



## Proceedings 002-2020-AG –UWWA

**Proceedings 002-2020-AG –UWWA:** In Ottawa, Canada, being ten o'clock on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, two thousand and twenty, upon convocation by the President of the UWWA, meeting at the hotel “The Westin Ottawa ”, The following members of the Executive Committee of the United World Wrestling Americas (UWWA) are present: Mr. Francisco Eduardo Lee López, President; Mr. Don Ryan, Vice President; Mr. Roberto Claudio Leitao, Secretary; Mr. Manuel García, Treasurer; Mr. Rick Tucci, Member; Mrs. Fanny Echeverry Vocal; Doctor Daniel Aceves, co-opted member of the UWWA Executive Committee. Likewise, Mr. Yuri Maier, UWW Sports Development Officer and, as special guests, Mr. Stan Dziedzic, Vice President of the UWW and Mr. Pedro Gama Filho, member of the UWW Bureau. The President presents an excuse from the Member, Mr. Eduardo Pérez Téllez, who could not attend due to visa problems, so he sent a letter of apology. The following is recorded:

**FIRST:** The President of the UWWA Mr. Francisco Eduardo Lee López, gives the welcome words to all attendees.

**SECOND:** The secretary, Mr. Roberto Leitao, carried out the quorum verification and reports that twenty-four (24) of thirty-two (32) National Federations are present, which constitutes 75% of the totality of National Federations affiliated to the UWWA, the following delegates having been accredited: **Argentina**, Fernando Rittner; **Barbados**, Rollins Alleyne; **Brazil**, Angel Torres Aldama; **Canada**, Tamara Medwidsky; **Chile**, Ricardo Figueroa; **Colombia**, David Gutiérrez; **Costa Rica**, Maxwell Kemar Lacey Garita; **Cuba**, Luis de la Portilla; **Ecuador**, Johny Zambrano; **El Salvador**, Douglas Rodríguez; **United States**, Rich Bender; **Guatemala**, Hugo Barascout; **Honduras**, Jeinmy Lourdes Rivera Rosales; **Virgin Islands**, Robert Lugo; **Jamaica**, Rick Fitzgerald Henry; **Mexico**, Guillermo Díaz; **Nicaragua**, Edgar Daniel Cusinga; **Paraguay**, Carlos Ramón Nancuvil Suazo; **Panama**, Jesús Salazar Garduño; **Peru**, Nilton Soto Aliaga; **Puerto Rico**, Pedro Antonio Rojas Calafat; **Dominican Republic**, Luis Esmeraldo Mercedes Pérez; **Uruguay**, Flavio Cabrales Martínez and, **Venezuela**, José Barreto.

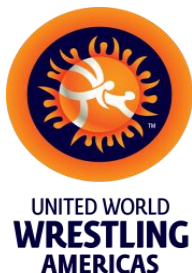


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**THIRD:** Approval of proceedings number 002-2019-AG-UWWA, corresponding to the UWWA ordinary congress held in Buenos Aires City, Argentina, on the seventeenth day of April in the year two thousand and nineteen. The general is asked if its reading can be omitted given that it was circulated in a timely manner via email, its content being known to all the delegates, and no observations were received. He wondered if they approved its content, which was seconded by all the delegates, for which it was unanimously approved.

**FOURTH:** The president and treasurer present the financial report, which reflects all the expenses made during the past year, counting on December 31, 2019, with an availability of US \$ 16,827.75 (sixteen thousand eight hundred twenty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents). In this regard, the settlement of expenses incurred is presented. Likewise, a photocopy of the letter dated January twenty-seven (27) of this year, in which Mr. Michel Dusson, Secretary General of the UWW states that: *“the financial report of the United World Wrestling Americas, corresponding to the year 2019, having established that the same was delivered in time and form for which the present settlement is extended. Likewise, he congratulates them for the work done and the good use of the funds assigned to the continent”*. For his part, the Treasurer indicated that he can provide the information to those who require it, for which reason the documents are available. The President asked if they agreed on the approval of the report. It is unanimously approved.

