Encourage attendance to both Friday and Saturday
  - Invite youth coaches, middle school coaches, etc.
    - Coach Hancock previewed the events for Friday night of the clinic. Two state championship caliber coaches will be presenting as well as access to a Tom Borelli practice.
- Breakout sessions
  - COY Presentations, off Season training/How to build interest, communication with wrestlers/parents, running a tournament/event, youth program building, officials panel, branding/Friday night duals, promoting multi-sport athletes
    - **Breakout sessions are designed to give coaches more value than just showing technique.**

Hall of Fame Banquet Recognition

- Executive Board voted on the following awards to be recognized at this year's hall of fame banquet. Plan to have a more formalized nomination and voting process in place by this fall.
- AD: Pete Ryan, Saginaw Heritage
- Officials: Lynwood Leightner-Cheboygan, Clay McCreight-Mt Pleasant
- Volunteer: Brad Bennett
- Media: JJ Johnson
- Youth: Curt Cummings & Jim Fleet
  - Nominees will receive a ticket plus a guest ticket for the banquet
    - **Plan on attending the banquet to honor the Metro Region inductees Frank Cox and Vic McGuire.**
    - **More awards have been added to increase recognition of membership.**

MHSAA Update

- Team State and Individual State
  - Same Locations, minor tweaks to improve efficiencies.
  - Team State @ Wings Stadium (Kalamazoo)
    - **MHSAA will possibly add an extra riser at team states.**
    - **Working on getting warm up area open for both days**

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- Individual State @ Ford Field
  - **Tape change should help with time efficiency (around 1 hr to 1 1/2hr)**
  - **Still one weigh-in**
  - **Configuration is still a work in progress**
- Shooter sleeves are not allowed this year in Michigan. Will be covered in online rule meeting.
  - **Clarified by referees/board member present.**

Women's Wrestling

- State of Michigan update
  - Teams/Coaches interested
    - **Survey coming out about women's wrestling to members. Please take it!**
    - **Pending: Women's wrestling may have a state championship event this year at Adrian College.**
    - **Pending: They will have an individual regional hopefully in future seasons. Planning to have two regions at this point.**
    - **Pending: Leadership is developing a way to work within the 14 weigh-in rule of MHSAA.**
    - **Pending: The state championship for women may be held on a Sunday.**

Regional Coaches

- New coaches in the region
  - **No new coaches present.**

Referees

- **There is a huge need for officials.**
- **Per one assignor, there should be an influx of seasoned MYWAY officials becoming high school officials.**
- **SEC does Monday night duals to offset official shortages**
- **Some schools do Friday night duals.**
- **Official rating system ease of use has been improved.**

MHSAA Suggestions for Proposals

- **Change the national event/travel rule. Create a waiver for this process.**
- **Change the state tournament to typical 1st-8th place tournament to increase fan interest and recognition of quality teams. The current location could accommodate such an event.**

Meeting adjourned 7:18 by Bill Polk