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**Minute number 003-2023-AG-UWWA:** In the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, at ten o'clock on Tuesday, May second of the year two thousand and twenty-three, having been previously summoned by the President of the UWWA, meeting at the "Marriot" Hotel, the members of the Executive Committee of the United World Wrestling Americas (UWWA) are present: Mr. Francisco Eduardo Lee Lopez, President; Mr. Rick Tucci, Vice President; Mr. Fernando Rittner, Treasurer; Mrs. Fanny Echeverry Vocal; Mr. Guillermo Diaz, Vocal; Mr. Maxwell Lacey Garita, Athletes' Representative, Dr. Daniel Aceves, Honorary Member and Mr. Pedro Gama, Member of the UWW Board; Mr. Pedro Silva, Member of the UWW Board. Also, Mr. Arsen Jufalakian, President of the UWW Athletes Commission and Yuri Maier, UWW Sports Development Officer. The only absentee was Manuel Espinoza, who was unable to attend due to health problems. The following is hereby placed on record.

**FIRST:** The President of the UWWA, Mr. Francisco Eduardo Lee López, welcomes all those present. He also takes the opportunity to thank the National Federation of Argentina, he comments that it is a very small Federation that does not have permanent technical-administrative staff, for which he congratulates its president, Mr. Fernando Rittner, for all the work done to make the meetings, the championship, and the whole event in general a success. He also thanks the presence of the three members of the UWW Bureau, Mr. Pedro Silva from Portugal who has done a very good job within the International Federation, especially in the style of Beach Wrestling, Mr. Arsen Jufalakian former athlete who participated in three Olympic Games, being of utmost importance his presence in this series of events, to show the development of Wrestling in the continent, also the presence of Pedro Gama who chairs the marketing commission within the UWW. **SECOND:** Because, for work reasons, the Secretary General, Mr. Manuel García, had to return today to the United States, the Vocal, Mr. Guillermo Díaz, will substitute him on this occasion. Consequently, he proceeds to establish the quorum and informs that nineteen (19) out of thirty (30) National Federations summoned are present, which constitutes 70% of the total number of National Federations affiliated to the UWWA, having accredited the following delegates: **Argentina**, Daniel Rodríguez; **Barbados**, Jerome Hoyte; **Bolivia**, Guillermo Moor Gurgo; **Brazil**, Flavio Cabrales; **Canada**, Christopher Woodcroft; **Chile**, Carlos Ñancuvil; **Colombia**, David Gutierrez; **Costa Rica**, Maxwell Lacey; **Cuba**, Martín Torres; **El Salvador**, Josué López; **United States**, Rich Bender; **Guatemala**, Rolando Maltéz; **Jamaica**, Ken Burgess; **Mexico**, Rodolfo Hernández; **Panama**, Roberto Monterrey; **Peru**, Félix Isísola; **Puerto Rico**, Obed Santana; **Dominican Republic**, Franklin Torres; y **Venezuela**, José Barreto. Subsequently, the



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delegates from **Paraguay**, Shirley Nuñez and **Uruguay**, Dante Steffano, joined the delegates, increasing the presence to twenty-one (21) National Federations. **THIRD:** Minutes number 002-2022-AG-UWWA, corresponding to the Ordinary Congress of the UWWA held in the City of Acapulco, Mexico, on Thursday, May fifth, two thousand twenty-two, is approved. The general assembly is asked if its reading may be omitted, since the same was circulated in due time and form, through e-mail, being its content known to all delegates, and no observations were received. It is then asked if they approve its content, which is seconded by all the delegates, therefore it is unanimously approved. Before proceeding with the fourth item on the agenda, those present are asked to stand to remember the comrades of the Struggle in America who passed away last year, for which a minute of silence will be observed. **FOURTH:** Presentation of the UWWA Financial Report corresponding from January to December of two thousand twenty-two, by President Francisco Lee and Treasurer Fernando Rittner, President Lee comments that each delegate has in his possession a copy with the detail of all the expenses incurred during 2022. He clarified that the Treasurer has in his possession the breakdown with the proper receipts of each of the expenses that have been incurred. The report was presented to the International Federation, which is the organization that provides the funds. The Treasurer, Mr. Fernando Rittner, thanks the way in which the President handles the expenses of the UWWA since this facilitates the work of collation and auditing on the part of the treasury, the totality of the vouchers are in his possession for whoever wants to review them or whoever has a doubt on the matter. He then reads the letter signed by Mr. Carlos Roy, General Secretary of the UWW, dated February twenty-third of the year two thousand and twenty-three, which literally reads: "*Dear Mr. Lee Lopez. It is hereby noted that we have received the financial report of the United World Wrestling Americas for the year 2022, having established that the same was delivered in a timely manner, for which the present settlement is extended. We thank you for your cooperation and congratulate you for the work done and the good use of the funds allocated to your continent. Best regards*". The following is the financial report for the year 2022: It began with a balance of \$13,547.63 (thirteen thousand five hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents), corresponding to the year 2021, plus \$40,000.00 (thirteen thousand five hundred and forty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents), plus \$40,000.00 (forty thousand dollars) corresponding to the 2022 allocation, additionally, there was a cash return for credit card use of \$220.00 (two hundred and twenty dollars), to make a total available of \$ 56,805. 26 (fifty-six thousand eight hundred and five dollars and twenty-six cents), the total expenses during 2022 -----



