

ISWA Monthly Meeting

October 12, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:00 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting held via Zoom

Attendance: Pat Culp, Steve Mathis, Jimmy Tonte, Tina Fouts, Jennifer Pierson, Mary Friedt, Payton Halbig, Nick Hull, Jonah Odum, Jen Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Melissa Strayer, Patrick Rowles, Julie Pine, Thomas Pompei, Andy Oberlin, and Danny Struck.

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch, Georgia Bartley

Consultants:

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Tina Fouts presented the June draft minutes as previously supplied through USA Wrestling membership website.
- Steve Mathis made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Mary Friedt seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Steve Mathis

- Steve Mathis presented treasurer's report.
- Budget vs Actual – not the busy part of the year.
- Shared the report via Zoom call and stepped through line items.
- Most income is from USAW for memberships, etc.
- Also had some interest earned.
- Showed allocation from Hamilton County grant that was split between last year and this year.
- Expenses, from background checks and regular administration.
- Stepped through Statement of Financial Position.
- Reports will be posted on the USAW Membership library.
- \$2800 in gear sales at the annual meeting.
- Mary Friedt made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
- Melissa Strayer seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

Girl's Freestyle Qualifiers.

- Pat Culp reported that the email went out explaining the requirement for 2 qualifiers for Freestyle State for girls.
- This will be publicized more as we get closer to Freestyle season.
- We will want to encourage hosts of local tournaments to have a girl's division to make the qualifiers available to the female athletes.

Open Positions

- Jennifer Pierson reported the committee has been working on Section Leader search and have completed interviews for Section 4. They had 4 candidates.
- Met as an interview committee and selected Julie Pine, who has joined the meeting on the call.
- She is a long time ISWA volunteer and pairer and has experience with working tournaments.
- Julie Pine introduced herself.

- Started working tables when her boys were wrestling.
- Loves what she does and 2 of her sons are coaches.
- This is a great way for her to stay involved with her kids and help the community.
- Julie logged off the call for the vote and will rejoin once the vote has been completed.
- Jennifer Pierson stated that a motion by committee to bring Julie Pine onboard as the Section 4 director.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Jennifer Pierson stated they are continuing the search for a Section 3 Director.
- She is hopeful to have this updated by next meeting.

New Business

Folkstyle Seating

- Pat Culp has reached out to new seating company for temporary seating at Folkstyle State.
- She received a quote for 10 rows of seating. Quoted \$3,580 per set.
- Also received a quote for \$3,380 per set for 7 rows of seating.
- Will check with venue to see about the seating they were going to build on the court side.
- We had 10 sets last year, 5 rows per set and were short.
- The new ones are double the size.
- Jennifer Ratliff reported that there are 24 of the 3 row smaller sets already in the venue.
- We spent \$18,000 for all last year.
- Will work on layout and determine how many we need.
- These are metal, not wood.

Steve Pugliese/SafeSport overseer

- Pat Culp reported that she was able to convince Steve Pugliese to stay with us for another year (excluding responsibility for Safe Sport).
- She has someone else in mind and will work with him to see if the new attorney will take the spot.
- In the meantime, we need someone to be the overseer of the Safe Sport project.
- The Executive Board will be meeting soon to come up with an idea of someone to approach about taking on this responsibility.

Annual meeting revamp

- Pat Culp reported that when the ISWA was first established, in 1978, it was mandatory that all clubs attend the meeting.
- Each club sent their head referee and head pairer and they all sat together
- This allowed all clubs to be updated on any rule changes, procedure changes, as well as knowing what each club is doing in their area.
- Currently, we have the clubs that attend, sit together by section. This allows them to workout any scheduling conflicts for local tournaments and possibly work together to help each other run the tournament.
- What we are seeing is that once bidding is complete, they are all ready to leave.
- Pat Culp thinks if we want to have more attendance, it might be time to have sections meet as a section separately in their area.
- Every Section Director goes to their own section meeting and we pull all sections in on the zoom call.
- Voting can be done via Zoom.
- People love the break-out sessions but they just want to get home.
- Maybe we should record the breakout sessions and have them available to watch online.
- Jennifer Pierson feels it allows us more flexibility in getting people to the meetings.
- Pat Culp authorized looking into this as an option.

