

**AOOEC Chair
AGM Report 2017**

It was another busy year for officials in Ontario. Our current membership is 173 up from 153 in 2016.

Once again, our officials set a high standard of officiating at all Athletic Ontario championship events. Having the Canadian Championships in Ottawa allowed us the opportunity to have 54 Ontario officials work at the meet. In addition, our officials stepped up to contribute to the success of the North American Indigenous Games, the World Dwarf Championships, the NACAC Masters Championships, and the Invictus Games.

We were able to procure invitations to several out-of-province events.

Canadian Indoor Montreal - 7

Canada Games Winnipeg - 6

Canadian Legion Championships Brandon - 2

We were able to arrange mentoring opportunities at the following N/NC events:

1 at Canadian Indoor Championships in Montreal

12 at Canadian Championship in Ottawa

1 at Canada Games in Winnipeg

In addition, you will see from the report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading we were able to arrange very 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. Officials are urged to check the website regularly for updates.

The AOOEC and sub-committees of the AOOEC met on several conference calls since last year's AGM.

2017 was a very busy year as I spend a great deal of time assisting with coordinating officials for the Canadian Championships, the World Dwarf Games, and the Invictus Games.

I attended the annual AC/NOC meeting in December 2016 in Ottawa. There has been some progress with communications and projects by NOC. Hopefully with the new chair Andy Walker from PEI, the committee will return the leadership of our officials to the standard that was set in the past. We were pleased to hear that Ontario will again have representation on the committee as Helen Vasilic was recently named to fill a vacancy. This year the annual meeting of NOC and the branch chairs will be in Winnipeg on November 30, 2017.

In January, I attended a Multi-Sport Think Tank in Vaughan with officials from various sports. It was interesting to note that for the most part officials from other sports have many of the same concerns as track & field officials.

For 2018 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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