

## **UWW-Asia General Assembly Meeting 2022**

**Date:** June 18, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. (Bishkek Time)

**Format:** In Person/Online

### **MINUTES**

#### **Present at the meeting:**

UWW Asia Executive committee:

1	Daulet Turlykhanov	UWW-Asia President
2	Kenneth Lee	UWW-Asia Vice-President
3	Buyandelger Peljee	UWW-Asia General Secretary
4	Melis Turganbayev	Executive Committee Member
5	Koji Fukuda	Executive Committee Member
6	Abdullah Al Maghrebi	Executive Committee Member

\*Ms. Zhang Ye, UWW-Asia Executive Committee Member was unable to attend due to valid reasons

7	Ahroljan Ruziev	UWW Vice President
8	Zamel Al Shahrani	UWW Bureau member/Technical Delegate
9	Dega Niamkey	UWW Development Director
10	Lei Liang	UWW Development Manager
11	Antonina Bosser	UWW Sports Coordinator
12	Olzhas Beisembayev	UWW Asia Development Officer
13	Onder Yaksi	UWW Protocol Director

#### **Item 1 Opening of the meeting by UWW Asia President**

**Mr. Turlykhanov**, President of United World Wrestling Asia (UWW Asia) welcomed everyone to the 2022 Asia General Assembly in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on behalf of UWW for the U-17 (Cadet) and U-23 Asian Championships in three (Greco-Roman, Freestyle, Women's Wrestling) disciplines. The President thanked everyone for attending despite their busy schedule and recognized how difficult it is to travel and host international events under the current circumstances.

#### **Item 2 Welcome note by the Organizer**

**Mr. Turlykhanov** explained the U-17 and U-23 Asian Championships were originally planned for Saudi Arabia, but external factors and complications forced the Saudi federation to cancel. Luckily, the Kyrgyzstan Wrestling Federation was able offer their assistance and the President thanked the Kyrgyz Ministry of Sports, the government, and president for allowing UWW-Asia to organize the championships on such short notice.

The President ended by introducing UWW's Technical Delegate (TD) Mr Zamel Al Shahrani and the members of UWW-Asia's executive committee followed by Sadyr Kushtarbekovich Mamytov, President of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Kyrgyzstan and Shabdanbaev Kanat Keneshevich, Deputy Minister of Culture,

Information, Sports, and Youth Policy of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, and the Director of Physical Training and Sports Department. The mic was handed to President Mamytov.

**Mr. Mamytov:** On behalf of the NOC of Kyrgyzstan, President Mamytov welcomed everyone to Kyrgyzstan. He congratulated the opening of the General Assembly of UWW-Asia. President Mamytov emphasized Kyrgyzstan's experience organizing other Asian Championships in the past, but that this was the first time in Kyrgyzstan's history where two championships were hosted concurrently in two age categories (U-17/U-23). President Mamytov thanked UWW-Asia for this honor and the trust instilled in his country to organize such a high-level championship. He assured UWW-Asia that the Kyrgyz NOC can organize such sophisticated competitions and wished everyone in attendance the best of luck and all the athletes good results to start their futures.

**Mr. Turlykhanov:** The President thanked President Mamytov for his kind words and handed the mic to Sports Vice-Minister Mr. Kanat Shabdanbayev for a welcome words.

**Mr. Shabdanbayev** welcomed everyone to Kyrgyzstan and highlighted the popularity of wrestling in his home country. He explained that hosting the two championships is a great honor for him and the city of Bishkek. The Minister ended his speech saying that the championships will make wrestling more popular in Kyrgyzstan and represent the country in a good light.

**Mr. Turlykhanov** thanked the two guests for attending despite their busy schedules. Next the mic was handed to Mr. Melis Turganbaev, President of the Kyrgyzstan Wrestling Federation and UWW-Asia Executive Committee Member.

