

AOOEC Chair - AGM Report 2014

Our membership list has slipped from 260 to 161 since 2013. However there is no reason for concern as our membership fee of \$5 culled the list to actual officials, as the previous list had many coaches, athletes, etc who simply checked official on their registration forms.

Once again we were busy coordinating the Ontario officials for a couple of major events:
Pan Am Cup Combined Events, Ottawa - 43 Ontario, 7 QC, 1 BC, 6 USA officials
Ontario Senior Championships Ottawa – 53 Ontario, 9 QC, 1 BC, 6 USA officials

In addition we were able to procure invitations to the following meets:
Canadian Indoor Championships Montreal – 12 Ontario officials
Canadian Senior Championships, Moncton – 11 Ontario officials
Canadian Junior Championships, Ste Therese – 17 Ontario officials
NACAC under 23 Championships Kamloops – 2 Ontario officials
Canadian Youth Championships Langley – 1 Ontario official

In continuing our goal of being pro-active in motivating our officials to become more qualified, a request for applications for out-of-province travel for mentoring and experience produced 28 applicants.

We were able to arrange mentoring for the following:
6 officials at the Canadian Senior Championships in Moncton, 5 funded by AO
7 officials were mentored at the Canadian Juniors, 3 funded by AO
1 at Canadian Indoor
1 at NACAC under23, funded by AO
1 at Canadian Youth funded by AO

In addition you will see from the report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading that we had a record high number of mentoring and upgrading opportunities within the province.

We are pleased that our website is being updated regularly with upgrading criteria, pertinent forms, and an up-to-date list of officials by Level and Discipline. We would still like to add several more technical forms to have report forms readily available for all events.

The AOOEC met 3 times by conference calls and there were also countless sub-committee meetings. In addition, as chair I was able to attend the NOC meeting in April and to exchange ideas with other branches. Meeting face to face with other branch chairs and NOC members proved valuable in arranging officiating and mentoring opportunities for our officials.

For 2015 one of our goals will be to have as many of our officials as possible experience officiating at the Pan Am Games, Parapan and other associated events. If opportunities arise we will also look for openings for our officials at other events, eg Canadian Indoor in Montreal, Canadian Jr/Sr in Edmonton, Canadian Youth in Ste Therese. In addition, we would like to offer opportunities for all Ontario officials to have officiating experiences at our Provincial Championships and to continue to offer upgrading opportunities for those officials striving to become more qualified.

I would like to thank the members of the AEOOC for their continuing support and assistance. A special vote of thanks goes to rookie executive members Sherry Purdie who took on several new projects as our Director Awards and Incentives and René Van Anandel, who took on the role of Treasurer when Lisa Ferdinand became Chair of the AO Board. Thanks also Lisa Ferdinand for her help on behalf of AO and to the AO staff in particular Anthony Biggar and Wendy Lee for their continuing contributions.

Respectively submitted
Peter Hocking
AOOEC Chair

AOOEC Vice Chair - AGM Report 2014

This year I continued to refine the Comprehensive Introductory Clinic for new officials and those needing a clinic at Level Two. I was part of the presentation team for the Introductory Clinic in both Guelph and Toronto.

I participated in a number of the executive conference calls during the year.

This year I took on the responsibility of keeping the list of registered officials in Ontario up-to-date. Although, the number of officials who registered in 2014 (161) is down from both 2013 (230) and 2012 (228) the 10 year average from 2005-2014 averages out at 169. Registration ranged from a high of 230 registrations in 2013 to a low of 94 in 2005.

It has been a pleasure being part of the Athletics Ontario Officials' Executive Council this past year and I look forward to an extremely busy year in 2015.

Sincerely,

Tim Slocombe, AOOEC Vice-Chair

To Level 2:	Catton, Patrick Patterson, Rob Wilson, Linda	DuBois, Bernard Tsukada, Anne	Hick, Jeremy Watkins, Rick
To Level 3:	Caulfield, John - Field Referee Jumps Ferdinand, Lisa - Horizontal Jumps Midha, Vinesh - Vertical Jumps Moncur, Dave - Track Referee Perry, Ann - Umpire Reid, Ian - Umpire Shapiro, Leo - Starter Thompson, Doreen - Horizontal Jumps Watts, Sherry -Timekeeper	Ferdinand, Lisa - CE Referee Ferdinand, Lisa - Track Referee Miyashiro, Patricia - Throws Neptune, Ted - Starter Powell, Sharon -Throws Rumball, Alison - Umpire Stevenson, John - Finish Line Watts, Sherry - Finish line Van Anandel, René - Starter	
To Provincial List:	Slocombe, Janet - Jury of Appeal		
To National List:	Tucker, Bob - Technical Manager		
To Level 4:	Berneche, Jan - Horizontal Jumps Freedman, Gary - Horizontal Jumps Johnson, Cameal - Umpire Slocombe, Janet - Field Referee Jumps	Downing, Jacquie - Walk Judge Friday, Alicia - Umpire Preece, Jim - Throws Van Anandel, René - Starter's Assistant	
To Level 5:	Barsam, Mike - Throws Moncur, Cathy - Umpire Slocombe, Tim - Field Referee Jumps Vasilic, Helen - Track Referee	Mayhue, Larry - Starter's Assistant Purdie, Sherry - Umpire Snyder, Darryl - Field Referee Throws	

Resources and Materials

Thanks to Sherry Purdie, Helen Vasilic and Steve Fall for their work on a very significant project, namely an outline of skills and requirements for umpires at each level. Once finalized, the document will provide both officials and mentors with a clear picture of expectations. It is our intention to develop similar documents for other disciplines as well over the next year.

