

NWCA Full Board Meeting
September 18, 2006
Pittsburgh, PA

Attendance: Ron Beaschler, Darrell Randall, Mike Moyer, Pat Tocci, John Cook, Dan Zottarelli, Drew Black, Gary Abbott, Dan Hinkel, Jay Hammond, Lee Roy Smith, Jim Makovsky, Bob Colgate, Josh Hardman, Joe McFarland, Brian Anderson, Pat Pecora, Jeff Bowyer, John Trudgeon, Roger Crebs, and Billy Walker

Ron Beaschler opens the board meeting at 12:50. Ron thanks everyone for taking time out of their schedule to attend the board meeting and convention.

It is noted that this will be Ron's last board meeting as President of the NWCA and that Ron Mirikitani will be taking over as the president of the association. Ron thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board.

Ron Beaschler asks the board to approve the 2005 Full board meetings. Darrell Randall makes a motion to approve; 2nd Drew Black. Unanimous vote to approve the 2005 full board meeting minutes.

Ron Beaschler asks for a Roll Call of all board members in attendance. Josh Hardman is representing the NAIA for Jason McCloud and Gary Abbott is representing USA Wrestling for Gary Abbott.

Board of Director Term Expirations:

Mike Moyer reviews the new board positions and replacements for outgoing board members.

With Ron Beaschler going completing his term as president the NWCA needs to elect a new president-elect. Mike mentions that Jim Beichner was brought to the full board by nominating committee. Mike reviews that Jim currently is not on the full board but had just recently completed his term on the board in September 05. Our current by-laws allow Jim to serve as the president-elect. A motion is made by for Jim Beichner to be the president-elect. The motion is 2nd Roger Crebs 2nd. Unanimous vote for Jim Beichner to be the next president-elect.

Mike brings up that three of our scholastic board members; Paul White, Bryan Smith and Dan Zottarelli would like to have their scholastic terms extended. A motion is made by Drew Black to have all three individuals have their terms extended which is 2nd by Ron Mirikitani. An unanimous vote to extend the terms of Paul White, Bryan Smith and Dan Zottarelli.

Mike Moyer reviews are new board members for each district and division:

- Pat Santoro will be replacing John Trudgeon as the Division I District III rep
- John Smith will be replacing Wayne Baughman as the Division I District V rep
- Kerry McCoy will be replacing Joe Wells as the Division I District VI rep
- Jay Hammond will be replacing Gary Abbott as the media representative
- Bob Colgate will be replacing Jerry Diehl as the NFHS representative

Mike Moyer reviews the women's wrestling committee and the position statement on women's wrestling. The nominating committee has brought for the name of Barb Brummett to be the new women's wrestling board member. Ron Mirikitani gives some background on Barb and her qualifications. Gary Abbott asks questions about the background on Barb and expresses some concern about her coming from an official's background and not as women's wrestler or a women's coach.

Mike speaks on behalf of Barb and her strengths that she could bring to the position. Mike mentions that reviews that the person in this role must be a self starter and willing to get things off the ground. Some of the responsibilities would include promoting and event around the all-star classic, the National Duals Final Four, women's wrestling camp and the USDA poster program.

Gary reiterates the need to work together with USAW. Lee Roy Smith mentions that it would be good to put together a video to promote women's wrestling. Its agreed by all in attendance this would be a good idea.

Joe McFarland makes a motion to name Barb Brummett to the Board of Directors in the Women's Wrestling representative which is 2nd by Dan Zottarelli. The motion passed unanimously to name Barb Brummett to the full board.

By-Law Change:

Mike Moyer reviews with the board that we would like to make a by-law change which would allow the Executive Committee to be increased to four members from the full board. The by-law change would in Article VI bylaw 6.2 in regards to the Executive Committee. The new second to last line in the by law 6.2 would be changed from The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, president-elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Scholastic Board Member and two members appointed from the Board of Directors to now read The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, president-elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Scholastic Board Member and additional members from the board not to exceed four (4) nominated by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. A motion to change bylaw 6.2 is made by Ron Mirikitani and 2nd by Lee Roy Smith. The motion carries unanimously to allow up to four members from the board on the Executive Committee.

Executive Director Report and Strategic Plan

Mike Moyer asks the board to see a power point presentation that was developed to outline the strategic plan of the NWCA.