- Section Directors were encouraged to start scouting locations that could work for the separate locations and looking into costs and technical ability to host.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp has been speaking with him regarding his position and SafeSport.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp will check in with Roby Webster to make sure Nicole has the dates.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - Athletes 1,837 up 3% from last year, 2% new members.
 - Leaders 376 up 13% from last year, 9% new leaders
 - Clubs 108 up 1% from last year, 9% new clubs
 - Sanctioned events up 59% from last year
 - Coaches: 1 Gold, 7 Silver, 192 Bronze, 240 Copper
 - Working on transferring information to one drive portal and double-checking checklist.
 - USA information as of 9/30/25 – traditional athletes 1401, 49 open athletes, total 1450.
 - Leaders 318, Clubs 92, Female athletes 219.
 - JD Minch reported that he is no longer as involved in the Coaches’ association as he was before.

State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte

- Office is working on sanctions and updating and working with Jennifer Pierson on the list.
- Has had some communications on clubs that were not in attendance.
- Renewing memberships.
- Down to one board member that needs background check.
- Working on renewing referees’ memberships.
- Working with Jennifer Ratliff on Elementary State Duals.
- Created a new email for Julie Pine and discussed Directors Resource Page and USA Membership site.
- Draft of publication is in the Directors Resource page and the USA Membership library.
- Review asap and provide changes/updates, Send to the office email.
- State gifts - in talks with Jay Dowden for a commemorative pin using our former logo.
- This year she is sharing with the board a commemorative pin of our history.
- Also available to view on USA Membership site.
- Do we need to make a separate pin for GRECO? We haven’t had a separate gift for Greco in the past.
- Discussion was held and determined that we will have one for Folkstyle and one for Freestyle/Greco (not separate).

Staff – Georgia Bartley

- Working on the new website. Getting close, but a lot to go on the new website.
- Was trained to do clubs with JD Minch.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson

Disciplinary Committee Report:

- Nothing to report.

Regular Report

- Has spent some time at the office, working with Georgia on the website.
- She is doing a great job.
- Goal of 12/1 for stage one launch of the new website.
- Will be asking individuals to review their piece of the website and provide feedback.
- Transitioned the office to a new computer. Using both old and new at this time.
- The new computer will allow them to be more efficient.

• **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Not Present, No report.
- Jennifer Pierson reported the committee met for Elementary State Duals and accepted Franklin Community’s bid (only one received).
- Several clubs bid their local tournaments but were unable to attend the meeting.
- Jen Ratliff put on a tournament rules meeting with those clubs.
- Bid for Freestyle/Greco is still open until December. No decision at this time.
- Committee meeting to be held soon for Elementary Dual State.
- Will set meeting soon for revamp of annual meeting.

▪ **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- Not much to report.
- Scholarships went well. Still have one recipient who said his school didn’t receive the check. She has asked for address and just received it. Will be sending to Steve Mathis to make sure the address was correct.
- Will discuss the 2 additional scholarships in the coming months.

▪ **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**

- Asked if we can make sure that all flyers for state tournaments state that we don’t provide check scales.
- We had discussed making a list of criteria for definition of academies.
- Where do we stand on that. She gets emails asking what constitutes an academy. There was a previous discussion to establish a committee to come up with criteria as to what is an academy.
- Streaming option has been used a few times and seems to be ready to go.
- The most recent plan for pricing is 25% plus \$2.00, so her recommendation would be \$15 per stream with a profit for us as \$9.25.
- We will have our own channel and the pricing will be by event.
- They are also looking at subscription options, but not sure we want to go that route right off the bat.
- The provider has costs for server size and video storage. It is possible that the cost could end up being larger.
- They will be clipping. The same way it worked with Track and Flo.
- It also gives us an option of a pay wall.