**FIFTH:** The President presents a report indicating the summary of activities carried out by the presidency during the year two thousand and nineteen. In the technical-administrative area, constant communication is maintained with our International Federation. With Panam Sports, work is underway with a view to Santiago 2023, as well as with the Association of Pan American Sports Confederations, which is the other institution that directs sports in America. There have been different meetings with the different Federations and National Olympic Committees, also with Organizing Committees for multi-sport events. We have participated in meetings of the UWW Bureau, the last one was held in Nur-sultan, on the thirteenth of September in the year two thousand and nineteen. He also met with the continental presidents, together with the President and Secretary General of the UWW, who make up the Development Commission, chaired by Mrs. Deqa Niamkey, Director of Development of the World Federation, thanks to which scholarships have been received, donations of mattresses or courses, Mrs. Deqa Niamkey has provided great support along with Mr. Yuri Maier. We have had meetings of the Executive Committee on April 16 in



Buenos Aires, Argentina; December 12, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and March 10 in Ottawa. On July 25 of last year, the election of the new Executive Committee of the Association of Pan American Sports Confederations was held, where I was elected with a majority of votes, being President of ACODEPA, now I have a voice and vote in the Executive Committee of Panam Sports which is an honor for the Fight, not personal but for our sport. After presenting the summary of the Presidency, he wondered if he had any doubts or if it was approved. The presidency's report was unanimously approved.

**SIXTH:** Mr. Yuri Maier, UWW Sports Development Officer, presents a report on the programs for America sponsored by the UWW and the calendar of Continental Championships 2020, 2021 and 2022. Program "More Than Medals" in Mexico 2019, program that It has been carried out from Lima, Peru 2016, this has a very high educational content, it had the participation of 34 athletes and 14 coaches from 13 different countries, a camp focused on education on anti-doping, nutrition, desertion and climate change, among others. A donation of two mattresses was delivered to Honduras. The Acclimatization Camp that took place in preparation for the Nur-sultan World Championship, arose primarily from the great time difference that our countries have with the capital of Kazakhstan, ten days of preparation covered by the UWW with a total of 19 athletes from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador and Honduras. In Turkey the II World Forum of Women and Wrestling was held, we had the presence of eight countries. We had four courses aimed at coaches sponsored by Olympic Solidarity, the first was in Barbados, level II was given in Argentina, level I was taught in Ecuador and level II was held in Santiago de Chile. In relation to anti-doping, the "WADA Alpha Test" was conducted, an online training course in anti-doping, we were the sport with the most participation, which is key to continue reducing doping cases in our continent. Regarding the Championships, last week the Senior Pan American Championship was held here in Ottawa, then we have in Brasilia, Brazil, the Pan American Junior Championship, then in Buenos Aires, Argentina the Pan American Cadet Championship and, at the end of the year, in Managua, Nicaragua, the U15 Pan American Championship. By 2021 we have U15 in Mexico City, Cadets in Panama City, Junior in Santiago de Chile and Senior in Manaus, Brazil. For 2022 we have in Medellín, Colombia U15; Mexico City for Cadets; Guayaquil, Ecuador for the Junior and Santiago de Chile the Senior who will be the first qualifier for the 2023 Pan American Games. This year, a workshop will be held for the first time for Organizers of Continental Championships in any of all categories, which will be fully funded by the UWW and aims to provide information and support to organize, commissions, accreditations, financial audit, anti-doping



education, food, refereeing, among others. The President emphasizes two things that must be eliminated from our federations and that is improvisation and empiricism. We cannot organize continental tournaments without the proper organization and logistics, according to the UWW regulations. It is very important to have the knowledge to do it and we must comply with international quality and technical standards since this impacts athlete and it is for them that we work. The Delegate of Ecuador asked to speak, asked why this workshop was not held in Ottawa. Yuri answers that it will be held on a different date so that the attendees can focus on it. The seminar will take place in Panama City from April 17 to 21. The Delegate of Ecuador thanks Yuri for all the work done not only on the continent but also outside it, also President Lee for all the support and finally comments that he will launch his candidacy to be a member of the UWW Bureau, for which hopes to have everyone's support.

