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Dear Wrestling Community:

Over the past several years, the IWCOA has made many changes in an attempt to increase communication with its membership. With our website IWCOA.net and membership management system we have the ability to send group emails to our membership as well as send out renewal notices, intake donations, initiate nominations and voting for our awards, and administer online registration for our official's clinic series and for our banquets.

If you have already joined, either through the website or through the mail, **THANK YOU** for your membership. Below is a list of benefits you receive by being a member of the IWCOA. As you can see, we do many positive things to advocate and promote our great sport.

Exciting things going on in with the IWCOA:

- Girls Wrestling
 - We are very close to having girls wrestling established as an IHSA sanctioned sport! We have held 3 HS Girls state tournaments and this season will be the 4th. Please make sure you are having your AD's fill out the emerging sport form on the IHSA website.
- Co-sponsored the 2nd Annual Fall Coaches & Officials Convention with Beat the Streets Chicago on October 25 & 26 in Countryside, IL.
 - This was a great success and has turned into a must attend! We had a fantastic group of clinicians headlined by 3+ hours of instruction from J'Den Cox. Details will be released before the IHSA state tournament on our 2020 Convention. Make your plans to join us in 2020!
- Official's recruitment program
 - We recruited and trained 60+ new officials this fall. We need your help in promoting this need by encouraging your wrestlers and former wrestlers/alumni to be officials. The future of the sport depends on it! Reach out to me with any questions please.
- Illinois/Indiana Classic Dual
 - We are hosting this year at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, IL on Sunday March 15, 2020. We are looking to build a powerhouse team and need your help. Please encourage your state champions to participate. This is always a great experience for the wrestlers, and the gear we provide them is awesome!
- All-State Convention (formerly Banquet) in April
 - We have revamped this provide a unique experience of recognition and education for wrestlers, coaches, officials, and parents.

Your membership also includes:

- Free Coaches Pass Admittance to the Fresh-Soph state series (regionals, sectionals, and state).
- Nomination and Voting rights for all awards given by the IWCOA.

Online Registration can be done at <https://iwcoa.net/membership/>. The IWCOA is a great organization with which to get involved. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at iwcoa@outlook.com.

Yours in Wrestling,

Nate Kessen, IWCOA Membership Chairman