AO Web site

We are always looking for ideas and input as to what officials would like to see on the officials' page of the AO web site. If you have any suggestions, please forward to Peter.

It has been a pleasure to work with the other members of your executive over this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacquie Downing
Director of Seminars and Upgrading

Report from Ian Reid - Director of Availability

Another couple of productive seasons have been completed with the AO titled meets on the whole being well attended/officiated. Detailed numbers are in the tables below.

Non-major championship meets (CE, Relays, Prep meets) were more of a struggle to get enough qualified officials, necessitating some near-last minute scrambling.

I'm sure by now most are familiar with the coordination process for AO meets (which is still always being fine-tuned). As different clubs host different meets and they are the ones currently directly responsible for communicating to officials, I pass them the list of available officials for their specific meet and they will then contact you to officially invite you.

Even though you may have provided your availability to me a couple months previously, please confirm with the meet director when they do contact you. As people's schedules can change over the months, without that confirmation closer to the meet date, we can't know for sure if that day is still free on your calendar. We (A00 exec) are then able to make the officiating assignments based on qualifications, meet needs and desires for mentoring or new experiences (so please make sure Jacquie is up to speed on any mentoring requests).

I have enjoyed the past couple of years as your Director of Availability and hope that the process changes we've brought in have made things smoother for you, the official. I am interested in continuing in this position for the next two years, so if that jives with the electorate, please feel free to send any suggestions for further improving the way this all works.

Indoor Season 2014

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
CE Champs & Prep meet 1	Jan 26/York	23/?
Prep meet 2	Feb 9/York	27/22
Youth-Senior Champs	Feb 15 - 16/York	38/36
BMJ Champs	Mar 1 - 2/York	37/34
Relay Champs	Mar 23/York	28/19
Unavailable		7
Total responses		58

Some confirmed officials from Youth-Seniors and/or BMJs did not attend.

Outdoor Season 2014

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
10,000 Champs	May 18/London	3/?
10km RW Champs	June 1/Toronto	15/?
CE Champs & Prep meet	June 14 - 15/Toronto	39/37
Junior-Senior Champs	July 19 - 20/Ottawa	27/*
BMJ Champs	Aug 2 - 3/Windsor	28/*
20km RW Champs	Sept 28/Welland	8/?
Total responses		60

*Outdoor Jun-Sen and BMJ championships had officials coordinated by Peter Hocking and Helen Vasilic respectively and they received availability from officials directly and so these numbers are incomplete.

Report of the Director of Awards and Incentives

Athletics Ontario Officials General Meeting November 15, 2014

It has been a very interesting and a huge learning experience this year as Director of Awards and Incentives.

My year started off by setting up an excel document with all of the Ontario officials names and their years of service in order to arrange for distribution of the provincial volunteer service award pins. It was a very time-consuming project since I was entering information from hand documented information over many years. Once I had this information entered I enlisted Helen Vasilic to help me verify as best we could the number of years of service per official. This took quite a bit of time to complete this task. I know that some pins may be too early, some may be too late and some may wonder how in the heck we calculated the years of service! Some may have received a duplicate year. I am sorry if I have missed anyone. If you have a concern regarding the years of service for yourself, please feel free to speak to me about it. At this point, it should be much easier to select the 2014 volunteer recipients in January 2015.

I think the volunteer pin is a very important message to each and every official that your time is for a great cause, that it is appreciated and that we do it because we love track and field.

Once I had the volunteer pins distributed, we started working on the new jacket orders. The selected jacket was first checked out by the Windsor crew and then forwarded to track meets up the 401 for our Level 3 and up officials. It took a bit of time to get the logo set up and the sizes for everyone but your cooperation and help in this was very much appreciated. Thank you to Jacquie Downing for helping me distribute the jackets up the 401! To date we have ordered 74 jackets for our level 3, 4, and 5 officials. And more to come! I am happy to hear that the jacket was well received.

This past summer Jacquie Downing and myself arranged for ordering weather writers for our officials as well. As per Peter's emails, please contact myself or Jacquie Downing if you are interested in purchasing one. They are available to Level 3, 4, and 5 officials. The cost is \$25.00 for the portrait style and \$50.00 for landscape.

And last but not least, we have ordered 48 IPC Technical rule books, and 3 classification books. Due to the upcoming Parapan Games this summer, there will be a huge interest in purchasing them. They cost \$20.00 and will be available at the AGM. Windsor officials can contact me if they would like one before then.

Sherry Purdie