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correspond to the amount of \$ 58,044.91 (fifty-eight thousand forty-four dollars and ninety-one cents), which leaves a negative balance to start 2023 of \$ 1,239.65 (one thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and sixty-five cents). Due to the negative balance for the year 2022, the availability for 2023 corresponds to \$ 38,706.35 (thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and six dollars and thirty-five cents). The Treasurer, Mr. Fernando Rittner, states that he has in his possession the folders with the details of each expense in case anyone would like to review them. There are no questions regarding the financial report. The delegates present were then asked if they agreed to approve the financial report for the year 2022, and it was unanimously approved.

**FIFTH:** President's Report: President Lee presents a summary of the activities that have been carried out, indicating that he maintains constant communication with the UWW regarding all the different areas of work, especially with the departments of sports, technical assistance and development, finance, and technology, among others. He also has constant communication with Panam Sports, an organization that is part of the official program of the Pan American Games, both Junior and Senior. With the Pan American Sports Confederations, ACODEPA, which is the organization he also presides, there is a total of 41 Confederations in the continent and a horizontal contact is maintained with the work done by the different sports. The function is focused with the National Olympic Committees, and it is about being a support for the Federations when they need some type of intermediaries with their Olympic Committees. He also comments that the Organizing Committees of the Multisport Games are very important in the continent, due to the number of multisport events in the region. For each one of them, qualifying events, technical manuals, selection of referees, inspection visits, approval of facilities and equipment, among others, must be carried out and this absorbs a lot of time, fortunately with the support of the UWWA Sports Development Officer, Mr. Yuri Maier, which has made it possible to comply. Regarding the National Federations, the work of management or sports management has also been improved and several National Federations have staff with whom constant communication is maintained and in a better way than before. The organizational structure of the UWWA is presented, which has as its highest authority the UWW, then the General Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the Technical Manager, also two specific areas have been worked, the first one is the Technical Assistance area in support of the Federations and the Commissions that are mainly, arbitration, athletes and gender equity which are the ones that have been given priority. The technical assistance provided by the UWW is translated to the continent with courses and training for which there is specific staff of educators to provide ----