**Mr. Turganbaev** thanked UWW Asia President Mr. Daulet Turlykhanov, UWW Vice President Mr. Akhroldjan Ruziev (Uzbekistan), UWW Bureau member Mr. Zamel Al-Shahrani, the General assembly and Kyrgyz Organizing Committee (OC) and welcomed them to the country. He also thanked President Nenad Lalovic for the opportunity host the U-17 and U-23 Asian Championships in Bishkek as it is a great honor to host such an event on behalf of Asia. President Turganbaev highlighted that the competition is a wonderful opportunity for young athletes display their talents and make new friends. He wished everyone immense success and vowed that Kyrgyzstan, and his federation will continue to support and promote wrestling in the future. President Turganbaev ended his speech by presenting award to the executive committee for their commitment to developing wrestling.

### **Item 3 Rollcall**

Rollcalls were taken. Six out of Seven executive committee members were present, and fifteen out of forty-five national federations (NF) were in attendance while five nations joined via online. The President thanked everyone for attending but regretted that more countries did not attend in person.

#### **Item 4 Approval of the minutes of the hybrid UWW Asia General Assembly 2021 in Almaty**

**Mr. Turlykhanov** highlighted the major projects and activities implemented by UWW Asia in 2021 the most significant being the formation of the new UWW Asia Executive Committee in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Yet despite forming a new executive committee and great expectations for the year, the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic greatly reduced the executive committee's ability work efficiently and many competitions were either cancelled or postponed and online meeting became the norm. Beyond the pandemic, budgetary and logistical challenges are always present within Asia, but President Turlykhanov assured the general assembly that he has and will always work with the NFs of Asia to solves these challenges.

He strongly emphasized that the current situation around the world remains difficult, yet we can no longer rely on the online hybrid meetings and all NFs in Asia must show their commitment to wrestling and UWW-Asia by physically coming to the General assembly.

#### **Item 5 Report on the UWW Asia activity from 2021**

**Mr. Turlykhanov** explained the various projects undertaken in 2021 starting with the "Coach Traveler Program" in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan – a program where coaches travel across the various NFs in Asia to promote and study the different cultures within the Asian wrestling community as well as, exchange ideas, techniques and information to strengthen the bond between UWW-Asia and its NFs. The President requested all NFs to assist in this program.

The book titled "Evolution of Wrestling in Asia" was another project UWW-Asia undertook during the pandemic that highlights the rich history of wrestling in the continent, as well as the development of the NFs and Asian council throughout the decades.

As mentioned previously, the pandemic made it impossible for NFs to host events and finding host countries to fill-up the annual calendar was a big challenge and remains one of the more difficult tasks for the continent. To resolve the issue negotiations were held with UWW to reduce the organization fees for the continental championships while still allowing the host to charge the usual 180 CHF per participant daily. The President also negotiated to combine U-15 with U-20 and U-17 with U-23 respectively to create the new "combined format championships". This format will not only create more revenue for the hosting federation, but will also reduce the time and money spent by each NF for travel annually.

Beyond these projects, UWW Asia also continued to increase its internet and media presence through its website and social media accounts.

#### **Item 6 Financial Report for 2021/Adoption of the Budget for 2022**

**Ms. Perizat Seifullina**, UWW Asia treasurer, delivered the financial report for the fiscal year in 2021 and the budget for 2022 (attached in the report) and the General assembly unanimously adopted them.

#### **Item 7 UWW-Asia Competition Calendar for 2023 - 2025**

**Mr. Turlykhanov** reiterated that the most significant issue regarding UWW-Asia is organizing competitions and findings host for the continental championships. The new combined format was created so that host nations could host two competitions for a reduced organization fee while charging the same daily competition fees to NFs.

The 2022 Senior Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia only had nineteen countries participate, yet it should be noted that the low attendance was not a reflection of the professionalism of the Mongolian Wrestling Federation and overall, the Asian Senior Championships was successful executed.

The 2021 Southeast Asian Games which were delayed until this year were successfully hosted in Hanoi, Vietnam with the host country winning six out of seven medals. The President also mentioned that the SEA Games are categorized as a ranking series competition.

The President stated the U-17 and U-23 Asian Championships will be the first combined format competition not only for Kyrgyzstan, but also for the continent. The pending success of the competition in Kyrgyzstan, as well as the combined U-15 and U-20 Asian Championships in Manama, Bahrain will dictate the viability of this new format.

