



Wachovia Arena in Wilkes-Barre will be the site of the **Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling State Championships** March 26 and 27, 2010 with 1,250 wrestlers expected to attend the two day event. This marks the first time in the 40-plus year's history of the event that it will be held in the Northeast part of the state. The committee, which consists of several local wrestlers, coaches and members of the business community, has worked hard to have this prestigious event held in the area for 2010 and 2011. Sponsorships for one of the largest wrestling tournament held in Pennsylvania are still available. For additional information please contact any of the Committee members or by going to [www.pajw.org](http://www.pajw.org) and or [www.pa-d2wrestling.com](http://www.pa-d2wrestling.com)

Seated from left: Vito Pasone, YMCA Wrestling Club and former Meyer's wrestler; Schuyler Frey, Tournament Director and Steve Poremba, Director of Marketing for Wachovia Arena. Standing from left: Bob Hawkins, WNEP-TV and former Hanover High School and Wilkes wrestler; Merle Mackin, Executive Director Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau; John Ratajczak, RAK Information Systems, present Wyoming Area High School wrestling coach and former Coughlin wrestler; Kurt Grabfelder, Summit Wrestling Club coach and former Cheltenham HS. and Bloomsburg U. wrestler.; John Maday, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and Gary Siegel, Golden Business Machines, Tunkhannock Coach and former Crestwood and Syracuse wrestler. (Harp Heffernan Photo)