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support to coaches and referees and trained personnel for the organization of events and that they are developed as consistent as possible with international regulations. In the area of technological infrastructure, we now have a team of three people who are from our continent that can cover the events to be held, also the UWW donated the video equipment that is used for the realization of the events of Lucha, the communication area is also covered through a Director of Communications that everyday uploads information to the official profiles of the UWWA. The activities also included participation in the UWW Bureau meeting held on September 8, 2022, in Belgrade, Serbia, where the Ordinary Congress was also held, in which a total of 19 Federations of the Americas were present. On September 9, the UWW Hall of Fame ceremony was held. He also commented that three new members of the Bureau of the International Federation were elected at the last congress, being elected Ye Zhang from China, Razvan Pircalabu from Romania, and Daniel Igali from Nigeria. On September 10, he participated in the UWW Development Commission, where a meeting was held to discuss specific issues of the commission. In December, the United States Wrestling Federation organized the Freestyle World Cup held in Iowa, United States. On January 20, the first meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA, always with the support of the United States Federation, for which he is especially grateful to Mr. Rich Bender and Mr. Rich Tucci, who are always willing to support and cover expenses for their stay and organization of the meetings. He also participated in the National Wrestling Championship in Mexico, held in Oaxaca in March of this year, where he was able to share with the leaders of each State of the Republic. One of the points that marks a before and after of our organization was the realization of the "I Gala of the Panamerican Olympic Wrestling", event held for the first-time last year in Acapulco, Mexico and that is expected to be held every two years in which outstanding athletes, coaches, leaders, and referees of the Wrestling can be honored. This activity was carried out with a financial contribution from the United States Federation and our organization's own funds. A video of the activity is presented. There were no questions regarding the report. The delegates present were then asked if they agreed to approve the president's report, which was unanimously approved. **SIXTH:** Information on the latest changes to the competition rules and referee clinics in the Americas and update on the Paris 2024 referee qualification system, by UWWA Vice President Rick Tucci and World Referee Commission member Casey Goessl who begins by commenting that regarding the UWWAmerica referee report, there are currently 16 referees with category 1S and two instructors on the continent. He comments that it should be kept



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in mind that 2023 is not only an important year for the selection of athletes for Paris, but also begins the path for referees towards the Olympic selection next year. Depending on what status you have, so should be the pathway to work on certain events, he comments that this week's event the Senior Continental Championships or the Continental Championships are stepping up events and they must work on one of the four qualifying series events with two lefts on the calendar. He also comments that he would expect that early next month the referee commission will have the assignments for the World Championships. The referee commission will have the World Championship assignments, so 1S referees are required to work their assigned event, which includes the U17, U20, U23 or Senior World Championships, and next year it should be anticipated that 1S referees, if they want to be selected in pairs, must also work the Senior Continental Championship, the Continental Qualifying Tournament, the World Qualifying Tournament and, if selected for Paris, must also attend the Olympic seminar to be held in May next year. Remind the National Federations that when they draw up their budgets for next year, to keep this in mind. If the referees are on this path and omit any of these steps, it will be very difficult to remedy the situation. For the Olympic Games to be held in 2024, six of the continent's referees were selected for scholarships awarded through the UWW. This year 21 full or partial scholarships were awarded, six of them for our continent, which is the highest number than any other continent. Applications for this program must be submitted before the end of the year for the following year, so he urges that if they want to get financial assistance to get in touch with Yuri and President Lee, to send the applications through the UWW. There are also 18 referees selected for the Central American Caribbean Games, including five women and eight for the South American Beach Games, of which three are women. The selection list for the Pan American Games will be published shortly after this competition and assignments will be sent out as soon as they are approved. The UWW Referee Commission meets every year and certain events are evaluated for referees in terms of how they can progress through the Level 1 Competitions system, he comments that it should be remembered that national referees who want to obtain their Level 2 international license and work their way up through the other levels to Level 5 competitions, must participate in the control competitions for top level referees, which would include the continental qualifying championships as well as the World Championships. If referees are going to take a level 1 or level 3 course, they should be aware that they will also have classroom-based theory work. Now, after COVID, more practical work is done the day before the competition, so it is important that, for example, if the competition starts on -----