**SEVENTH:** Information on the formation of the “UWWA Refereeing Commission”, by Mr. Rick Tucci. Previously, the President makes a list of the antecedents of said Commission, indicating that the objective is that the work of each referee be evaluated in various competitions because, it may happen that, like athletes, a referee has a bad day, which does not mean it is bad. This idea comes from Rick Tucci, who has a very long career and a recognized track record in the international refereeing of our sport. It should be mentioned that everything was done with the approval of Mr. Antonio Silvestri, Head of the UWW Refereeing Commission. Rick Tucci appreciates the support of Presidents Lalovic and Lee. He informs that this commission will not be only in name, it is intended to work with people who have a high level and are well regarded for the development of the work. It was agreed that the commission be made up of five (5) referees; one as President and four Members, being an essential requirement to speak English, so the Refereeing Commission of America is formed as follows: President, Casey Goessl (USA), members: Eduardo Goncalves (BRA), Gary Bird (CAN), Robert Lugo (ISV) and Abraham Galva (PUR), mention that the commission will take office from this date and will remain in office indefinitely; however, its members will be permanently evaluated and must set an example of professional behavior, adhering to sports ethics. It is expected in the future to have a female member within the commission, this commission will meet twice a year, once at the Pan American Championship and another prior to the Executive Committee meeting at the end of the year, in these meetings plans for improve and work in harmony with the world commission. Finally, it is reported that jointly with Mr. Antonio Silvestri, the basic functions of the commission were defined, being the following: **a)** General coordination of activities related to refereeing.



b) Establish goals and strategies to improve the level of the referees. c) Report to the World Commission the performance and quality in the performance of the referees. d) Develop and support women's refereeing. e) Coordinate with the UWW development department the training of referees and, f) The World Refereeing Commission is solely responsible for the promotions and descents of the referees; however, the UWWA commission may make recommendations. It is also invited that, if a country does not have referees, it can call on the commission to implement courses and be able to train current referees and help them improve their level and thus obtain recognition not only in our continent but worldwide. Mr. Stan Dziejczak comments that we are very fortunate in our continent with these people in high positions within the Refereeing Commission. The intention is to create a dynamic Wrestling without penalizing activity, it suggests that we should all start creating educational programs on our continent since refereeing has been predominantly led in Europe, so it is good to have this commission on our continent.

**EIGHTH:** regarding the information on the clinics for referees to be held in America in 2020, Mr. Casey Goessl is invited, who comments that the Pan-American Cadet event will be an event with level 1, 2 and 3 clinics if someone has any referee who wants to be part of the UWW, must participate in the level 1 course and attend the event to develop in the international ranking. There will be clinics two days prior to the event or one day depending on the level of the course. For the Junior Championship in Brasilia, the clinic will be level 2 and 3, urging them to bring as many international referees as they can so that they are ready for the next level. He ends by commenting that, if you have any questions or need information for the referees, do not hesitate to approach him or Yuri.

**NINTH:** Information about the new UWW regulations, by Mr. Don Ryan, Vice President of the UWWA: He comments that the information to be provided was shared to his email addresses and is also available on the UWW website. The first point to discuss is the registration process 3 or 4 days before the competition, at the start of the competition no changes will be accepted. He also comments on the official uniforms with which the referees must appear.



**TENTH:** Information on the qualification process for the XXXII Olympic Games, Tokyo 2020, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Sports Development Officer: He states that the general information did not change, it is seven days of competition from August 2 to 8 , will feature the participation of 288 athletes, 18 weight divisions in the 3 styles. He mentions that the qualifying events were the 2019 World Championship, the Continental events and, finally, the World Qualifier. The UWW will be very strict with the registration dates, which will be given later. It is confirmed that the World Qualifier event is held in the city of Sofia, Bulgaria, but on the dates of July 4-7, which is subject to confirming the qualifying tournaments in the other continents. Finally, mention the number of athletes classified so far.

**ELEVENTH:** Information on the qualification process for the 2022 IV Youth Olympic Games, to be held in the city of Dakar, Senegal, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Sports Development Officer: Indicates that there was some changes in this event; The first is that it will not count in the official program, with a Greco-Roman style fight. In its place there will be Beach Struggle; however, there is an increase in medals for our sport with a total of 18 gold. The classification event will be the same as the Buenos Aires 2018 classification model. The 2022 Pan-American Cadet Championship will be the qualifying tournament for our continent, with an athlete classified by weight category, but no country may have more than 2 places. by style; that is, it cannot classify the entire team.

**TWELVETH:** Report and analysis on the participation and results in the Pan-American U15, Cadet, 2019 Junior and Adult Championships, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Sports Development Officer: Begins clarifying that the information was prepared by the Comrade Eduardo Pérez Téllez who, for reasons already known, could not be present. These data are important for all National Federations to know what is the participation we have in the different events: In the 2019 adult Championship, 20 countries attended in Greco-Roman Style, 16 in women's freestyle and 21 in Freestyle, for a total of 265 athletes, 10 more than in 2018. Complete teams only the United States and Canada. It should be noted that 13 countries got medals in this event. In the Pan-American Junior Championship, 19 countries participated, 15 in the Greco-Roman Style; 19 in Women's Style and 19 in Freestyle Wrestling, with a total of 178 athletes, 19 more than in 2018. There were 3 complete teams and 11 countries obtained medals. In the Pan-American Cadet Championship, 14 countries participated, 11 in the Greco-Roman Style, 12 in Women's Wrestling and 14 and Freestyle, with a total of 185 athletes, 53 fewer than in 2018. The President appreciates



the work and statistical analysis carried out by comrade Eduardo Pérez Téllez, who unfortunately could not be present.

**THIRTEENTH:** Information on the participation and results obtained by the athletes of America, in the World Championships of the different categories and styles, during the year 2019, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Sports Development Officer: In the World Championship Cadets, held in Sofia, Bulgaria from July 29 to 04, 2019, with the participation of four countries, the United States, Canada, Mexico and Argentina with a total of 43 athletes, including 14 freestyle, 14 Greco-Roman and 14 women, a total of 7 medals were obtained. In the World Junior Championship held in Tallinn, Estonia from August 12 to 18, 2019, 6 countries participated, Chile, Brazil, Ecuador, Cuba, Canada and the United States, with a total of 55 athletes divided into 18 For the Free category, 14 Greco-Roman and 23 women, a total of 14 medals were obtained. 14 countries participated in the Senior World Championship held in Nur-sultan, Kazakhstan; Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras, Mexico, Canada, Peru, Puerto Rico, the United States and Venezuela, 103 athletes participated: 35 in freestyle, 29 in Greco-Roman and 39 in women, they obtained a total of 11 medals and 7 classified for the Olympic Games. 6 countries participated in the U23 World Championship: Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Puerto Rico and the United States. In total 56 athletes: 24 in freestyle, 12 in Greco-Roman and 20 in women, with a total of 10 medals.

**FOURTEENTH:** Presentation of the Calendar of the events of the Olympic Cycle (multi sports) from the year 2020 to the year 2023, by Mr. Rick Tucci: It mentions the events scheduled for 2020, with the Olympic Games being held in Tokyo, Japan and the I Bolivarian Youth Games in Sucre, Bolivia. I Junior Pan-American Games are scheduled for 2021 in Cali, Colombia; the XIX Bolivarian Games in Valledupar, Colombia; the III South American Youth Games in Rosario, Argentina; the XII Central American Sports Games in Santa Tecla, El Salvador. For 2022 the IV YouthOlympic Games in Dakar, Senegal are contemplated; the XII South American Games in Asunción, Paraguay; The XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games in Panama City, Panama, and the V South American Beach Games are scheduled for 2023 in Santa Marta, Colombia and the XVIII Pan-American Games in Santiago, Chile.



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**FIFTEENTH:** Report and evaluation of the XVIII Pan-American Sports Games, Lima 2019, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Sports Development Officer: In this regard, he gave a complete description of the aspects related to the competition venue, television broadcast, accommodation and food, transportation, anti-doping controls, awards and refereeing throughout the competition, highlighting that everything went smoothly and with high quality standards. It also presents the final medal table.

**SIXTEENTH:** Proposal of the Executive Committee on the classification system for the XIX Pan-American Sports Games, Santiago 2023: The president reports that, during the first thirteen editions of the Pan-American Games (1951-1999), there was no classification process for our sport. Participation was free. By order of PASO (now called Panam Sports), from the Pan-American Games held in 2003, in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the first qualifying event was held where the first 8 athletes of the Senior Pan-American Championship held the same year of the Games, the same was done for the 2007 and 2011 Pan-American Games. In February 2013, the crisis for our sport occurred due to the decision of the IOC Executive Committee, where it was put at risk the presence of the Wrestling in the Olympic Games. As part of the defense strategy, the Pan-American Committee for Associated Fights (CPLA), now known as “United World Wrestling Americas” (UWWA), proposed the International Federation of Associated Fights (FILA), now known as “United World Wrestling” (UWW), that like other sports, the Regional Games will also be part of the qualification process for the Toronto 2015 Pan-American Games. The decision was approved at the CPLA congress, held in Panama City, in April 2013. However, since the Technical Congress of the Toronto 2015 Pan-American Games, multiple disagreements were received from various National Federations, indicating that the system was not fair, as some countries have 4 classification opportunities, others 3 and others 2, for which a review was requested. In effect, the system used for Toronto 2015 and Lima 2019 established 1 place in the Pan-American Championship held the year before the Pan-American Games, 1 place in the South American Games, 1 place in the Central American and Caribbean Games and 5 places in the Championship. Pan-American of the year in which the Games were held. After the respective analysis, the UWWA Executive Committee proposes that for the Pan-American Games, Santiago 2023, in the 2022 Pan-American Championship four places be assigned and, in the 2023 Pan-American Championship, the other four places. This is intended to achieve equal classification opportunities for all countries, regardless of their geographical location or sports potential. Obviously, 6 “wild cards” will also be awarded to athletes from countries that participate in the process, but who do not achieve any classification. After several interventions, the modification proposed by the UWWA Executive Committee to the classification system for the XIX Pan-





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American Sports Games, Santiago 2023, was unanimously approved, and the UWW and Panam Sports must be duly notified. Subsequently, and prior to granting a 15-minute break for a Coffee Break, the President informs that a tribute / tribute will be paid to Mrs. Berta Andrade, wife of Mr. Manuel Andrade, former president of the CPLA and honorary member of the Bureau of the UWW, as well as a member of the UWW Hall of Fame. She will be presented with a trophy specially sent by President Nenad Lalovic, in recognition, among other things, because before the technology existed, she was responsible for many years to perform secretarial work in all continental Championships held in America. The delivery will be made by the 2 members of the Bureau present and Doctor Daniel Acéves.

**SEVENTEENTH:** Presentation of the program "zero tolerances for harassment, harassment, hazing and / or acts of sports initiation", by Dr. Daniel Acéves, representative of the athletes on the UWWA Executive Committee: Dr. Daniel presents the program called "hazing, bullying, harassment and violence in the Wrestling" where it shows how it is shaped and provides international information regarding regulations, definitions and terminology. He comments that, in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Executive Committee of the United World Wrestling Americas and exposed in the Ordinary Congress of the UWWA 2018, held in the city of Lima, Peru, the Pronouncement of "Zero Tolerance" was determined as a priority action "To the behaviors of Harassment, Harassment, Hazing and / or Acts of Sports Initiation in our sport and points out that for this purpose a specific and specialized care protocol has been established to form the Ethics and Prevention Committees to prevent and address "Zero Tolerance", as well as the way in which the National Fighting Federations of the American Continent (managers, clubs, associations, referees, coaches, athletes and other official and technical personnel of the fighting sport) can apply it, with the purpose of promoting a culture of gender equality in a climate free of violence that allows maintaining a respectful, ethical and dignified environment that guarantees free practice to sport. The President thanks Dr. Daniel Acéves for the contribution made and presents all delegates present with a copy of the document in question.



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**EIGHTEENTH:** Information about the UWWA Hall of Fame project. President Lee comments that this point is the idea and initiative of Doctor Daniel Acéves. Although the ideal is to have its own headquarters and place, for the moment it has the support of the United States Fighting Federation, who have graciously offered a space within the premises that occupy the Hall of Fame of that country, what which we appreciate, the intention in the future is to have a place of their own. Doctor Daniel Acéves comments that it is important that the Wrestling of the continent and above all its history are represented. He then presents an example of halls of fame from other disciplines. It indicates that we have always been asked if we have a hall of fame since in almost all disciplines there is some expression of this type, so it considers this idea transcendental, due to the participation of the Wrestling in the history of humanity, especially at the ancient and modern Olympics. Rich Bender and Rick Tucci, representing the United States Fighting Federation, have joined the project in a very active way, opening up to be able to create a space within what exists in Oklahoma City, where the United States Wrestling Hall of Fame. It is worth mentioning that this place is a tourist attraction. We have been analyzing the possibilities of establishing our Hall of Fame in these facilities, which are well attended by visitors. The initial proposal is that there be sections where the most outstanding of our continent are present, especially Olympic, world medalists, referees, coaches, leaders and also sponsors. Stan Dziedzic comments that he agrees with the initiative and suggests locating somewhere more central within our continent to have his own facility. The important thing is that the first step has already been taken. The president thanks Dr. Daniel Acéves again and asks him to coordinate with Mr. Rich Bender an early visit to the museum in Oklahoma and thus establish the following actions to make this transcendental project a reality.

**NINETEENTH:** Information on the organization of the 2020 U15 Pan-American Championships (Children), Cadets and Junior, by representatives of each of the host countries, who make an audio-visual presentation. Mr. Roberto Leitao informs that the Pan-American Junior Championship will be held in Brasilia City, capital of the Republic of Brazil. There were other cities to hold the event; However, this place was chosen because it is a very beautiful city, it has many museums and beautiful architecture. It is expected to have the participation of many countries, it presents the gym to which the inspection has already been carried out, the hotel for the UWW delegates will be four and three stars for the delegations, the hotel zone is five minutes from the gym. Regarding the Pan-American Cadet Championship, the president of the Argentine Wrestling Federation, Mr. Fernando Rittner, made the presentation, reporting that the event will take place in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, from



June 26 to 28. The delegations will be housed in a four-star hotel very close to the venue, there will be level 1, 2 and 3 refereeing clinics. Details of the event will be sent soon. Finally, Mr. Yuri Maier makes the presentation of the U15 Pan-American Championship, which will be based in the city of Managua, Nicaragua.

**TWENTIETH:** Report on the Pan-American Beach Wrestling Championship, which will be the island of Barbados: The President of the Barbados Wrestling Federation, Mr. Rollins Alleyne, comments that they are working quite hard to carry out the event, and are looking forward to participation from various countries. They will wonder if Barbados is a safe country for the Championship and yes, it is, it only has one airport. There are some countries that need a visa, but they are working to do the application procedure. This event will be explosive, a lot to see, a lot to do and above all a lot to enjoy, it will not be just a competitive event. Pedro Gama Filo, in his capacity as president of the UWW World Beach Wrestling Commission, thanks the organizing committee and comments that the Beach Wrestling is taking a good course and that it should become a strategic tool for the fight, especially For countries that do not have facilities, mattresses or financing, it is a strategy used in Brazil, which has given good results. Please include this Championship on your calendars as the Federation of Barbados is doing a very good job and ready to host them. The President congratulates them for their work and wishes them many successes.

**TWENTY-FIRST:** Information on the 2020 Pan-American Grappling Wrestling Championship, by Mr. Pedro Gama: He states that at the end of 2019 they had meetings to implement tournaments of this type of fight in Brazil; However, since it is not an Olympic sport, they do not have the support to carry out the event, which is why it is not confirmed at the moment. There is a possibility that it will take place after the Pan-American Championship. Information and details will be sent in due course.

**TWENTY-SECOND:** Report on the “training base” carried out in Colorado Springs, USA, by Mr. Carlos Nancuvil, designated coordinator: It states that the training camp was held in the city of Colorado Springs, USA, prior to the Pan-American Championship and Olympic Qualifier in Ottawa, Canada, which took place from February 23 to March 04 of 2020, it was financed by-



Panam Sports with the sum of US \$ 17,582.00 (seventeen thousand five hundred and eighty-two dollars) and by the United States Olympic Committee, who contributed the amount of US \$ 35,000.00 (thirty-five thousand dollars). In addition to free accommodation and food, each participant will receive a contribution of US \$ 500.00 (five hundred dollars) for their air ticket, money that will be delivered through the National Olympic Committees. 30 athletes and 10 coaches participated. The countries that attended were Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras and Mexico. In conclusion, the camp was a complete success, for which he thanks Rich Bender and the USA Wrestling technical team for the support and collaboration provided. The President thanks Mr. Carlos Ñancuvil for the work carried out as coordinator and also the Federation of Wrestling of the USA for the collaboration provided.

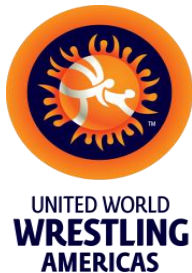
**TWENTY-THIRD:** Report on the technical assistance program of the UWW, for participation in the Pan-American Senior Championship and Olympic qualification, by Mr. Yuri Maier, Sports Development Officer: He mentions that, in addition to the above, because it is an Olympic year, the UWW through the technical assistance program, is covering the value of air tickets, accommodation and food for a group of 29 people between athletes and coaches, who came to participate in Ottawa, Canada, in both competitions, which It cost US \$ 80,288.00 (eighty thousand two hundred and eighty-eight dollars). It is worth mentioning that, from the group of scholarship athletes, eight (8) won medals in the recently completed Senior Pan-American Championship. It is important to publicize all of the above because, in the past, the perception was that the National Federations paid an annual fee to the UWW but, without receiving any return; however, mattresses are now also donated and athletes receive scholarships as part of the Olympic solidarity program. Regarding the issue of the training base and all technical assistance programs, the President states that as leaders we must be careful not to attribute to ourselves merits that do not correspond to us since although we had financial support from the United States Olympic Committee, from Panam Sports and the UWW nothing would have been possible without the valuable work of Yuri Maier who for several months, was tirelessly sending emails and making phone calls to the organizers and National Federations to resolve all visa procedures and others. processes. Mr. Pedro Gama Filho also thanks Yuri Maier and Rich Bender for the support provided as well as President Francisco Lee for their work to benefit the development of our sport in America. Members of the Assembly agree to record their appreciation for the support received, the President of the UWW, Mr. Nenad Lalovic and the Director of the Department of Development of the UWW Mrs. Deqa Niamkey.



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**TWENTY-FOURTH:** Information on the UWW Congress, to be held on September 06, in the city of Belgrade, Serbia: The president states that, on other occasions, the congress was held within the framework of the Olympic Games but, due to the drawbacks due to the accreditation issue and the cost for delegates from countries that do not have athletes in the competition, the UWW Bureau agreed to hold the congress at the World Junior Championship. In due course the agenda, details and respective information will be sent. In said Congress the election will be held for members of the Bureau, our colleague and friend Pedro Gama Filho will be running for reelection. They also announced their candidacy, colleagues Johnny Zambrano from Ecuador and Don Ryan from Canada. Hopefully we can have many more members from America within the UWW Bureau.

**TWENTY-FIFTH:** Miscellaneous Points: **a)** The President refers to the South American Beach Games to be held in the city of Santa Marta, Colombia in the year 2023. In this regard, he will send to all the Federations involved a copy of the letter received by the organizing committee. FYI, Beach Wrestling was not considered in these games until less than a month ago. Since last year, efforts were made before the corresponding authorities, for which we relied heavily on the gold medal won by the Colombian athlete at the World Beach Games. Finally, the inclusion of our sport was achieved. The President acknowledges Mrs. Fanny Echeverry, since much of the success was working together, as a team. Although she did the same, Fanny was lobbying locally for the inclusion of our sport to be approved. **b)** The president refers to the use of official uniforms (singlets) by athletes. It indicates that some Federations have a problem with athletes who have been contacted by sponsors and / or uniform manufacturers, so they wear singlets with different colors and designs than those authorized by the UWWA. The President comments that, for several years, the UWW has established a norm that the design of the official uniform of each Federation must be sent to the department headed by Lord Gordon Templeman at the UWW, for its approval. The problem is compliance with the provision because the UWW cannot send people to the continental Championships to verify that the uniform that athletes are wearing is the approved one. Although they can see the competitions through streaming, in the distance they cannot change anything. In the past it was thought that referees could do this work, but it happens that they do not have the file to verify the designs. Therefore, the UWWA Executive Committee will request information from Mr. Gordon about all the designs approved for the National Federations of America and a person from our technical staff will be appointed, who will be in charge of verifying that the athletes use only the uniforms with the approved designs. Otherwise, the UWW will be informed to apply the fine of US \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) for non-compliance. We will send a document in due course, so that they can warn



