



UNITED WORLD WRESTLING ASIA

UWW-Asia General Assembly Meeting 2025

Date: March 24, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. (Amman Time)

Format: In Person

MINUTES

Present at the Meeting:

UWW Bureau:

1	Theodoros Hamakos	UWW Vice-President
2	Mikhail Mamiachvili	UWW Vice-President
3	Fouad Meskout	UWW Bureau Member, UWW-Africa President
4	Carlos Roy	UWW Bureau Member, UWW Secretary General
5	Zamel Al Shahrani	UWW Bureau Member
6	Razvan Pircalabu	UWW Bureau Member
7	Zhang Ye	UWW Bureau Member, UWW Asia Executive Member
8	Buyandelger Peljee	UWW Bureau Member, UWW Asia Secretary General
9	Cholpon Sultanbekova	UWW Bureau Member
10	Daulet Turlykhanov	UWW Bureau Co-opted Member, UWW-Asia President

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	UWW-Asia Executive Member
5	Koji Fukuda	UWW-Asia Executive Member
6	Abdullah Al Maghrebi	UWW-Asia Executive Member
7	Hideaki Tomiyama	UWW-Asia Honorary Vice-President
8	Dr. Chang Kew Kim	UWW Asia Honorary President

UWW Staff:

1	Onder Yaksi	UWW Chief Protocol
2	Lei Liang	UWW Development Manager
3	Yuriy Mayer	UWW Development Officer

1. Opening of the Assembly and Welcome Address by the UWW President Mr. Nenad Lalovic

Mr. Turlykhanov welcomed the attendees of the Asian Council General Assembly Meeting and informed them that Mr. Lalovic was unable to attend in person due to his responsibilities as a member of the IOC Executive Board. This followed the 144th IOC Session held in Greece, during which a new IOC President and Executive Board were elected.

Representing UWW President Nenad Lalovic, UWW Vice-President Theodoros Hamakos arrived in Amman.

Mr. Hamakos conveyed President Lalovic's best wishes to all participants and expressed his sincere appreciation for their contributions to the development of wrestling across the Asian continent. He emphasized that Asian wrestling continues to thrive, as demonstrated by the outstanding performances of its athletes on the international stage, including at the Olympic Games.

He noted that the General Assembly is not only a platform to review achievements but also a crucial opportunity to plan the future development of wrestling in the region. He stressed the importance of further enhancing athlete training systems, strengthening educational programs for coaches and referees, and expanding the reach of competitions across Asia.

Mr. Hamakos also extended special thanks to the Jordan Wrestling Federation for organizing both the General Assembly and the Asian Championships, noting that hosting such a prestigious event in Amman reflects the trust and recognition earned through their dedicated efforts in promoting wrestling.

He concluded by wishing all Assembly participants a productive meeting filled with constructive dialogue and effective collaboration. He also expressed hope that the upcoming Asian Championships would be a vibrant showcase of wrestling excellence and a testament to the athletes' preparation and pursuit of victory.

2. Opening of the Assembly and welcoming Speech by the President of UWW-Asia Daulet Turlykhanov

Mr. Turlykhanov noted the holding of two significant events in Amman—the General Assembly of UWW Asia and the Asian Senior Wrestling Championships. On behalf of the Asian Wrestling Council, he extended sincere greetings to all participants who came to discuss important topics related to wrestling development and athlete support. In recent years, there has been notable progress: the reach of tournaments is expanding, and the competitiveness of wrestlers on the world stage is growing.

Mr. Turlykhanov expressed his gratitude to the Wrestling Federation of Jordan for their initiative and willingness to host competitions of various scales. Holding both the Asian Championship and the Assembly meeting in Amman is clear evidence of strong trust and commitment to the development of wrestling.

He also extended special thanks to UWW leadership and its President, Mr. Nenad Lalovic, whose wise guidance continues to support the steady growth of wrestling. Initiatives focused on the Asian continent have helped the sport reach new heights.

He wished all Assembly participants productive work, and the wrestlers fair, exciting, and memorable matches—so that the upcoming Championship becomes a true celebration of wrestling and showcases the high level of athlete preparation.