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Friday, they must click on the rules on Thursday afternoon, and the morning before the full referee course would be their theory work. Therefore, we kindly ask you to plan your trip, so that you do not miss this event, otherwise it will be very difficult to promote them. He ends by stating that please note that it is mandatory that all referees arrive at the event on time for the referee school clinic as there have been some problems with this over the years, it is understood that there are travel delays or some unforeseen events, but if this happens, please advise immediately. Next Mr. Rick Tucci comments that he knows that every year the Federations are asked to please obtain their official certification for their officials at the international level, this helps the teams and coaches to keep up with the rules, now for those who are considering sending their officials to obtain their licenses through the United States Wrestling Federation, he indicates that Fargo is an opportunity to obtain the international category license, it should be taken into consideration that the only expense would be the travel and for the course of eight or nine days. If anyone is interested in attending this event, please contact the United States Wrestling Federation for details of the dates, he ends by stating that it would be a waste of your Federation's money if you send individuals to get a license to get an upgrade and they receive the upgrade and then the next year they do nothing for category maintenance, so he urges the Federations to take into consideration everything Casey explained from the referee commission as it is important for coaches, athletes and officials. Mr. Casey takes the floor again to briefly cover some minor modifications that were made to the rules for 2023, he indicates that specifically there are two small changes within the "challenge" protocol, previously the previous rule stated that it must be requested within 5 seconds after the score is posted on the scoreboard, now it has gone up to 10 seconds, so 10 seconds after the scores on the scoreboard or 10 seconds after the wrestlers return to the neutral position, obviously, in both of the above cases both athletes must ensure that the challenge is offered in a timely manner so that it does not affect the outcome. He goes on to indicate that if after the video review, the original score is modified in any way whether it benefits the challenging athlete or not, the challenge will be considered as a point to be awarded to the opponent, this will help to clarify some of the situations that sometimes happen in high level competitions, especially where there is some confusion and in this sense if the score is modified in any way, it will be considered as a challenge. He also comments that if you are out of point levels with Greco-Roman Wrestling and you want Greco-Roman Wrestling to be considered challenging you want to make sure that you are encouraging standing, which is a critical component to dynamic wrestling, he further comments that as you can see in-



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the picture, the athletes are in good chest to chest position, their heads are up their hips are together, and they are working upper body spaces, whereas the next slide shows the position that we are trying to avoid. It is understood that during a dynamic wrestling ballot they may get into this position momentarily but obviously you want to have some sort of direction in terms of if athletes maintain this position throughout the course of the Wrestling, you can certainly have a penalty procedure so that you prevent this from becoming a problem. Certainly, this has been a problem so starting with last year's World Championships, it was determined that this action would be called as an escape which would generally involve the referee stopping the bout by approaching the rest of the defensive wrestling to wrestle with the head on chest to chest. This would be a verbal warning and if this position persists after restarting the management, the arbitration delegate will be called to the competition. Mr. Carlos García, arbitration delegate makes an explanation of the points and actions of the challenge responding to the question asked. **SEVENTH**: Information about the award ceremony (UWWA Pin), by the President of the UWWA, Mr. Francisco Eduardo Lee López and Mr. Daniel Aceves Villagran, Honorary Member of the UWWA. President Lee comments that this is a new project that is being implemented from this Senior Pan American Championship, which arises from the initiative of Mr. Daniel Aceves. It is proposed to recognize all those people in our sport who have participated in the Pan American Games and to do so in each country hosting the Senior Pan American Championship. Mr. Daniel Aceves takes the floor and indicates that fundamentally and in a preponderant way it is necessary to remember that the Pan American Sports Games began in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1951, there have been 18 editions so far and wrestling has been present since the beginning as one of the basic and historical sports in the continent. America is significant not only for the number of its inhabitants, certainly we are 1,050 million, which represents 13% of the world's population of 8,000 million human beings. This initiative on the part of the Executive Committee to signify and recognize those people who have been representing the different countries in the Pan American Games today in this analysis we know that at least 16 countries of America have obtained at least 1 medal in this event, the most winning country has been the United States with a total of 183 medals, followed by Cuba 172 and third Canada with 118, then important results are derived from other Latin American countries that have been permanently seeking these successes that are part of the Olympic cycle. Today this day this diploma and pin recognition that will receive the companions of this community of Lucha in America has a very particular transcendence, because to order and out is honored a history that has immersed not --



