

Report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading for the 2017 AGM

Clinics

AOO Comprehensive Clinics held in 2017:

- February 1, 2017 - Guelph – 24 attendees
 - hosted by Speed River
 - clinicians: Peter Hocking, Janet Slocombe, Tim Slocombe
- March 22, 2017 - Toronto – 22 attendees
 - hosted by Athletics Ontario
 - clinicians: Peter Hocking, Janet Slocombe, Tim Slocombe
- April 8, 2017 - Belleville – 29 attendees
 - hosted by Belleville Organizing Committee for OFSAA 2017
 - clinicians: Lisa Ferdinand, Peter Hocking, Janet Slocombe, Tim Slocombe
- April 22, 2017 - Ottawa – 27 attendees
 - hosted by Ottawa Lions
 - clinicians: Daniel Michaud, Ann Perry, Janet Slocombe, Tim Slocombe

Having Daniel Michaud from Québec as part of the team for the Ottawa clinic was a first and illustrates the cooperative relationship we have with Québec.

In addition to these comprehensive clinics, a National Clinic for Starter's Assistants was conducted by Jennifer Campbell from Manitoba at the Canadian Championships in Ottawa in July.

Sincere thanks are due to all clinicians.

Mentoring since 2016 AGM

Having the Canadian Championships in our province provided more opportunities than usual for mentoring by out-of-province mentors. 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 – 10
- Level 3 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 10
- Level 3 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets outside Ontario – 1
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 4
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets in Ontario – 7
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 1
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets in Ontario – 4
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets outside Ontario – 1

In addition, an Ontario official mentored 1 Alberta and 1 Manitoba official at Canadian Legions in Brandon.

Upgradings since 2016 AGM

To Level 1:	Carter, Jill Gage, Joanne Greenfield, Jerry Houston, Laura McNamara, Paul Nakashima, Rudy Percival, Dan Santos, Alex Williams, Lawrence	Chappell, Joe Gostock, Mike Greenfield, Wendy Martin, Jane Moller, Tim Nguyen, Peter Quinlan, Angela Savard, Linda	Fast, Stewart Goycoolea, Elsie Heron, Michael McClelland, Brian Moricz, Alexandre Parkinson, Allen Rothwell, Douglas Thorson, Cleve
To Level 2:	Bala, Gumar Miller, Peter Shibley, Chris Timbrell, Reba Willis, Bud	Clarke, Sharon Moulton, Chris Stemmler, Aaron Wetzler, Julie Wisner, Isaac	Kozina, Lynne Pitts, Mark Terrett, Marg Williamson, Lindsay
To Level 3:	Barsam, Mike – Field Referee Throws Catton, Patrick – Starter’s Assistant Dertinger, Kathryn – Starter’s Assistant Friday, Alicia – Finish Line and Throws Giles, Ken – Throws Krall, Doug – Umpire Martin, Phil – Vertical Jumps Watkins, Rick – Vertical Jumps Watts, Sherry – Umpire		
To Level 4:	Midha, Vinesh – Vertical Jumps		
To Level 5:	Van Andel, René – Starter’s Assistant		

Seven applications were sent to the National Officials’ Committee (NOC) in September – four for Level 4 and three for Level 5. As of the writing of this report, we are awaiting the results.

AO Web site

Officials are encouraged to visit the AO web site regularly, and the Officials’ pages in particular. All the information needed to pursue upgrading is on the Officials’ page – Upgrading Requirements, the Level One Report, the Provincial Mentoring Report, AOO Upgrading Applications, and NOC Upgrading Criteria and forms. Officials should also review the “AO Officials by Discipline and Level” list on the Officials Administration tab. <http://athleticsontario.ca/officials/officials-administration/>
The list is updated each month when upgrading takes place.

In conclusion ...

Serving on the AOO Executive Committee for the past 6 years has been a great experience. It has been a privilege to work with so many passionate and committed individuals within the Athletics Ontario community, and I thank each of you. I will not be standing for another term but I will offer whatever support and assistance may be requested by the next Director of Seminars and Upgrading.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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