

VP Operations Report
2020 OWA Annual General Meeting
October 3rd, 2020

I am the newest member of the OWA Board of Directors and am in my first term as VP of Operations with the OWA, taking over when Ruth took her maternity leave. This was right when we were hit with the Covid-19 pandemic.

My expectation of being on the Board differed from my experience. Only experiencing this position during a pandemic has created a lot of challenges for not only myself and the Board but for the clubs and athlete collectives. With that being said, I am beyond proud of every single member of the OWA for continuing on in this spot we love.

As a non-profit organization we have faced the challenges posed by the pandemic with communication with our PSOs, clubs and athletes. Our Board has done a tremendous job of meticulously but quickly making changes to memberships and competitions to include athletes and continue to promote the sport.

We are exploring different avenues to allow athletes compete while staying safe and minimizing exposure. One of which was the exploration of online competitions and this can be seen from our "Lockdown Liftoff." I believe online competitions can be a valuable tool for us as a club when trying to minimize exposure but still promote high level competition. We already have strategies in place for a competition like this stemming from our Club Challenges and using both the Lockdown Liftoff and Club Challenges we can get creative with how we compete.

I am excited to continue my position and learn on how to better serve the OWA and its members to help grow the sport. Thank you to the clubs and athletes who have continued to train, compete and coach you are inspiring and motivate me to serve you better.

Sincerely,
David Di Donato