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only in one of the most transcendent sports of humanity as the Lucha but also the meaning on the continent. This will begin tomorrow with around 36 athletes from Argentina and will be held on the same stage where the Pan American Sports Games began in 1951 and tomorrow the recognition of this country that has won 8 Pan American medals, 5 silver and 3 bronze medals, will be ratified. The most important thing is that the competitors will feel a sense of pride not only for belonging to this discipline but also for having represented their countries of origin in the Pan American Sports Games. It will not only make essential way but also postmortem and calculated that there are around 1,800 competitors in Pan American Games, it becomes a unification tool to convene generations that we have antecedent to majorly and we add to the various National Federations in their work promoting the sport of fighting in their different styles and genres. He appreciates that in this Senior Pan American Championship this vocation is built to recognize in a very broad way the possibility of honoring those competitors who have left a very important mark as Pan American athletes. **EIGHTH**: Report and analysis on the participation and results in the Pan American and World Championships of all categories in the year 2022, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Technical Manager, who begins by indicating that all the information regarding the analysis will be provided to each Federation so that they can evaluate the situation of each one in a timely manner. He presents a summary as an example of the document that was made showing the participation of American athletes in the Senior World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia in 2022, which basically shows the number of athletes with which each of the countries participated, then the percentage of participation, total women's wrestling, wrestling and Greco-Roman wrestling, then shows a percentage of total bouts won and lost. It also shows indicators to determine how the bouts were won. It ends by presenting statistics as a key indicator among the bouts by country. **NINTH**: Presentation of the Calendar of the Olympic Cycle events (multisport) from 2023 to 2028, by Mr. Yuri Maier, UWWA Sports Development Officer. The calendar is quite full for this year, where the first stop will be the Central American and Caribbean Games with mixed venue between Dominican Republic and El Salvador between June 23 and July 8, and the venue of the Wrestling will be in San Salvador, El Salvador where the three disciplines will be present. Then there are the V South American Beach Games in Santa Marta, Colombia and the most important stop within the Olympic cycle are the Pan American Games in Santiago de Chile, in October and November. Then for 2024 the First Bolivarian Youth Games are scheduled in Sucre, Bolivia, and the Olympic Games in Paris, which closes the Olympic cycle to start the new one in Los Angeles 2028 and the Bicentennial of the -



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Bolivarian Games will be celebrated in Ayacucho, Peru. He concludes by indicating that several Games are scheduled for 2025 and 2026 and presents a small outline of venues and dates that may change as they are not fixed. **TENTH**: Activity report of the UWWA Communications area, by the UWWA Communications Director, Luz Clara Vázquez, who comments that the official profiles of UWWA are managed through Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and presents the analysis of followers among the social networks, with a total of 40,000 followers with a reach in the last year of just over 3 million impressions, which is the number of users who have seen at least one of the publications. It presents follower statistics by gender, age, and geographic location. He also mentions the events in which there was physical media coverage to generate quality content and for events where it is not possible to be physically present, they are followed minute by minute to continue providing coverage and generating content. Additionally, he comments that in the UWWA website there is already a new section dedicated to the I Pan-American Wrestling Gala, where all the information about it is shown, he ends inviting all the National Federations to follow the official communication channels. A brief ten-minute recess is taken. **ELEVENTH**: Information about the organization of the Pan American Championship U-15 of the year 2023, by the delegate Roberto Monterrey, general secretary of the Panamanian Federation of Associated Wrestling (FEPLA) who begins thanking the opportunity to participate in the Congress, a video sharing information is presented, comments on the details regarding the event to be held in October 2023 and extends a cordial invitation to athletes, coaches, referees, managers and the general public of the countries of the American continent; to participate in the Pan American Championship U15 Panama 2023, which will be held from October 12 to 15, 2023, in Panama City, Panama (PTY); Greco-Roman, Free Male and Free Female styles (GR-FS-WW). He comments that two airports are available for arrivals: Tocumen International Airport and Panama Pacifico International Airport, there are also five lodging options ranging from \$80 to \$150 dollars, the place of competition will be the Roberto Duran Arena, Irvin Saladino Sports City, he ends by indicating that if you have any questions or need more details you can contact him. **TWELFTH**: Information on the organization of the Pan American Championship U-17 of the year 2023, by the delegate Rodolfo Hernandez secretary general of the Federation of Associated Wrestling Medalists (FEMELA), who sends a cordial greeting from the Mexican Wrestling to all present, projected a video with the invitation to participate, commented that the tournament is scheduled to be held from 23 to 25 June and will have all the conditions in sports facilities, there is a proposal that they can stay at the



