

**Operations Advisory Council Meeting
Fargo, North Dakota
Friday July 11th, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER:

Members present:

USWOA Board Members - Jeff Jones, Monica Shommer, LeeAnn Johnson

West Reg - Kera Wenzel and Danielle Dalton

Southern Plains - Cassie Lowery

Central Reg - Patti Rosbottom & Pat Culp (zoom)

SE Reg - Kelli Shuffler & Brandy Lindsley

Northern Plains - Jolene Bonte & Mark Bullington

NE Reg - Ed Gould, Melinda Watkins (Zoom)

USAW STAFF - Pete Isais, Dave Mathews

State Chairpersons Rep - Chris Kallai

Absent Members: Jordan Best

Additional Operations Officials present: Vickie Tolin from WY, Kyle Pucci from PA

Meeting called to order at 12:05 by Jeff Jones

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Kelli Shuffler read minutes from the 2024 meeting. **Motion** to accept by LeeAnn Johnson; **second** by Kera Wenzel **Approved** as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Testing. No report because the committee will be eliminated

Clinic: No report because the committee will be eliminated

Grassroots: Jeff reported that he didn't do anything on this. Monica recommended that Kera would be a good chairman for this committee.

P&P: Moved to new business

Evaluation: Danielle reported that they did not get as far as they would have liked. They need to sit down and tighten up the actionable items. Will get with Dave to get this added to the system. Danielle asked Pete to give some feedback on what to include. Dave will also have some input on evaluations. He will be adding the metric data fields that can be evaluated. Chris added how important the customer service aspect is. Change is hard and as we get farther into the new system communication is so important and having good customer service is very important.

OEP: Jeff reported that there were no OEPs again this year. Since launching the new system they plan to work with Dave to get those planned and he will be teaching the classes this year. Kera referred to the open Zoom that Dave does each week and recommended that we start offering that to Operations Officials as well. Kelli recommended that this committee be restructured to ensure that the best people are in place to get the training out.

Data: Monica will be taking over here to update all data

Assignment: Jeff reported that the three board members worked with Pete, Christina and Dave to assign all events.

*We discussed reevaluating all the committees and adding working members.

P&P - Chair LeeAnn Johnson, Kelli Shuffler, Kera Wenzel, Brandy Lindsley

Evaluation - Chair Danielle Dalton, Monica Schommer, Jolene Bonte, Brandy Lindsley, Dave Matthews - assist

OEP - Chair Kera Wenzel, LeeAnn Johnson, Danielle Dalton, Jolene Bonte, Kelli Shuffler

Data - Chair Monica Schommer

Assignments - Chair Monica Schommer, LeeAnn Johnson, Kera Wenzel, Pete Isais, Dave Matthew, Chris Kallai

Grassroots - Chair Kera Wenzel, LeeAnn Johnson, Danielle Dalton, Jolene Bonte, Kyle Pucci, Ed Gould, Chris Kallia Jr, Patty Rosbottom

Motion to accept LeeAnn Johnson, Second by Monica

Monica will reach out to all committee chairs monthly to check progress.

NEW BUSINESS

The National Office wants to do away with all current categories and will start everyone out at an Ops 3 (TSO) and then promote from there. Per Dave a TSO is responsible for running cables, setting up video/streaming, scales and kiosks, day of set up, networking, controllers, Clocks/ Monitors, OBS, etc. Everyone needs to have that base knowledge so that will become the new starting point for Operations categories. We will maintain a 3,2,1 level system. It was mentioned that we should add a mentor level for the highest level Operations Officials.

P&P - LeeAnn will email a copy to everyone.

Proposed changes:

Remove the 1C and 1E.

Address the mat officials that were listed as a PA/Ops. Are you truly working ops?

Confirm with state that officials are in good standing

This will be voted on this week via a poll in the membership system and I will update the minutes.

Awards

- Alice Riggle – Katie Boyden
- Bernie Norris – Kera Wenzel

Rule Book: LeeAnn reported that the last update was 2014 but she and Kelli had been working to edit and update. Planning for a 9/1/2025 release.

Emeritus -

- None

Waivers -

- None

Upgrades

Ops1 to Ops1E

- None

Ops1C to Ops1

- None

No upgrades as we are starting over with levels. No downgrades as essentially everyone was downgraded.

Motion to adjourn by Jolene, Second Monica

Meeting Adjourned 1:22PM