

AOOEC Chair AGM Report 2016

Another successful year for the officials of Ontario. Although some of us were still recovering from the Pan Am adventure our officials represented themselves extremely well at a variety of meets from elementary school meets to national championships. Our membership reached 153 in 2016 even though the recruiting of officials and volunteers for the Pan Am Games didn't seem to add as many new members as expected. In 2016 we were able to initiate online registration which was very well received by our members and greatly improved communication by having officials registered instantly with their correct emails. However I do believe that the success of Canadian athletes at the Pan Am Games and Olympics was undoubtedly a great motivator for fans, parents, ex-athletes to become more involved by volunteering and becoming officials.

We were able to procure invitations to the following out-of-province meets:
Canadian Indoor Championships Ste-Therese – 12 Ontario officials
Canadian Championships, Edmonton – 2 Ontario officials
Canadian Youth Championships, Ste-Therese – 20 Ontario officials

We were able to arrange level 4 or 5 mentoring at the following N/NC events:
1 at Canadian Indoor Championship in Ste-Therese
2 at CIS Championship in Toronto
1 at Canadian Championship in Edmonton
2 at Canadian Youth Championship in Ste-Therese

In addition, you will see from the report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading we were still able to arrange many mentoring and upgrading opportunities within Ontario.

We are pleased that our website is being updated regularly with upgrading criteria, pertinent forms, and an up-to-date list of officials by Discipline and Level.

The AOOEC met 3 times by conference calls since last year's AGM and there were also countless sub-committee meetings. There were also many telephone meetings with the new Athletics Ontario staff members. There was no National Officials Committee meeting in the spring as usual but there will be one in December in Ottawa. Unfortunately, communication and information from the NOC has been very limited since the restructuring of the committee by Athletics Canada. Hopefully the meeting in December will help to get the national program back on track.

For 2017 our main goal again will be to concentrate on providing officiating and upgrading opportunities for all Ontario officials.

I would like to thank the members of the AEOOC for their continuing support and assistance. Thanks also to Lisa Ferdinand for her help on behalf of AO and to Anthony Biggar and the AO staff for their continuing support.

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