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Mexican Olympic Sports Center itself, this is very convenient to avoid transfers. The call is already online, and the cost will be 75 Swiss Francs and there are two other options, the Mision Toreo Hotel for 115 Swiss Francs as well as the hotel for referees in the Valley of Mexico. The official airport is Benito Juarez in Mexico City. He appreciates the opportunity to present the event and is available to provide more information regarding the Championship. **THIRTEENTH**: Information on the organization of the U-20 Pan American Championship in 2023, by Mr. Carlos Ñancuvil, technical manager of the National Olympic Wrestling Federation of Chile (FEDENALOCH). He appreciates the opportunity to present the invitation so that the Federations can participate in the U-20 Championship, he comments that the event will be held in the same facilities where the competitions of the Pan American Sports Games will be held in October, so it will serve as a test event. He concludes by indicating that the information is already available online and has been sent to the National Federations. A change in the order of the agenda is requested to continue with item fifteen and then return to item fourteen. **FIFTEENTH**: Report on the Qualification Systems to: San Salvador 2023, Santiago 2023, Bali 2023, and Paris 2024, by Mr. Yuri Maier, UWWA Sport Development Officer. The classification system and the competition program for Paris is presented, there will be six days of competition with distribution of the three categories, importance was given to the athletes from France to have more spectators, he also presents the list of athletes qualified for the Pan American Games, he comments that we are in the last phase of classification for this event and that will be determined with the results of the Senior Championship, these places are a total of nine per category so there will be a good number of athletes where there will be a record participation of 168 athletes for the sport of Wrestling. Since the places must be given to the countries, it is likely that during the development of the Senior Championship extra bouts will have to be held to define fifth places depending on the need of any of the categories to grant the classification. Below is the list of the countries that have qualified for the Central American and Caribbean Games in the three styles and categories. **SIXTEENTH**: Report of the Department of Development and Sport for the Americas, by Mr. Yuri Maier, UWWA Sport Development Officer, who indicates that now there are a total of 12 certified educators for the Latin American area, where 10 have been active participating in different courses in various countries. He comments a little about the activities that have been carried out, at the end of 2021 there was a level II course for Coaches in Guatemala City where the Educators were Pedro Rojas and Abraham Galva and 20 people participated. A pilot test was carried out, America was the first -



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continent to develop an organization seminar that was held in Panama City, where all the countries that will host the next Pan American Championships in their different categories met, in order to start working on the organization of each event, there were more than 20 participants, the facilitators were: Jesus Salazar for the area of Infrastructure Technology, Eduardo Perez Tellez for the area of Competition Management and Yuri Maier as Sports and Development Officer. Next, a course for Educators was held in Petén, Guatemala with the presence of some guests from Europe, it was a very enriching experience, 15 people participated, the facilitators were Zach Errett and Vincent Aka to teach the course. A Level I course for Coaches was held in March in Mexico City with more than 40 participants, the educators were: Juan Camacho as referee educator, Raúl Trujillo, and Filiberto Delgado as coach educators. A new center was inaugurated at the facilities of the Mexican Olympic Committee and a total of two mattresses were donated through the technical assistance program. The Training Center in Guatemala now has an expert coach of Iranian nationality, Professor Reza Azimi, who is in communication with the region's coaches to continue raising the level in the continent. A training base was also held in Mexico from April to May 2022 with the participation of eight countries. The "More Than Medals America" program was also held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from June 27 to July 3, 2022, with a total of 45 participants from 10 countries in the region, this course is characterized by its sports and cultural content. With the financial support of Panam Sports, a second Training Camp was held in Mexico City from July 11 to 21, 2022, with the participation of 65 athletes from 11 countries. A Coaches and Referees Level 1 and 2 course was also held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic from September 25 to 29, 2022 where the educators were Pedro Rojas and Abraham Galva and 32 people participated, the second edition of the Coaches and Referees Level 1 and 2 course was held in Montevideo, Uruguay from November 2 to 7, 2022 where the educators were Pedro Rojas and Ignacio D'alessandro, with the participation of 32 people, the third edition of the Coaches and Referees level 1 and 2 course was held in Lima, Peru from December 12 to 16, 2022 where the educators were Filiberto Delgado and Arturo Camacho, with the participation of 63 attendees. There is also a development program called "Grassroots" that took place in Urabá, Colombia, where with economic support a specialized coach was hired to train all athletes so that they can obtain the best possible results at the national level. In Costa Rica there is also a development program called DNSS with which Olympic Solidarity supports the National Federations through direct resources that are managed through the Olympic Committee, this course is not an isolated event but allows visits and extend the training



