



**Washington State Wrestling Association  
 Fall General Membership Meeting Agenda  
 Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 12:00 p.m.  
 Hal Holmes Community Center, Ellensburg, WA.  
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- **Welcome & Roll Call of State Clubs**                      Chuck Bullard                      5 minutes
- **Reading Of Last General Meeting Minutes**      Kim Burchett                      5 minutes
- **State of the Season**
  - Pairings Officials                      Sherry Bullard / Mary Douglas      3 minutes
  - Membership Report                      Sherry Bullard                      3 minutes
  - Treasurer's Report                      Mary Douglas                      3 minutes
  - Mat Officials                      Tony Arredondo                      3 minutes
  - Kids Report                      Mike Cuzzetto / Ron Beard      3 minutes
  - Cadet Report                      Merle Crockett                      3 minutes
  - Junior Report                      Luke Leifer                      3 minutes
  - WebSite / Internet Report              Dave Gilbertson                      3 minutes
  - Travel Director                      Terri Hopkins                      3 minutes
  - WSWA Photographer                      Dave Jedlicka                      3 minutes
  - Coaches Dev. Status                      Jay Terry                      3 minutes
  - Deputy Director                      Jim Burchett                      3 minutes
  - State Chairman                      Chuck Bullard                      3 minutes
- **Elections Of Directors** – August Elections - Odd Years – 2009                      15 minutes

Reminder: Clubs have one vote. Exception: They may have one additional vote (two total) if there is a current years USWOA Official representing your club present at the meeting. Per By-Laws, any current member in good standing, who is interested in running for a position on the board of directors, must have made notification to the State Chairman 25 days prior to the Fall General Meeting. Current board of directors must make notification to the State Chairperson 25 days prior to the Annual Fall General Membership meeting, each year their position is up for re-election, if they intend to run for the same position on the board of directors for the Washington State Wrestling Association. The current board of directors must make notification to the State Chairperson 25 days prior to the Annual Fall General Membership meeting if they intend on giving up their position on the board of directors or if they intend on running for a different position on the board of directors for the Washington State Wrestling Association. That deadline date is: August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

*Positions voted on by clubs:*

State Chairperson	Currently held by Chuck Bullard
Pairing Officials Director	Currently held by Mary Ann Douglas and Sherry Bullard
Cadet Director	Currently held by Merle Crockett
Western Kids Director	Currently held by Mike Cuzzetto
Secretary	Currently held by Kim Burchett
Senior & Women's Director	Currently Vacant

*Appointments By Board Of Directors Every Year:*

Promotions Director	Currently vacant
Membership Director	Currently held by Sherry Bullard
Central Travel Director	Currently held by Terri Hopkins
Website Maintenance Director	Currently held by Dave Gilbertson
WSWA Photographer	Currently held by Dave Jedlicka

Athlete Representatives      Take nominations from floor to be voted upon by the board of directors following this meeting

Clubs or members should submit names of Athlete Reps. to the Board of Directors for considerations.



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**New Business:**

- **State Tournament Dates for 2009-2010 season** – Dates of Events TBA at Fall Meeting
 

Folkstyle (weekend after WIAA state – 2 day event)	Region III	Bids:	West Valley W.C and Viper Wrestling Club
Greco State	Region I	Bids:	Sedro Woolley Steelclaw Wrestling Club
Kids Freestyle	Region II	Bids:	Twin City Wrestling Club
C/J/Junior Women/Senior Freestyle	Region III	Bids:	Viper Wrestling Club
  
- Regional Groups:
 

Folkstyle Tournament Schedule	All Clubs Present	20 minutes
Freestyle / Greco Roman Tournament Schedule		
  
- **Verify Tournament Schedule**                      Chuck Bullard / Kim Burchett                      10 minutes
- **Adopt Budget**    Chuck Bullard    2 minutes
- **By-Law Amendment proposal**                      Tom Martin    5 minutes

**Current By-Law**

**ARTICLE VI – SANCTIONS**

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**Proposed Change to By-Law (changes underlined)**

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- **Items requested by members to be discussed during meeting:**

1. Request for state events to be held in a larger location than the place where folk-style state was held in 2009-2010. #3 also goes along with this.
2. Split weigh ins- if they are a thing of the future, then we need to have a better system to insure that the weigh-ins are handled differently. Officials also requested that we come up with a way that they are not required to be there for 12 plus hours. Possibly the officials could work the first tournament and leave, and then a second set of officials come in for the second weigh in and tournament. There were also requests for youth officials who would be working the first tournament to be able to weigh in with the younger group so they could eat and work the first tournament and not be pulled off mats when the second weigh-ins occur. Some of these scenarios will not be cost effective.
3. Jay Terry's request: I also feel the kids folkstyle state tournament has outgrown the resources of club sponsorship. I would suggest that the WSWA take over and run the tournament in a central location. I have checked into a new arena in Wenatchee. If the state was to run the tournament all proceeds could go into our national travel fund. This could amount to somewhere between 10 and 20 thousand dollars and possibly more. This could be a start to the WSWA hosting all State tournaments with the proceeds going to national team reducing the cost for our wrestlers and teams attending national events. If we work with the Wenatchee group I think we could use the facility for minimal cost. This also would allow us to host the freestyle state tournament on one weekend as we do for folkstyle. Greco state could also be held by the WSWA at this venue as a one day tournament. I think it is time for the WSWA to take control of the state tournaments in a central location with the proceeds going to offset national travel.
4. Tom Martin's request: Motion to add policy that requires that any national team coach or person who travels with a national team, have a current driving record on file with the board. This document will be turned in with the national team application process and must be current (within 60 days) of leaving with the team.
5. Jay Terry's request: I would like clubs to pay a fee (penalty) who violate the by-laws for not having a proper pairing and mat official working the entire event in that job specified after they have agreed to these policies as part of their sanction. I would also propose that these same clubs lose their rights to an event the following season.

- **Adjournment**