

## AGM Report 2019 Vice Chairperson - Athletics Ontario Officials Executive Council

Last year Tim started his annual report with the line this would be his final report at Vice Chair, well this will be my first report as the vice chair person. It is a very brief report too. Peter was able to complete his duties as the chair so the VC had limited activity this past year.

I participated in the teleconference meeting all but the October meeting in 2019.

I attended and participated in an official's clinic at the University of Guelph in early April to assist in recruiting officials for OFFSA which was held in Guelph in June.

The AC new mentoring program will be of interest to all officials and assist in what AO develops as their training clinics for new officials moving forward. There is a need not just to have interested persons attend the clinics or training sessions but that these new L1 officials come out and use their skills at AO meets.

I do not have actual stats on the number of new officials in 2019 but there have been a few new faces at meets Over the past season.

Anthony Biggars of AO and I worked on a survey that was sent out to all AO officials in early October. This was developed as a means of identifying needs and concerns of AO officials that work at the AO meets. The response to this survey was disappointing less than 10% of officials responded. This is your opportunity to provide to raise your concerns and be heard. IF you have not done so then follow up with completing the survey it is simple short and hopefully will give the executive and AO some information to move forward to improve the experience of both the officials and our athletes.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AO-Officials>.

The survey closes **Monday November 11, 2019**

My thanks to the executive and I look forward to another season of track and field.

Regards

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