

AOOEC Chair AGM Report 2015

Well, what a year it was! Some of us are still recovering from the Pan Am and Parapan Am events. Hopefully the Games produced positive experiences for all involved. The highlights for me were the number of compliments given to our officials by athletes, international officials and organizers. It certainly made Jacquie and me proud and gave us the best reward from our long hours invested. We were also very encouraged by the number of new officials and inquiries regarding becoming an official as a result of the Games.

Ontario officials for our major events:

Pan Am Games – 90 Ontario, 1 BC, 1 AB, 1 SK, 3 MB, 9 QC, 1 PE officials

Parapan Am Games – 74 Ontario, 1 BC, 2 SK, 2 MB, 4 QC, 2 NB, 1 PE, 2 NS officials

In addition we were able to procure invitations to the following meets:

Canadian Indoor Championships Montreal – 7 Ontario officials

Canadian Championships, Edmonton – 1 Ontario official

We were able to arrange level 4 or 5 mentoring at the following N/NC events:

1 at McGill Invitational

3 at CIS

3 at PanAm/Parapan Games

1 at Canadian Junior-Senior Championships

In addition you will see from the report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading that despite lack of mentoring opportunities at Pan Ams and Canadian Championships we were still able to arrange many mentorings and upgradings.

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. We would still like to add several more technical forms to have report forms readily available for all events.

The AOOEC met 5 times by conference calls since last year's AGM and there were also countless sub-committee meetings. In addition, as chair I was able to attend the NOC meeting and planning seminar in April. It should be noted that Athletics Canada has revamped NOC and we are waiting to see what ramifications this will have on officiating in Canada.

For 2016 one of our main goals 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 Lisa Ferdinand for her help on behalf of AO and to the AO staff.

Peter Hocking
AOOEC Chair

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The Introductory Clinic for new officials and those needing a clinic at Level Two continues to be updated as new rules or rule changes are brought into effect. An overview of Para Athletics was expanded. I was part of the presentation team for the Introductory Clinic in both London and St. Catharines in April and in Toronto in October.

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

Part of my responsibilities this year continued to be keeping the list of registered officials in Ontario up-to-date. This year, over 150 officials registered, slightly fewer than 2014 (161) and below the 10 year average of 169. Registration has fluctuated from a high of 230 registrations in 2013 to a low of 94 in 2005.

I have enjoyed being a part of the Athletics Ontario Officials' Executive Council this past year and look forward to continuing to serve AOO in 2016.

Sincerely,

Tim Slocombe, AOOEC Vice-Chair

Report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading for the 2015 AGM

Clinics

Three AOO Comprehensive Clinics (i.e. cover all disciplines for all attendees) were conducted in Ontario since last year's AGM.

- April 11, 2015 - London – 15 attendees
 - hosted by AO and St. Thomas Legion Track & Field Club
 - clinicians: Jacquie Downing, Peter Hocking, Tim Slocombe
- April 12, 2015 - St. Catharines – 10 attendees
 - hosted by AO and Niagara Olympic Track and Field Club
 - clinicians: Peter Hocking, Tim Slocombe
- October 24, 2015 - Toronto – 6 attendees
 - hosted by AO, Toronto Track Volunteers and University of Toronto
 - clinicians: John Caulfield, Lisa Ferdinand, Peter Hocking, Tim Slocombe

Mentoring since AGM 2014

The following mentoring sessions have taken place for Ontario officials since last year's AGM. Very sincere thanks to all the mentors who took on this additional responsibility, which is so vital for the education of our officials.

- Level 2 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 15
- Level 3 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 11
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 2
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets outside Ontario – 1
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets outside Ontario – 1
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 3
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets in Ontario – 1

Upgradings since 2014 AGM

To Level 1:	Burrows, Roger Houlton, Noah Lakshman, Mihira Read, Shari Taylor, Ilene	Dwyer, Mark Kline, Bob Mero, Nathalie Sheeler, Fred Thomas, Manoj	Farquharson, Laurie Kovacs, Mariann Mulholland, Pam Tamas, Ariana Willis, Bud
To Level 2:	Ahlstedt, Morna Dertinger, Kathryn Giles, Ken Moran, Patrick Walker, Ron	Beardmore, Lisa Emmanuel, Rosalind Martin, Phil Robbins, Fred	Del Grande, Karla Farmer, Jane Mero, Bob Robinson, Janine

To Level 3: Anderson, Ian - Vertical Jumps McFerran, Lynn - Umpire
 Mero, Barbara - Umpire Midha, Vinesh - Horizontal Jumps
 Reid, Ian - Track Referee Robbertse, Gerrie - Throws
 Stevenson, John - Starter

To Level 4: Zelinka, Richard - Horizontal Jumps

In addition, four applications – 1 for level 4 and 3 for level 5 - were sent to NOC for review. We are awaiting the results.

AO Web site

I encourage all officials to check out the web site periodically for AO news, event listings, and, of course, to review our upgrading materials. All the information needed to pursue upgrading is on the Officials' page – our Upgrading Requirements, the Level One Report, the Provincial Mentoring Report, AOO Upgrading Applications, and NOC Upgrading Criteria and forms.

You should also review the "AO Officials by Discipline and Level" on the Administration tab. It is updated each month when upgrading takes place. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions about how you are listed.

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. Even if one isn't available for any meets, I'd still like to hear back just to know that people are reading the newsletters.

For the benefit of new officials who may not be familiar with the coordination process for AO meets (which is still always being fine-tuned) I'll give a quick summary so as to hopefully avoid some confusion in the coming season. 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 (AOO 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).

As always, I'm open to suggestions to modify the process to make things more efficient for everyone.

Indoor Season 2015

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
CE Champs & Prep meet 1	Feb 7/York	35/29
Youth-Senior Champs	Feb 14 – 15/York	40/35
BMJ Champs	Mar 7 – 8/York	40/39
Unavailable		16
Total responses		70

Outdoor Season 2015

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
10,000 Champs	May 18/London	8/?
10km RW Champs	June 1/Toronto	14/?
Junior-Senior Champs	June 13-14/Windsor	35/?
BMJ Champs	July 19-21/St Catharines	40/34
20km RW Champs	Sept 27/Welland	6
XC	Nov 15/Toronto	10
Unavailable		5
Total responses		60

Not being directly involved in the officials' coordination for the first three meets, I don't have numbers of how many officials were invited and confirmed they would attend. BMYs were a bit of a challenge in the summer given they were over two and a half days immediately preceding Pan Ams, so extra thanks to those who made the additional commitment in rather hot and humid conditions.

Report of the Director of Awards and Incentives

Athletics Ontario Officials General Meeting November 21, 2015

This has been my second year as Director of Awards and Incentives. It was again, a very busy year with so many high caliber meets to attend to.

We have been able to issue additional Level 3 umpire jackets this past year. This also shows the commitment to the sport of athletics by all of our officials by continuing to work towards Level 3, 4 and 5. To date we have given out 79 jackets in the last 2 years.

We have also sold all of the portrait and landscape weather writers as well as the additional IPC rule books that were ordered just before the Pan Ams.

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.

This is the end of my two year term as Director of Awards and Incentives. I will be working on the volunteer pins soon and submit them to the Minister of Immigration and Citizenship as well as NOC for the upcoming recipients.

Being the Director of Awards and Incentives has been a great learning experience for me and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone for your guidance, your support and help during my term.

Having been nominated for an additional term, I would be happy to fulfill the obligations for Director of Awards and Incentives.

Sincerely,
Sherry Purdie