

ISWA Annual Meeting

September 14, 2025

Call to Order:

Pat Culp called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Meeting was held at Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis. She provided opening statements provided below:

Pat Culp report that Indiana is again surpassing all expectations with athlete, wrestling leaders, coaches, clubs and event numbers.

Many coaches are working towards their silver and gold education. ISWA Regional Training Centers (RTC) has been reaching record participation numbers of athletes and coaching staff. Asked all to remember to watch the weekly training videos.

Indiana hosted the Kids' Nationals in Fort Wayne. We also hosted the Women's National Duals in Westfield. The growth of these duals was amazing with 164 teams participating! Indiana will be hosting the event through 2028.

USA Wrestling has officially rolled out the USA Bracketing system nationwide. Indiana was the "pilot" state last year. We will be using this system exclusively for all of our National, Regional, and State events. We encourage you to use it for your local events. Be sure to contact your Section Operations (Pairing) representative and they can explain the cost savings you will experience. They will/can assign an Operation official to your event. The IHSAA has signed an agreement with USA Wrestling to use the USA Bracketing system, which includes weight management. This is for the boys and girls wrestling teams.

Our organization would not be what it is without all of you. Pat expressed her sincere gratitude to our athletes, coaches, officials, parent, and the ISWA Board of Directors and Consultants. Working together ensures we can continue to provide opportunities/experiences for everyone!

You all are sitting in Sections so that you may work together on your clubs, events, workers, etc. Please take advantage of this time to coordinate your Section.

Roll Call:

Board Members: Pat Culp, Jennifer Pierson, Jim Tonte, Steve Mathis, Josh Curry, Jared Curcio, Mary Friedt, Mark Galka, Dalton Halbig, Payton Halbig, Nick Hull, Dan Mikesell, Jason Miller, Andrew Oberlin, Jonah Odum, Ryan Parrish, Jennifer Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Patrick Rowles, Melissa Strayer, Danny Struck, and Roby Webster

Lifetime Members: JD Minch

Office Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch, Georgia Bartley

Wrestling Clubs:

Section 1: Bulldog Wrestling Club, Hobart Wrestling Club, Hybrid Wrestling Club, Merrillville, Pirates Wrestling Club, Munster Wrestling Club, Portage Wrestling Club, Red Devil Pride Elite Wrestling, Rochester Wrestling Club, and Viking WC Wrestling Club.

Section 2: Apache Wrestling Club, Carroll Wrestling Club, Columbia City Wrestling Club, Decatur Wrestling Club, Garrett Wrestling Club, Jet Wrestling Club, Jimtown Wrestling Club, Midwest Extreme Wrestling, Northwood Wrestling Club, South Bend Wrestling Club, Snider Wrestling Club, Warrior Regional Training Center, Wawasee Wrestling Club, and Western Wrestling Club

Section 3: Alphas Wrestling, Avon Wrestling Club, Black Talon Wrestling Club, Carmel USA Wrestling Club, Contenders Wrestling Academy, Franklin Central Wrestling Club, HSE Wrestling Club, IHSWCA, Monrovia Youth Wrestling Club, Mooresville Wrestling Club, Normonco Wrestling Club, Panther Wrestling Club, Riverton Parke Wrestling Club, Roncalli Wrestling Foundation, Warren Wrestling Academy, WEBO Wrestling Club, and Zionsville Wrestling Club

Section 4: Braves Wrestling Club, Center Grove Wrestling Club, Columbus East Wrestling Club, Columbus North Wrestling Club, Dragon Wrestling Club, Franklin Wrestling Club, Greenwood Wrestling Club, Jay County Wrestling Club, New Castle Youth Wrestling Club, Northeastern Wrestling Club, and Yorktown Wrestling Club

Section 5: Bloomington South Wrestling Club, Eastern Wrestling Club, Floyd Wrestling Club, Intense Wrestling Club, Jasper Wrestling Club, Mater Dei Wrestling Club, Princeton Wrestling Club, Southridge Cres Wrestling Club, Tell City Wrestling Club, and Team Jeff Wrestling Club

It was reported that we have a quorum at 22% and are able to conduct business.