3. Welcome Remarks of the Organizer

Mr. Awamleh expressed his sincere gratitude to the President of UWW, members of the Bureau, the President of UWW-Asia, members of the UWW-Asia Executive Committee, UWW staff, and all distinguished delegates and guests of the General Assembly, offering warm words of appreciation on behalf of the Jordan Wrestling Federation. He emphasized the importance of the General Assembly as a platform to discuss the future of wrestling in Asia.

In his speech, he also reaffirmed Jordan's commitment to UWW principles and its readiness to further cooperate with National Federations in Asia, including participation in development programs, coaching seminars, and joint events.

Mr. Awamleh wished the participants a productive stay in Jordan, expressed his hopes for continued development and collaboration, and wished success to all wrestlers competing in the Asian Championships.

4. Roll Call

Mr. Turlykhanov passed the floor to UWW-Asia General Secretary Ms. Buyana Pelje to proceed with the fourth item on the agenda.

Ms. Pelje thanked the President and conducted the roll call. All seven members of the UWW-Asia Executive Committee were present in person, along with thirty-eight of the forty Asian National Federations (NFs).

National Federations present at the General Assembly meeting:

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| 1. Afghanistan | 12. Kazakhstan | 23. Palestine | 34. Timor Leste |
| 2. Bahrain | 13. DPRK | 24. Pakistan | 35. Turkmenistan |
| 3. Bangladesh | 14. Korea | 25. Philippines | 36. UAE |
| 4. China | 15. Kuwait | 26. Qatar | 37. Uzbekistan |
| 5. Hong Kong | 16. Kyrgyzstan | 27. Saudi Arabia | 38. Vietnam |
| 6. India | 17. Laos | 28. Singapore | 39. Yemen |
| 7. Indonesia | 18. Lebanon | 29. Sri Lanka | |
| 8. Iran | 19. Macao | 30. Syria | |
| 9. Iraq | 20. Malaysia | 31. Chinese Taipei | |
| 10. Japan | 21. Mongolia | 32. Tajikistan | |
| 11. Jordan | 22. Nepal | 33. Thailand | |

Two countries did not take part at the meeting: Cambodia and Myanmar.

Hong Kong participated as an observer, without the right to vote.

A total of 38 voting delegates from 38 countries attended the General Assembly.

Ms. Pelje thanked the delegates for their attendance and active participation and warmly welcomed the distinguished guests from the United World Wrestling Bureau, as well as the UWW Headquarters Staff.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the UWW-Asia General Assembly from April 18, 2024

Mr. Turlykhanov recalled the agenda of the UWW-Asia General Assembly Meeting held during the 2024 Asian Championships in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Decision: There were no comments, and the minutes of the 2024 UWW-Asia General Assembly Meeting were approved unanimously.

6. Report on the Activities of UWW-Asia for the Past 4-Year Period.

Mr. Turlykhanov gave a report on the activities of UWW-Asia over the past four years.

This period has been both important and eventful for Asian wrestling, despite major challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and broader changes in the global sports environment. The Board focused on strengthening governance structures, developing youth programs, supporting national federations, and promoting wrestling on the international stage.

A sustainable administrative process was established, an effective Executive Committee was formed, and four General Assemblies along with seventeen Executive Committee meetings were held. The main objective was to implement UWW policy across the continent, which was successfully achieved through coordinated efforts with national federations and the continued support of UWW.

More than 30 international tournaments were held in Asia, including Asian Championships across all age groups. A unified competition format—combining the U15 & U20 and U17 & U23 Championships—was introduced, improving both efficiency and participation.

The Paris 2024 Olympic Games marked a major success for Asian wrestling, with 36 medals won, including 12 golds out of a possible 18. This represents a significant improvement over Tokyo 2020. While Japan and Iran remained dominant, countries like Turkmenistan and Bahrain—previously not considered front-runners—also reached the podium.

At the World Championships from 2021 to 2024, Asian wrestlers won a total of 655 medals across all age categories, including 196 golds. The U17 and U20 categories were especially strong, laying a solid foundation for future success.

