

USA Weightlifting Board of Directors

Meeting via Teleconference

August 8, 2019, 6pm Mountain Time.

Board Present: Ursula Papandrea (Chair), Jenny Schumacher (Vice Chair), Sean Waxman, Travis Cooper (USOPC AAC Representative, AAC Chair), Lou Lauria, Jasha Faye and Paula Aranda.

Absent: Butch Curry, Cortney Batchelor, Nick Maitetta

Staff Present: Phil Andrews, CEO

An extensive discussion occurred around the appeal of an athlete, received via the USA Weightlifting Athlete Advisory Council with the support of the USA Weightlifting Athlete Advisory Council who required an event to retain Olympic eligibility in Period 2 of the Olympic qualifying system.

Several potential improvements to qualifying procedure to ensure we are giving the fullest support to World Championship, Pan American Championship, Pan American Games and Olympic Games participants were put forward.

Arguments for and against inclusive legal risks including the risks were discussed including those brought forward by both staff and legal counsel.

Motion (UP, JS):

“To allow any athlete with eligibility from Period 1 to be able to enter an Olympic event remaining in period 2 based upon that total from Period 1, not in compliance with our current selection process”

In Favor:

UP, JF, PA, TC

Against:

SW, JS, LL