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over time. There were four visits, one per month, who went and worked with the local coaches. He presents the projection of courses to be carried out, for the area of Central America are scheduled in El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, for South America the courses will be in Colombia, Venezuela, and Brazil. Continuing with technical assistance, he presented the donation of mattresses that was made in 2022, the beneficiaries were Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Dominican Republic, the next ones will be Nicaragua, Venezuela, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Barbados. The next ones will be Nicaragua, Venezuela, Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Barbados. **FOURTEENTH**: Information on the U17 World Championship in the year 2024, Mr. Yuri Maier comments that regarding the world events in the continent, Mr. Yuri Maier informs that the World Cup in Azerbaijan and in the United States were cancelled but, in 2024 the U17 World Championship will be held in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina and he urges the National Federations to be part of this world event to be held in the continent, which minimizes the costs in comparison with the attendance to this type of events held in Europe. And continues with the development report item. He also takes the opportunity to comment on Beach Wrestling, this modality should be included in all Pan American Championships adding one day of competition and a Pan American Beach Wrestling Championship should also be mandatory. He also comments that the Regional Development Tournament for 2022 was held within the framework of the Pat Shaw In Memoriam Cup in Guatemala City, six countries participated and a Coaches course was held with 12 participants and a Referees course with 10 participants, the educators were Hector Camacho, Millie Aguilar, Omar Muñoz and Reza Azimi, a training camp was also held during the same event and, This year the Pat Shaw Cup will also be held in Guatemala City, so it is expected to have the participation of the largest number of participating countries, this is an event of the development program of the International Federation so most of the expenses are covered, being the largest investment of the countries the air ticket to get to Guatemala City. Mr. Yuri Maier also comments regarding the Technical Assistance for the Senior Pan American Championship in Buenos Aires, Argentina that is provided to the National Federations, this consists of a total of four nights for two athletes and a coach to alleviate the costs to the delegations, this for some countries does not impact so much on the budget but for others it is a considerable help, all this goes hand in hand with the Technical Assistance that will be provided for the World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia, it will be the same system in which the application forms must be sent with enough time in advance and all interested countries can apply to cover the expenses of two athletes and a coach with coverage of four nights of ----



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lodging, in this specific case it is also supported with the acclimatization camp for athletes arriving from other time zones so that they are in the best preparation to participate. He also comments that the World Federation has a very complete virtual educational platform but until now all the content of the platform was in English and as a strategic objective is to start translating the material into Spanish, Russian, French, and Arabic in the next 12 months in order to make the educational content reach many more countries. He also presents the strategic plan that the International Federation has regarding the new discipline of Beach Wrestling in which he indicates that as UWWA must follow the instructions and work together with the National Federations to create interest in the modality, which has zero cost in infrastructure and does not need sports equipment, it is much more basic than traditional wrestling so we must promote the development by creating Beach Wrestling Committees or working groups, generating development plans and creating a calendar of national competitions of this modality. He emphasizes that all Pan American Championships will have an extra day for the realization of the Beach Wrestling competition. He takes the opportunity to provide information regarding the First Central American and Caribbean Sea and Beach Games held in Santa Marta, Colombia last year, which was a great success, attracted a lot of attention and was well attended. Presents the calendar of multisport beach events for 2023, 2025 and 2026 where Beach Wrestling will be a base sport. President Lee appreciates the work done by Yuri Maier, since upon receiving the Technical Management report, there is a record of all the activities carried out in the continent, it is necessary to quantify all the work done, including technical assistance, development programs, donation of mattresses and it is important to know this amount of investment for sports development in the continent. **SEVENTEENTH:** Result of the Analysis and Diagnosis of the Survey to the National Federations of the continent, in charge of Mr. Yuri Maier, who comments that since last December, the National Federations began to receive an evaluation questionnaire to know how they had their referee and coach programs, the objective is to identify, know and evaluate the current panorama of the National Federations through a standard frame of reference focused on specific and universal aspects, this survey is done using a method of percentage analysis, maximum score and percentage of the total value. The aspects evaluated are number of fighting styles, governance, administration and financing of each Federation, as well as training facilities, marketing and communication, development, participation and performance in the sport and also participation and results in events. The results show the best and worst evaluated areas and the plan of action which is to strengthen the weakest aspects of -



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the National Federations through education programs oriented to the administration and to improve the design and application of the existing Development programs, with the purpose of strengthening in a punctual way the specific needs of the National Federations of the continent, for this a frame of reference base will be established to evaluate in a determined period the progress, in addition this will allow to evaluate and to make the application of the education and development programs more flexible. He concludes by thanking for the opportunity to work for the sport of wrestling.

**EIGHTEENTH:** Miscellaneous: **a)** the President takes the floor to comment that last March our Confederation participated in the Women and Sports Congress organized by Panam Sports, where the Lucha was represented by Mrs. Fanny Echeverry, member of the Executive Committee of the UWWA. Fanny comments that this course was very productive, where issues of gender equality were discussed, emphasizing that women also could participate in sports management positions in the continent, the participation of women in all technical and administrative committees should be encouraged. **b)** The second informative point is presented by President Lee who comments that the issue of economic costs when organizing or participating in sporting events is of utmost importance, the National Federations often do not have much budget to send their athletes to participate in events or camps or in the case of coaches and referees send them to courses. The hotel option is the best because it is the most comfortable for everyone, but it is the most expensive option. At this moment in the continent there are several places that have sports centers and lodges in good conditions where food service is also provided, being in Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico, among others, and recently in Venezuela, where he had the opportunity to meet. The Venezuelan government has made a large investment to recover the sports infrastructure. This option is very viable for courses or sports camps. The level of wrestling in Venezuela is high, it is very good and therefore for several countries in the region it can be quite good to go and participate in training bases or as a training ground, this center can be very useful to organize events in the future. **c)** The following point is presented by Mr. Pedro Silva, member of the Bureau of the International Federation, who thanks the opportunity and invitation to participate in the Congress, he also thanks the president of the Wrestling Federation of Argentina, Mr. Fernando Rittner for the hospitality offered in the reception to this city. He continues congratulating everyone for the way in which the congress was developed, he leaves record of the work done and the plans, there is a lot of work but more than that the objective is quite clear for the development of America, and he hopes that it will bear fruit in the future. He takes the opportunity to



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add regarding Beach Wrestling, that the contribution of the continent will be decisive to continue the path in the direction planned to make Beach Wrestling an Olympic modality and that it will be reached very close, perhaps in 2028 or 2032 and it will surely happen much faster with the work that is already being done, for example with the participation in this Senior Pan American Championship and the addition of the Beach modality where 150 wrestlers will participate. Finally, he thanks for the opportunity and offers his best wishes for the competition. **d)** President Lee also comments that President Lalovic has insisted that the athletes are very important for the development of the sport and established a democratic election procedure for the athletes commission and that it has a good representation in the board, in this way two years ago Mr. Arsen Jufalakian was elected President of the Athletes Commission of the International Federation, who today is present at the Congress and he gives him the floor. Mr. Jufalakian comments that he appreciates the opportunity and invitation to participate in this Congress, he indicates that he has had a long way of participation in the athletes commission and has always tried to remain in contact with the athletes of all styles, today the message he has for the continent is that the directors must support the athletes, that they can feel the freedom to be supported by any member of the commission since there are several members from different continents but all have a specific role to maintain the contact and communication with the athletes, listen to their recommendations or to be a bridge between them and the Bureau. Any recommendation, proposal or agreement that is necessary can contact them directly, both him and any member of the commission, the contact information is available on the website of the International Federation since in the end we are looking for a joint work, both referees, coaches, athletes, and managers. He also comments on the education platform of the International Federation so that the Federations can encourage their athletes to participate as soon as the programs are ready in the necessary language and take advantage of all the tools available. Finally, he comments on the Russian and Belarusian athletes since he was able to participate in meetings a few weeks ago regarding this sensitive issue, the International Olympic Committee is working in this sense to end this conflict with the athletes but the main message sent by the athletes to the leaders was that sport should be used as a safe bridge between nations to solve sensitive issues such as war and to keep athletes away from political issues. **NINETEENTH:** The President informs that, having exhausted the proposed agenda for this Congress, the same is terminated in the same place and date, three hours after its beginning, he thanks all the attendees and especially the Argentine Wrestling Federation for the collaboration. Finally, he asks everyone to come to the -



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front for the official photo. The President and the Accidental Secretary of the UWWA  
attest to the proceedings. -----