Youth development and educational initiatives remain a core part of UWW-Asia's mission. A total of 41 educational events were organized in 18 countries, including training courses for coaches and referees, as well as "More than Medals" training camps and IT programs. These achievements were made possible through close collaboration with the UWW Development Department. The active involvement of Asian National Federations led to significant progress.

The Council also supported the opening of new training centers, the organization of training camps, and the promotion of national wrestling initiatives. Special focus was placed on training high-level coaches and specialists—an effort that is already showing results.

Several documentary films on Asian wrestling were produced, and a book titled *Evolution of Wrestling in Asia* was published. Annual awards were introduced, including "Best Wrestler in

Asia,” “Best Coach,” and “Most Active Federation,” to further promote and encourage the sport across the region.

At the end of the report, the President expressed his sincere gratitude to the National Federations, coaches, athletes, and especially to UWW and its President, Mr. Nenad Lalovic, for their ongoing support and leadership. He emphasized that the success of Asian wrestling was only made possible through joint efforts and a shared commitment to strengthening Asia’s position in the global sports community.

A detailed report on the activities of UWW-Asia can be found in the meeting’s working papers.

Decision: The report on UWW-Asia’s activities for the 2021–2024 period was adopted unanimously.

7. Approval of the 2024 Accounts and 2025 Budget

Mr. Adambaev, UWW Asia Manager, gave a report on the Council’s financial activities and presented the draft budget for 2025.

The supporting materials for this item are attached to the minutes.

Decision: The UWW Asia accounts for 2024 and the budget for 2025 were approved unanimously.

8. Discussion of the UWW-Asia Competition Calendar for 2025, 2026 and 2027

Mr. Turlykhanov moved to the next item on the agenda, which concerned the approval of the Asian Competition Calendar and the selection of host countries for 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Five major continental championships are scheduled to take place in Asia in 2025. The Asian Senior Championships will begin in Amman, Jordan. From June 18–26, Vung Tau (Vietnam) will host the U17 and U23 categories, followed immediately by the first-ever Asian U17 Beach Wrestling Championships. This event has received strong support from the UWW Sports Department and is viewed as a significant step in the development of beach wrestling in Asia. Organizers strongly encourage national federations to send as many participants as possible.

The next championships will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from July 5–13, covering the U15 and U20 age groups. Federations are also strongly urged to register teams for participation.

Key competitions for 2026 have already been scheduled. The Senior Championships are set for April 7–12, with Jordan as a potential host. The U17 and U23 tournaments are planned for late May in Pattaya, Thailand, and the U15 and U20 categories for late June, with Taipei and Ashgabat as candidate hosts. Also noteworthy is the Asian Games, scheduled to take place in Nagoya, Japan, from September 30 to October 3.

As for 2027, the calendar is not yet finalized. The Asian Senior Championships are planned for March, although a host country has yet to be confirmed. The U17 and U23 events are scheduled for June in Taipei, and the U15 and U20 events for July—organizers for both are still to be confirmed.

Overall, the calendar for the upcoming year is nearly complete. However, the importance of adhering to all organizational procedures was emphasized in order to avoid last-minute changes in host countries, as experienced in the past. Early planning, development of a financial calendar, and close cooperation with UWW and UWW-Asia are essential.

It was also noted that participation continues to grow each year. Therefore, timely submission of applications to host regional, continental, and international events is critical. Only through active collaboration and engagement from all stakeholders can wrestling in Asia continue to thrive.

Decision: The UWW-Asia Calendar for 2026–2027 was approved, with the understanding that additional proposals from federations will be considered moving forward.

9. Award Ceremony for the Best Wrestlers, Best Coaches and Best Federation 2025

The award ceremony was conducted by **Mr. Turlykhanov** on behalf of UWW-Asia. Commemorative plaques for 2024 were presented to the following recipients:

1. **Best Greco-Roman Wrestler** – Nao Kusaka (Japan)
2. **Best Freestyle Wrestler** – Akhmed Tajudinov (Bahrain), awarded for the second consecutive year
3. **Best Women’s Wrestler** – Aisulu Tynybekova (Kyrgyzstan)
4. **Best Greco-Roman Coach** – Hassan Rangraz, Head Coach of the Iranian National Greco-Roman Team
5. **Best Freestyle Wrestling Coach** – Kunihiko Obata, Head Coach of the Japanese National Team
6. **Best Women’s Wrestling Coach** – Mr. Ryo Kanehama, Head Coach of the Japanese Women’s National Team
7. **Best National Federation in Asia 2024** – Japan Wrestling Federation, for its outstanding contribution to the development of wrestling and exceptional results across multiple categories