Law & Legislation: Pat Culp reported that Steve Pugliese wanted to remind everyone that of the importance of setting a good example for our wrestlers.

Call to order of the September ISWA Board meeting. Jimmy Tonte called for a motion to accept the draft minutes of the August ISWA board meeting that were provided, in advance, to board members via the USA Membership library. Motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report (2024-2025 Profit & Loss Budget, Statement of Activity): Steve Mathis stepped through the 2024-2025 Financial Summary by displaying and discussing the Budget vs. Actuals report and the and the Statement of Financial Position Summary as of September 9, 2025. The 2024-2025 Highlights were also broken out and discussed, including Indiana Wrestler Support for 2025. Discussed Net Gain/Loss on our state tournaments as well as USAW National tournaments that were hosted by the ISWA. A motion was made to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Steve Mathis then presented the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 season. He stepped through the estimated revenue from state tournaments, USAW events to be hosted by ISWA, and additional billable expenditure revenue income. He also stepped through the estimated expenses that the ISWA will be experiencing for the above-mentioned items as well as administrative costs to run the business of the ISWA. A motion was made to accept the

proposed budget for the 2025-2026 season. A second was received and the motion passed unanimously.

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Nomination Committee Report/Election of Officers: Payton Halbig reported the process for nominations and how the slate was determined. He presented the nominations for the Executive Board for the 2024-2025 season as follows:

State Chair – Pat Culp
Vice Chair Administration – Jennifer Pierson
Vice Chair Programs – Jimmy Tonte
Treasurer – Steve Mathis
Secretary – Tina Fouts

No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Report from USA Leaders’ Summit Any wrestler from the US that competes for another Country, will NOT be allowed to compete again for the US.

Age Division Updates: The ISWA BOD voted to return to the University, Senior and Veterans divisions. We will not be using the USA Masters Division.

Bylaw Updates – Jimmy Tonte presented the proposed by law change. The proposed change was to **Article VI. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 1(C)** with the proposed change to read “If the State Chair is unable to complete their term, the Vice Chair of Administration and Vice Chair of Programs shall co-assume the office of State Chair until the annual meeting in which each of the voting delegates determine the new elected officer”. No questions or discussions. A motion was presented to accept the amendment to the by-laws as stated above. The motion was seconded. No one opposed the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ISWA Awards – Ryan Parrish reported that there were a number of special awards given at Center Grove banquets. A few are listed below.

John Hurrle award – James Tanniehill
Club of the Year – Mooresville
Volunteer of the Year – Justin Ratliff
Pairer of the Year – Marvin Drier
Coaches of the Year – Nick Ellis and Mark Maldanodo
Mat Officials of the Year – Mike Landrum (Freestyle/Greco) and Gary Fox (Folkstyle)
Young Official/Brandon Whaley Award – Jacob Skinner
USAW Central Regional Tom Clark Award – Keith Halbig
USAW Lifetime Achievement of Excellence – Marc McNicholl
USAW Greco Developmental Coach of the Year – Sean Schmaltz
3X Fargo Freestyle Champion – Heather Crull

Review Tournament Rules & Regulations – Jen Ratliff stated that the rules book is included in the packets that were handed out. She stepped through the rules book, specifically stating that tournaments need to be sanctioned through USA wrestling and approved by ISWA. Also stated that tournament hosts are required to have a trainer onsite and must have a licensed head referee. Athletes must have USA Membership. We do allow out of state wrestlers for local tournament but not at state tournaments. We don't allow double bracketing with exception of 16U who are in high school.

Meeting broke up without motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:57 am. Tournament bid meeting was held and administered by Jennifer Pierson, then attendees divided out to attend training sessions.

Submitted by
Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary