

NY WSO Executive Board Meeting – Sunday, January 14, 2024

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order by WSO President, James McDermott, at 7:05PM

Board members present: James McDermott, Erica Caso, Alyssa Garrison, Sara Soto, Joe Rodriguez, Michelle Woogen, and Brian DeGennaro

Absent with notice: Frank Ford

Absent: Chris Smith

Agenda:

- 2024 NYS Championships: Sponsorships
- 2024 WSO Awards: Outstanding Athlete & Coach of the Year Awards

Meeting Minutes:

GENERAL BUSINESS

- No new financial report from USAW
- WSO leadership & training updates
- 2024 NYS Championships
 - Event is sanctioned
 - Hotel updates, possibility of banquet on Saturday evening is in the works
 - Documents for equipment lending & volunteers are live
- Scholarships are *live* on nywso.com/athlete-support
- NY WSO store & podcast are in progress
- NY WSO records discussion

NYS CHAMPIONSHIPS SPONSORSHIPS

- Sponsorship tiers presented & discussed; Frank Ford will take the lead on these

NY WSO AWARDS

- Outstanding Athlete Awards
 - Changes proposed: removing “Most Improved” award, removing the nomination process, removing the 2 WSO meet eligibility requirement
 - Eligibility is determined by state rankings & a point-based rubric in order to be unbiased and determine winners mathematically
 - James motions to change the Outstanding Athlete awards process: removing “Most Improved” award, removing the nomination process, removing the 2 WSO meet eligibility requirement, and utilizing the state rankings & a grading rubric to determine winners. The motion is seconded by Brian DeGennaro, motion passes unanimously.

- Coach of the Year Award
 - Proposed new award; winner would be determined by a points-based rubric, removing biases
 - James motions to create this new Coach of the Year Award. Alyssa Garrison seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to go into executive session by James McDermott, seconded by Sara Soto. All approve.
- Motion to end executive session by James McDermott, seconded by Sara Soto. All approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.