10. Honoring the Members of the UWW-Asia Executive Committee Whose Mandate Is Ending

UWW-Asia Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the outgoing members of the UWW-Asia Executive Committee, as well as to individuals who have made significant contributions to the development of wrestling in Asia:

List of UWW-Asia Commendation Awardees:

UWW Asia:

1. Daulet Turlykhanov
2. Kenneth Lee
3. Buyana Pelje
4. Melis Turganbaev
5. Koji Fukuda
6. Abdullah Al Magrebi
7. Zhang Ye

8. Dr. Chang Kew. Kim
9. Hideaki Tomiyama

UWW:

10. Onder Yakshi

11. Appointment of the Election Commission and Information on the Election Process for the Executive Committee

Mr. Carlos Roy, General Secretary of United World Wrestling, addressed the delegates with important information regarding the election process for the new UWW-Asia Executive Committee for the upcoming four-year term.

He began by noting that, in accordance with established procedures, it was necessary to approve the members of the election commission responsible for overseeing the voting process.

Mr. Roy recalled that this decision had been made at the recent UWW-Asia Executive Committee meeting, held on the eve of the General Assembly.

He then read an excerpt from the minutes of that meeting, which stated that, following discussions, the following individuals were proposed as members of the election commission:

Mr. Zamel Al-Shahrani – Member of the Commission

Mr. Razvan Pirkalabu – Member of the Commission

Mr. Mikhail Mamiashvili – Member of the Commission

Mr. Yuri Mayer – Secretary of the Commission

Following the announcement of the proposed composition, the UWW Secretary General invited the delegates to vote. The vote passed without objections, and the composition of the election commission was approved unanimously.

Mr. Roy then briefly introduced the election procedure.

He explained that the Assembly is held annually as part of the Continental Championships and follows procedures similar to those of the UWW Congress. Regarding the election process, he noted that a candidate for President of the Continental Council must first be elected as a member of the Executive Committee. The elected President is then presented to the General Assembly for approval.

12. Election of Members of the Executive Committee of UWW Asia for the Coming Four-Year Period

Mr. Roy: It was decided to hold the regular, elected General Assembly meeting on March 24, 2025, and this date was agreed upon by the President and the UWW Bureau. The call for nominations for the new Executive Committee was announced in advance, with a submission deadline of December 24, 2024. A total of 18 candidates submitted their applications for the seven available seats on the Executive Committee.

The UWW Secretariat oversaw the reception of applications for the Continental Council, approved the submissions, and forwarded them to the President of the Continental Council.

List of valid candidates received by the deadline (December 24, 2024):

Current members:

1. Turlykhanov, Daulet (Kazakhstan)
2. Buyana Pelje (Mongolia)
3. Kenneth Oliver Lee (Korea)
4. Abdullah Al Magrebi (Yemen)
5. Koji Fukuda (Japan)
6. Melis Turganbaev (Kyrgyzstan)
7. Zhang, Ye (Ms.) (China)

New candidates:

1. Damirbek Asylbekuulu (Kyrgyzstan)
2. Mohammad Awamleh (Jordan)
3. Samim Ansari (Nepal)
4. Shodi Bakhromov (Tajikistan)
5. Alireza Dabir (Iran)
6. Lara Khmour (Palestine)
7. Sanjay Kumar Singh (India)
8. Wisut Tangwarintron (Thailand)
9. Mungwoo Han (Korea)
10. Achara Pimpang (Thailand)
11. Tanioka Kuniko (Japan)

The following candidates were recognized as invalid:

- Achara Pimpang (Thailand) - withdrawn by the Federation
- Mungwoo Han (Korea) - withdrawn by the Federation
- Tanioka Konike (Japan) - refused to participate in the elections
- Damirbek Asylbek uulu - the candidacy does not correspond to the elections criteria.