In the PowerPoint, Mike reviews the successes of the NWCA which include:

- 34 State Associations, National Preps and all collegiate governing bodies licensing the Optimal Performance Calculator Program
- 4 State Associations licensing the student-athlete leadership course
- Played important roles in many of the 42 new or reinstated intercollegiate wrestling programs
- Mainstream companies and governmental agencies investing in the NWCA and wrestling
- Preliminarily approved for a \$250,000 state grant to demonstrate effectiveness of OPC in combating childhood obesity in Physical Education curriculums

Mike reviews the challenges that the NWCA and wrestling are facing. These challenges include:

- Interpretation of Title IX
- Budgetary restraints on college campuses and high school environments
- Coaches lacking small business CEO skills
- Unhealthy weight loss stigma that has plagued our sport for decades
- NCAA Legislation (i.e. APR, minimum sports sponsorship, etc.)
- The loss of 440 college teams between 1972 and 1999 has resulted in the elimination of an entire generation of spectators and future high school teachers/coaches
- Average tenure of a high school wrestling coach is 3-5 years

Mike then reviews the NWCA's strategy for overcoming these challenges which includes:

- Developing educational programs that strengthen the proficiencies of coaches, enhance the competitive experience and life skills of wrestlers, and more closely align wrestling with educational values.
- Conduct events that generate revenue, media exposure, corporate involvement, and spectator interest
- Strengthen relationship with governing bodies and governmental agencies so we can successfully lobby for legislative change
- Significantly increase the marketing and promotion of scholastic and collegiate wrestling and our athlete

Mike lists five important ways that board members can help overcome this threat:

- Enroll your staff in the educational programs
- Support NWCA events (All Star Classic, Nat'l Duals, Scholastic Showcase, Convention)
- Support InterMat Website & Premium Service
- Promote the benefits of the sport nutrition program
- Support our gov't partners (Marines, USDA)

In the last slide Mike reviews important speaking points of the NWCA:

- Leader since 1928 in developing educational programs that strengthen proficiencies of coaches, enhance the competitive experience and life skills of wrestlers, and align wrestling with educational values.
- Leader in promoting fitness/nutrition in "physical education" communities, general student population, and "all sport" markets at scholastic and collegiate levels.
- Serve as official voice for folk-style wrestling in high school and college.
- Leader in saving threatened wrestling programs and establishing new ones.
- Provider of nationally recognized events for high school and college wrestlers.
- Leader in enhancing the positive reputation of wrestling and its values in the mainstream population.

All-Sports OPC

Mike reviews the need for the All-Sports/PE OPC to help promote the sport of wrestling. Mike outlines the goal of promoting the OPC to the Physical Education community. He mentions that several state departments of education have shown an interest in using this in their physical education curriculums.

Mike speaks about the research study we will be doing with Alan Utter to validate the success of the OPC in the adolescent population. Mike stresses that once the research is done we will search for a partner to deliver the program to the critical masses. We would not use the staff time to do the delivery of this program.

Mike stressed the importance of everyone on the board buying into the direction we are going. Without the board support this will not work.

Jim Makovsky mentions that he would be willing to work on promoting the PE piece to his school. Using it as a pyramid, by teaching the future teachers on how to use the program they would be willing to use this in the schools when they go to teach.

Gary Abbott makes note that we need to use this to provide that we are real about doing something positive with this from a PR form.

Lee Roy discussing the presence of the weight loss program in wrestling and how its been a positive for wrestling.

Bob Colgate speaks about the weight management program from a NFHS standpoint. Bob makes note that the weight certification process is all about education. He also speaks that on the high school level we do not have 50 exact weight management programs but in reality 50 different ones.

The discussion concludes with an agreement that using the OPC to push into the PE market is a good course of action for the NWCA.

Events:

Ron Beaschler asks the board to review the event reports from the past year which are in the board manual.

Mike Moyer makes note the University of Northern Iowa would like to extend their contract to host the National Duals to 2008. Mike reviews the proposal from UNI to extend their contract and mentions that UNI would like to go out and try to get sponsors to help offset the guarantee.

When discussing how UNI would offset the guarantee we need to clarify the following issues:

Who they are going to solicit for sponsors?

Where would the revenue be shown from the rebate with the high schools?

Jack Childs makes a motion to extend the Northern Iowa contract to 2008 which is 2nd by Dan Zottarelli.

Before a vote is made further discussion was had. Joe McFarland asks where it would go after 2008. Mike mentions that we currently do not have a place in mind for after 2008 but you need a host that has strong regional teams to help with the spectator base.