their athletes, so that they do not have problems and are not fined. The delegate of Ecuador declares that he agrees with the aforementioned and indicates that, in the event of being fined, the US \$ 2,000.00 will be paid jointly between the coach and athlete, at a rate of 50% each, for not complying with the provisions, since that the Federation does comply with giving them official uniforms, but they use those of their sponsors. Yuri Meier comments that there are two or three companies on the continent that directly contact athletes and that is the main problem because they should do it through the National Federation. The delegate of Puerto Rico asks what are the official events that require the use of the official uniform, to which Yuri Maier replies that they are all the events that are on the UWWA calendar. c) The delegate of Chile asks which country will organize the 2020 South American Senior Championship. It is reported that, so far, there is no venue. The delegate of Argentina comments that they have requested the headquarters for this year, in the month of November in the city of Buenos Aires. The delegate of Chile asks the other countries to participate with complete teams, since there are very few competitions and it is not time to lose any. d) The President presents the initiative to organize the "I America's Cup for Women's Wrestling", which would take place in the month of November of this year, in some State of the Mexican Republic, with the participation of the 8 best-ranked countries in the recently completed Senior Pan-American Championship. The competition format would be similar to that used in the World Cup, with 2 days of competition, only in the Olympic weight divisions. The organizing country must guarantee all participants, free of charge, accommodation, food, internal transport and prizes. The idea is to get a sponsor and broadcast, at least, the final matches on national and international television. After several interventions, the General Assembly approves the idea, for which a meeting will be organized with the countries involved to socialize and enrich the project, as well as to confirm participation. e) The last point to be treated is of transcendental importance, given that, in the month of June of next year in Cali, Colombia, the "I Junior Pan-American Games" will be held, which were created by Panam Sport to vitalize the work of the previous category for adults and give continuity to the athletes who participated in the III Youth Games in Buenos Aires two years ago. We have had two requests from Panam Spots for our sport, which we consider are not appropriate; however, we want to hear your opinions. The first proposal is that all athletes who win a gold medal automatically qualify for the Pan-American Games in Santiago de Chile 2023. The problem is that our regulation establishes that only one wrestler from each country is allowed by weight and style, so there is no We could have two athletes in the event that the same country wins a gold medal at the Cali Games and later classifies in the process established for the Santiago 2023 Games. Furthermore, in the hypothetical case that the idea could



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is unanimously approved that the current international regulations are respected. The second proposal has to do with the age of the participants. Panam Sports insists that the category must be Under 23, since the average age of the participants in the past Pan-American Sports Games was 26 years; However, we have said that in our continent we have never organized an Under 23 Pan-American Championship. They only have it scheduled in Asia and Europe. On the other hand, the Sub 23 category belongs to Senior athletes. It must be remembered that the National Federations receive an annual global budget, which must be destined to participate in all the continental Championships of the different categories and styles, being that on average we have 250 athletes in a Senior Pan-American Championship, if we do a Championship Pan-American Sub 23 category, it is foreseeable that the National Federations would have to share the same budget and there will be fewer athletes in the Senior Pan-American Championship. The problem is that it would be mandatory to organize a Pan-American Championship in the Sub 23 category, which would qualify for the I Junior Pan-American Games, with the drawback of the high cost of organization, with the aggravating factor of not being certain how many would participate. The delegate of Ecuador asks how much is paid to the International Federation for the organization rights of a Pan-American Junior Championship, and Senior and Sub 23. The answer is US \$ 8,000.00 for Junior, US \$ 25,000.00 for Senior and Sub 23 for less US \$ 10,000.00. Specifically, any National Federation that wants to organize the Pan-American Championship in the Sub 23 category must have a minimum availability of US \$ 100,000.00. The President indicates that Panam Sports has pressured him to become Under 23, even the week before at the Executive Committee meeting, held in the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico, he was asked to make a decision, to which he indicated that it would deal with it at the meeting of the Executive Committee and in the UWWA Congress and, if most of the countries agreed that the age was U23, we would do it in that category. Finally, the President states that, personally, he would be very happy to organize one more Pan-American Championship on the continent; however, he would not like a country to spend money to later become indebted. The president asks if any country wants to organize the Pan-American Championship, Sub 23 category next year, with no Federation interested. Then the President asks if they agree that the Wrestling competition in the I Junior Pan-American Games, Cali 2021, be held in the Junior category; that is, at the age of 18-20 years and that the qualifying Championship is the 2021 Pan-American Junior Championship. The proposal is unanimously supported.

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**TWENTY-SIXTH:** The President reports that, having exhausted the agenda proposed for this Congress, it is considered to have ended in the same place and on the date, being thirteen hours and thirty minutes. Likewise, he thanks all attendees for their presence and participation, being a sign of responsibility and interest in the development of the Wrestling on our continent. He also thanks and congratulates the members of the Executive Committee for their work and support, special recognition to Mr. Yuri Maier, for his dedication and dedication to the work and, finally, to his wife Ligia for the support provided for so many years. Next, ask everyone to come forward for the official photo. The President and Secretary of the UWWA attest to what has been done.

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