

**AOOEC Chair  
AGM Report 2021**

2021 was definitely an improvement over 2020 but still seriously affected by the pandemic restrictions. Fortunately, we were able to host some almost normal meets during the outdoor season. Our registration numbers did take a slight bump from 124 to 136.

Our executive met on a number of occasions on zoom. As well, Lynn McFerran and I represented the AOOEC on a number of AO committees over the year in addition to the regular AO Town Halls. We continued the monthly Officials' Town Hall program which was well attended and received by our membership. In addition, Lynn and I represented AOO at the NOC zoom meetings.

Unfortunately, mentoring and upgrading of officials was limited. The National Officials' Committee (NOC), understandably put a moratorium on mentoring for Levels 4 & 5 due to limited officiating opportunities and travel restrictions. However, we were able to concentrate on arranging mentoring for Levels 2 & 3 and did enable a number of upgrading opportunities. Thanks to Kathryn Dertinger and Phil Martin for their efforts in this process.

NOC is still in the process of implementing the new upgrading criteria. They have ensured us that those who are partway through upgrading will be able to complete their requirements under the old criteria. Hopefully the proposed training for evaluators will be implemented soon.

A special thanks to Paul Osland and the AO staff for their continuing support of officials. We are extremely grateful to Anthony Biggar and Emily Sitarz for their patience and assistance in guiding us through the mysteries of zoom and other technologies.

After serving 10 years as chair I have decided to not stand for re-election. I am very honoured to have represented AOO over that time and am especially proud of the number of officials that we have assisted in upgrading over that time. I would like to thank all of the executive members over my years as chair as their assistance made my job so much easier. In particular I would like to thank Jacquie Downing and Lynn McFerran for being my confident, guiding light and partner in guiding the association through some hectic times.

Respectfully submitted  
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