Darrell Randall stresses the importance of being in one place for at least few years. It takes a few years to get it built up. Gary says that UNI must see the future in the event if they want to keep the event for the next couple of years.

Motion is accepted for UNI to increase the contract for the national duals through 2009.

Mike reviews that we are still looking for a host for the 2007 All-Star Classic. Kennisaw State in Georgia has expressed a lot of interest in starting a new Division I wrestling program. With the idea of starting a new wrestling program Kennisaw State has expressed interest in hosting the 2007 All-Star Classic.

They have not submitted a formal proposal but will be shortly. Gary Abbott expresses that the wrestling community in Georgia is very strong and there is a good background to bring it there.

It is agreed upon that the full board will defer to the Executive Committee on finding a location for the All-Star Classic.

Mike speaks about the 2007 convention and that we are currently looking at going mid-week again. We are currently researching sites in Denver, St. Louis or Kansas City. We will keep the board apprised of the progress.

Mike reviews the three names brought to the full board for clinicians for the 2007 NCAA NWCA Clinic. The three names mentioned were Don Pritzlaff from University of Wisconsin, Dave Crowell from Wilson High School and Joe Dubque who is a two-time NCAA Champion.

After discussion it was suggested that we should replace Joe Dubque with a female wrestler as a way of promoting our support to women's wrestling.

Gary is asked who he feels would be a viable clinician and he says that he would defer to Terry Steiner. Mike is asked to get with Terry Steiner for a recommendation.

A motion is brought by Jim Makovsky to have Donny Pritzlaff, Dave Crowell and a female wrestler as the three clinicians for the NWCA Clinic at the NCAA Championships. The motion is 2nd by Pat Pecora. The motion passes unanimously to accept the above mentioned clinicians.

Ron Beaschler asks the board to review the committee reports and asks if there are any questions or comments. No comments or questions in regards to the committee reports.

NWCA Awards:

Ron Beaschler and Mike review the NWCA awards that need full board approval.

The names submitted for the Bob Bubb Coaching Excellence Award include:

- Clar Anderson – Duke University
- Steve Kimple – Colorado School of Mines
- Jeff Swenson – Augsburg College
- Mike Ritchey – Southern Oregon
- Mike Haluska – Clackamas Community College
- Larry Watanabe – Mount San Antonio College
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A motion is made by Jim Makovsky to accept the nominees listed above to be named the Bob Coaching Excellence Award winners. The motion is 2nd by Drew Black. The motion passes unanimously.

The names submitted for the Dan Gable 'America Needs Wrestling' Award include:

- Tim Cornish – Save Fresno State Wrestling
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- Greg Dumas – California Businessman

Mike Moyer is asked to give more background on Greg Dumas and Mike speaks about Greg's financial support to numerous Title IX fights including Montclair State and Fresno State along with his funding to the College Sports Council.

A motion by Joe McFarland to accept the nominees as presented above for the Dan Gable Needs Wrestling' Award winners. The motion is 2nd by Jack Childs. Motion to accept award winner carries unanimously.

An ACTION ITEM is made to the NWCA staff to invite the Athletic Directors and Presidents of the University of Award Winners.

The names submitted for approval for Lifetime Honorary Members include:

- Russ Hellickson – Ohio State University
- Bobby Douglas – Iowa State University
- Dale Deffner – Golden West College
- Joe Wells – Oregon State University
- Wayne Baughman – US Air Force Academy
- PJ Smith – UNC-Pembroke

A motion by Jim Makovsky to accept the nominees as presented above. The motion is 2nd by Dan Zottarelli. Motion to accept all six nominees is accepted unanimously.

The three nominees Meritorious Service award include:

- Larry Joseph – Pro-bono Title IX work
- Jerry Diehl – Promotion of wrestling in position with the NFHS
- Dan Gable – Spokesperson for NWCA and Wrestling

A motion by John Trudgeon to accept the nominees as presented above. The motion is 2nd by Dan Zottarelli. The motion passes unanimously to accept all three as Meritorious Service Award Winners.

The NWCA reviews the two Schalles Award Winners which is Ben Askren from Missouri for the college and Jon Reader from Davison HS for the HS.

Jim Makovsky suggests that there be a Schalles award for each collegiate division. Jim asks the board to look seeing what it would cost to have the Schalles award be given to all divisions.

ACTION ITEM: Mike Moyer review Jim's suggestion with Wade Schalles.

Financial Report:

Pat Tocci provides a financial report to the full board:

Pat hands out two spreadsheets to the board which include a preliminary year end report for the 2005-06 year while the other is the proposed 2006-07 budget.

