

**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.

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