- Working on Folkstyle State schedule. The issue is middle school conference championships on Saturdays and 16U, 14U, and 12U and they are the biggest divisions.
 - She has crunched the numbers and thinks we can do the 3 divisions on Sunday, but will make the day a little longer on Sunday.
 - Will have different start times, and some overlap of the divisions. The day will run until 5:30 or 6.
 - Discussion for the first day would be back-to-back, bring in new divisions as one is completed. We could be done by 3:00 and have a break between end of wrestling and weigh-ins.
 - Table help – have reached out to both Columbus coaches.
 - North coach will help and can stock all tables if East decides not to help.
- **Social Media/Marketing Director – Andy Oberlin**
 - Not Present – report via Jennifer Pierson.
 - His goal last year was getting the calendar out to broadcast events.
 - Would like to work on a process as to when things should be posted and what should we promote more frequently and afterwards (results?).
 - Jennifer Pierson would like to create a calendar and work with him on what we would like to see.
 - Would like to do more highlights of athletes and/or coaches.
 - What avenues of communications do we have, should we add other options?
- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**
 - Still going through the bid process for national teams’ gear. Has been a little hairy.
 - There are a lot of nuances to pricing for athlete/coaching packets. A lot of bids were very strong. There are a lot of folks competing and wanting to work with Indiana.
 - Hopefully will have an answer in short order to get a jump on designs.
 - Talking about doing a store before Christmas and another team store around mid-March for summer.
 - Companies in the mix are 3X Gear, Blue Chip, Rudis, MyHouse, Barbarian, and Compound.
 - Bid packets include cost, benefit, value from each.
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Dalton Halbig**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jared Curcio**
 - Not Present. Report by Jennifer Pierson. Jared is in China at least through Folkstyle State.
 - Has assigned Kenny Young as head referee and has assigned officials for state tournaments to make sure the officials for those tournaments are filled and supervised.
 - Elementary Duals, Middle School Duals and Folkstyle State.
 - Will still be in communications with people within the ISWA.
 - Those people will be included on the tournament committee meetings.
 - Has mentioned that he has purchased 30 watches with buttons, will lessen the number of people needed for tables.
 - The button will be used to let them know time is up.
- **Logistics Director – Melissa Strayer**
 - Will be using the same hotels at Columbus, and has arranged for early breakfast.
 - Hotel has been booked and contract signed for the ISWA staff, officials, pairers.

- Starting to work with Site Search to get the hotel booking links set-up for the 2026 events.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not Present. Report via email.
 - Contacting clubs to get chartered.
 - Reminding them on sanctions for tournaments and membership for athletes.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Getting updates from office, adding new one clubs and contacting them separately and talking about what they need to do.
 - Getting paperwork from clubs when needed.
 - Have to remind people on boards they need background check, SafeSport, and USA membership.
 - Reminding them of tournament requirements for head pairer, head official and trainers.
- **Section 3 – Georgia Bartley**
 - Nothing to report.
 - Will send out an email to clubs this week, following what Mary Friedt sent to her section.
- **Section 4– Julie Pine (newly added)**
 - Jennifer Pierson has sent some information to her to help with transitioning into this role.
 - Working on getting a letter out to all schools and will reach out to build relationships.
- **Section 5 –Payton Halbig**
 - 2 of his 11 Folkstyle tournaments have been sanctioned.
 - Will be reaching out to clubs with tournaments that are being held sooner, reminding them to get sanctioned.
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - Thanked Jennifer Pierson for heading up the interview committee.
- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Will send updated coaches’ application to office to post on the website.
 - A number of coaches sent to silver clinic and will follow up to get them to complete. Encourage to go for gold certification.
 - Mary Friedt to be acknowledged at Coaches’ Association banquet. Information can be located at Ihswca.org. Event being held October 16, 2025.
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- **Regional Training Center – Josh Curry**
 - Not present.
 - Report sent via text to Jimmy Tonte: Will start the application process for Regional Training Centers once wrestling season starts.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Not Present.
 - Report sent via text to Jimmy Tonte: Has reached out to a contact in South Africa and am waiting on his response for the high school trip.

- Has a meeting on Friday to discuss the middle school trip to Puerto Rico. Will let the board know next month we are progressing.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - No Report.
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Girls/Kid’s Director – Patrick Rowles**
 - Has been a pretty quiet month.
 - Will be gathering information and start working on list for geo-fencing to bring someone to look at getting out brand information to those who may not have been exposed to girls’ wrestling.
 - Would like to add some videos and reels to our page.
 - Looking forward to Heartland and Middle School State qualifier and get that information out to middle school programs and ISWA members to help increase numbers and to encourage top placers to add dates to their calendars to increase the talent on the teams.
 - Heartland Duals – wanted to explore the possibility of discussion to change the middle school state tournament weight classes. What would have to take place to make that happen, to match heartland duals? Pat Culp asked him to reach out to provide the girls weights that are used at Heartland so she can compare.
 - Jennifer Pierson stated she was under the impression that we were going to try to line up the process of team choices between boys and girls.
- **16U/Junior Director –Dan Mikesell**
 - Not Present. Nothing to report at this time text to Jimmy Tonte.
- **16U/Junior Women’s Director –Doug Strayer**
 - Not Present. Report via text to Jimmy Tonte.
 - High School Girls season starts October 20th.
 - Nothing additional to report.
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
 - Placed 3rd in Hungary.
 - Listed some of the camps coming up for Indiana on Aether.
 - Stated this is very beneficial for the state for coaches.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Not Present. No Report.

Mary Friedt motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Payton Halbig seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:45 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts

ISWA Secretary