The President encouraged all federations to apply sooner for future continental competitions well in advance of the calendar year so that both the NFs and athletes can better prepare for the championships. He also urged South Korea, Japan, and the Middle East to take a more active roll in organizing competitions.

Next, the President opened the floor for nominations for the upcoming calendar year. Several NF's expressed interest in hosting and the nominations are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>U15+U20</b>	India/Uzbekistan	-	India
<b>U17+U23</b>	Saudi Arabia	India/Uzbekistan/Palestine	India
<b>Seniors</b>	India	Uzbekistan	-
<b>Olympic Qualifier</b>		Kyrgyzstan	

#### **Item 8 Implementation of UWW Asia Projects 2021-2022**

**Mr. Turlykhanov** expressed his interest of filming the next chapter of the Coach Traveler in China, but because of travel restrictions, South Korea, Japan, and Mongolia will be the more likely candidates. The NF delegates from all three countries agreed to support the program.

The President moved on to mention the “Stars of Asia” program which was initiated in 2019 to match-up the best wrestlers of Asia. Unfortunately, this program was halted, but the President expressed his interest in reviving the program in the upcoming years.

Lastly, the President mentioned the “UWW-Asia Internship” program which allows talented young-professional to learn valuable skills in sports management, event planning and logistics.

#### **Item 9 UWW Asia nominations 2021**

**President Turlykhanov:** The Best of Asia recognizes the best teams, wrestlers, coaches and NFs in Asia and awards them for their success and accomplishments. The President and the executive committee members awarded the participants. The winners are as follows:

“The Best Freestyle Wrestling Coach 2021” **Mr. Mohammadi Gholamreza (I.R.Iran)**

“The Best Freestyle Wrestler 2021” **Mr. Hassan Aliazam Yazdanicharati (I.R.Iran)**

“The Best Greco-Roman Wrestling Coach 2021” **Mr. Mohammad Bana (I.R.Iran)**

“The Best Greco-Roman Wrestler 2021” **Mr. Mohammadreza Abdolhamid Geraei (I.R.Iran)**

“The Best Woman Wrestler 2021” **Ms. Aisulu Tynybekova (Kyrgyzstan)**

“The Best Women’s Wrestling Coach 2021” **Mr. Hideo Sasayama (Japan)**

#### **Item 10 Appointment of Mr. Hideaki Tomiyama, President of the Wrestling Federation of Japan, to the position of UWW Asia Honorary Vice-President**

**President Turlykhanov:** President Turlykhanov requested the general assembly to appoint President Hideaki Tomiyama of the Japan Wrestling Federation as the Honorary President of UWW-Asia. The President highlighted that President Tomiyama was a true ambassador of Asian wrestling not only as an athlete, but also as a UWW Bureau Member. To this capacity, President Tomiyama always fought for the interest of Asian wrestling during his tenure and listened the grievances of all NFs in Asia.

A vote was taken and general assembly unanimous approved President Tomiyama’s appointment.

#### **Item 11 Miscellaneous**

**Mr. Turlykhanov** gave the floor to Ms. Deqa Niamkey, Director UWW Development to say a few words.

**Ms. Niamkey** briefly mentioned about the UWW sponsored workshop which was held after the general assembly and requested all NF to send a delegate to learn about the various programs that UWW has to offer.

She went on to highlight some of the achievements offered by UWW most notably the increase of women in leadership roles in Asian wrestling and the “More than Medals” program which sponsors two athletes and one coach from each NFs participating in the U-17 Asian Championships to train after the champions on an annual basis.

Ms. Niamkey also asked Asian NFs particularly South Korea and Japan to help develop and support the Oceania wrestling NFs as they have limited resources and opportunities to participate outside their region.

Lastly, Ms. Niamkey mentioned that the current global recession inflation has impacted UWW and thus manufacturing and logistical cost of goods and services has increased drastically this year.

**Mr. Turlykhanov** thanked Ms. Niamkey for her presentation and all the staff members of UWW for their continuous work on behalf of UWW and closed the General assembly by thanking everyone for their attendance.

No more questions were asked. The meeting adjourned at 14:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Turlykhanov', is written over a faint, light blue rectangular background.

**Daulet Turlykhanov**  
President