Pat mentions that we are currently a slight loss for the 2006 fiscal year but this will not be finalized until we complete our audit with our accounting firm.

Pat then reviews the 2007 budget which is projecting a 21,000 loss for the year. Mike makes mention that we will be working diligently to wipe out the 21,000 loss.

Pat also then reviews that projects such as our OPC project are shown on the balance sheet as an asset and the depreciated overtime.

A motion is made by Jim Makovsky to accept the 2007 proposed budget as is. The motion is 2nd by Drew Black. The motion to accept the 2007 budget with a 21,000 loss is approved unanimously.

Membership Report:

Pat Tocci provides a membership report which outlines the tremendous growth of the organization due to the increased states using the OPC system. Pat mentions that we are still challenged by getting a 100% membership from our college coaches. The NWCA staff will do a better job in the future of ensuring all collegiate coaches are members. Mike Moyer mentions that we also have an additional 1200 members from the InterMat premium service.

NCAA Legislative:

Mike Moyer gives a background on the many issues that are currently facing the collegiate wrestling body. There are issues with APR, Qualifier Allocation and NCAA issues. With all the unique issues, the NWCA would be looking to be more pro-active. We would look at having a Issues Committee.

The committee would be made up of all collegiate board members. The DI reps then would elect someone that would sit on the Executive Committee.

Jim Makovsky talks about the need to be united.

John Trudgeon talks about separating out from the NCAA rules committee and issues committee. This could be an area where we work together.

Gary asks about the USOC liaison committee. Is there anything they can do to help?

Joe McFarland asks about having the convention in the spring so that we can work on the legislative issues. Mike talks about how the convention is not well attended in the spring.

Structure the committee on the NCAA schedule. That way there will be enough time to present the needs to the NCAA.

Issues committee would have one rep for each division that would make up the

ACTION ITEM: Timeline when we need what. Then each division could conference call or email to find the right person to represent each division.

Scholastic Chairman:

John Cook and Dan Zottarelli review the scholastic state chairman. They make special mention that we need someone in Alaska and Texas.

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Division Reports:

NCAA Division II-Jim Makovsky gives some highlights on the DII level. Jim M makes mention about the growth of the DII programs.

Division III-Ron Beaschler makes mention that Division III might be changing from using historical data to regionalization.

NAIA-Number of new schools that have been added. It is the 50th year anniversary of the NAIA Championships.

NJCAA-Rule change that NJCAA will be able to have their matches against NCAA schools to count.

NFHS-Bob Colgate thanks the NWCA board for allowing NFHS to be a part of the board meetings. Bob reviews the 2006 participation numbers. Reviews a few of the new rule changes that have been put in place.

Mersa infection is a probably on the high school level.

The new hot issue is the weight class issue. The NFHS will be looking at the NWCA data to make decisions.

State of high school wrestling is very strong.

National Wrestling Hall of Fame Report:

LeeRoy Smith mentions that the HOF is in its 30th anniversary. The HOF is looking at relocating or expanding. LS mentions that he wants to make things more modern with the times. The negotiations are going well.

The HOF is engaged in a full time PR initiative.

LS also makes recognition to Jay Hammond to the great things he has done with the history of collegiate wrestling.

National Wrestling Media Association

Jay Hammond outlines some of the new things that NWMA association is doing. Jay mentions that the new website has been done for the NWMA. JH makes mention of the need to preserve the data of our sport. JH also mentions that NWMA have partnered with InterMat for the NWCA rankings.

Retired Coaches-

Dan Hinkel gives a report on the retired coaches.

USAW:

Gary Abbott is in place for Rich Bender. GA mentions that the world championships are to begin to next week. GA reviews that Spencer Mango won the World University Championships and Nicole Woody won the Junior Worlds.

Sambo and Beach wrestling are official sports by FILA. Beach wrestling has some good growth potential.

Stan Dzedick is up to be on the FILA board.

Reviewing bids for the 2008 Olympic Trials. That will be coming up soon.

USAW putting a big effort into the grass roots level.

Ethics Committee:

We take what other groups are doing and develop a Code of Ethics. We will take the ethics from a bunch of different constituent groups and develop the Code of Ethics. Take the NCAA, NFHS and other Coaching groups to develop this. It would be a sub-committee that would write the code. We would then form a committee that would preside over the committee.

After asking if there any more items, Ron Beachler closes the full board meeting.