2019 VC Apprentice Report

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Hey all, It has been amazing!

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for electing me to be part of the executive for the last year. It has been a great experience learning what the executive does, and what each role brings to the table. I am truly impressed by the huge effort and countless hours each member of the executive puts in, the commitment is unfathomable!

The level of negotiations that take place between our organization and the OAWA are not for the faint of heart and were a huge eye opener to me. It is safe to say that we have the right people in the right roles. Especially having so many strong personalities in a room, they are able to hash out deals that are favorable for all parties involved.

Our organization continues to move forward with the times which was seen with our bid system being put online, taking a task that use to take hours and many emails back and forth simplified to a task that now takes our members only minutes. It’s this kind of savviness, along with simplifying the registration process that will make it easier to recruit new officials to our organization.

The OAWOA swag that we have been able to purchase and acquire over the last 2 seasons was not a small undertaking to develop. I can say that I love mine and wear it with pride!

The OAWOA has been taking strides to become even more fiscally responsible, as you will see in the financial report. I would love to see the same type of tech savviness that we have applied to our registration and bid system come to the finance side with the ability to pay our registration fees online.

The technical package continues to grow and because of this we will be able to develop new officials consistently, and aide in the development of our current officials to help them achieve their goals.

Being a part of this executive for the last season has been an honor, but learning each role in just one year is a huge task, which is why I believe the apprentice role should be extended to a 2-year term

In closing, it has been an amazing experience being part of this executive, with each person knowing there role so well, everything seems to work like a well-oiled machine. I hope everyone enjoys themselves at this year AGM, being a part of this organization is not just about being a wrestling official, there is also a social aspect to it, and we should never forget that.

Thank you for this opportunity and I love you guys!!!!!!

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