Total - 14 candidates are running for election to fill vacant positions on the Executive Committee of the Asian Council.

In accordance with the UWW Statutes and the Regulations of the Continental Councils, a candidacy is only considered valid if the candidate's National Federation is not in financial debt to UWW and is not subject to any suspension.

The names of the 14 candidates were pre-printed on each ballot.

Members of the Election Committee displayed the transparent ballot collection box to all voters. The voting procedure was conducted in the hall, in full view of all delegates.

Round 1:

Registered voters:	39
Eligible voters:	38
Absolute majority in the first round:	20

Voting results:

- Mohammad Awamleh (Jordan)	34 elected
- Zhang Ye (China)	28 elected
- Alireza Dabir (Iran)	27 elected
- Turganbaev, Melis (Kyrgyzstan)	25 elected
- Lee Kenneth Oliver (Korea)	24 elected
- Sanjay Kumar Singh (India)	22 elected
- Lara Khmour (Palestine)	22 elected
- Turlykhanov Daulet (Kazakhstan)	16
- Visut Tangwarintron (Thailand)	13
- Shodi Bakhromov (Tajikistan)	9
- Fukuda Koji (Japan)	8
--Buyandelger Pelje (Ms.) (Mongolia)	8
- Al-Maghrebi Abdullah (Yemen)	5
- Samim Ansari (Nepal)	5

The Bureau of the Assembly congratulated the newly elected members of the UWW-Asia Executive Committee on their election for the 2025–2029 term.

Following the election, the newly elected members retired to a designated room to elect the President of the Asia Council for the upcoming four-year period, along with the Vice-President and the Secretary General. After a few minutes of deliberation, the Executive Committee returned to the hall, and Mr. Carlos Roy was invited to announce the results.

1. President: Mohammed Awamleh
2. Vice President: Alireza Dabir
3. Secretary General Kenneth Lee
4. Executive Member: Melis Turgambayev
5. Executive Member: Zhang Ye
6. Executive Member: Sanjay Kumar
7. Executive Member: Lara Khmour

Those present welcomed the decision with applause.

Mr. Turlykhanov addressed the delegates with closing remarks.

He thanked all participants for their active and responsible engagement in the meeting, emphasizing the importance of the recent elections as a key element of the democratic process. Although he was not included in the new composition of the Executive Committee, Mr. Turlykhanov stated that he fully respects the Assembly's decision.

In his speech, he reflected warmly on his years as President of UWW Asia - years marked by both challenges and significant achievements, driven by a deep commitment to the sport and the shared goal of developing wrestling across the Asian region. He extended his gratitude to all who supported him throughout his tenure: former colleagues on the Executive Committee, fellow Bureau members, the UWW President and the entire United World Wrestling Headquarters, as well as representatives of national federations, coaches, and athletes.

Mr. Turlykhanov wished the newly elected members of the Executive Committee success in their work, expressing confidence that, with their experience, energy, and commitment to progress, the organization would continue to grow and strengthen its presence on the international stage.

Mr. Awamleh also addressed the delegates of the General Assembly. In his address, he expressed his deep gratitude for the trust placed in him and noted the importance of the work ahead for the benefit of Asian wrestling.

Mr. Awamleh addressed special words of gratitude to Daulet Turlykhanov, emphasizing his exceptional contribution to the development of wrestling in the region. He noted that during his eight years as President of the Asian Council, Daulet Turlykhanov showed outstanding commitment, demonstrated a high level of leadership and played a key role in strengthening the position of Asian wrestling in the international arena.

Mr. Awamleh also thanked the members of the outgoing Executive Committee for their dedication, efforts and teamwork, thanks to which the Asian Council was able to implement many significant initiatives and successfully hold high-level competitions.

He emphasized that together with the new Executive Committee, he would do his best to continue this success. Mr. Awamleh assured that he will work with full dedication to maintain continuity, strengthen cooperation between countries and bring new impulses to the development of wrestling in Asia and beyond.

13. Miscellaneous

There were no further questions. The meeting concluded at 13:30.



Daulet Turlykhanov
UWW Asia President
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