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The Official Newsletter of the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials

## Something for All Ontario Basketball Officials at the OABO 60th Anniversary!

...That's the best way to describe this year's annual OABO Fall Meetings slated for September 24 -26<sup>th</sup> being held at the completely renovated, 4-Diamond rated Hilton Suites Hotel in Markham. Quote Dennis Herbert, Co-Chair, "If ever there was an opportunity for every level of official in our province to have a two-day 'hands-on' learning opportunity through plenary sessions from some of the best clinicians out there, it will be this time. Rick Parnham and I, along with our committee members assure you that your time and registration fee will be well spent! Truly this is not just an event solely for Interpreters and Board Executives." Need shirts, shoes, accessories? – Vendors will be on site to assist your needs.

Registering at the Hilton is easy- follow the links at [oabo.ca](http://oabo.ca) (suite rate - \$119.00, includes spacious rooms, complimentary newspaper, guest parking and access to an upscale fitness center and indoor pool. Also on site is the world class "HOLTZ" Spa. You

might consider pampering the significant partner?

The York Region Association of Basketball Officials (Y.R.A.B.O.) will be hosting this year's FALL Meetings which start Friday AM with a Golf Tournament being held at one of Ontario's hidden gems- the private Briars Golf Club in Sutton. Registration will get you a great day on the links, with a bbq lunch and prizes. Golfers at the Hilton Thursday evening will be provided complimentary transportation to the 6350-yard Stanley Thompson layout. Brian Clarke of the Barrie Board is our host.

Friday Evening (A first folks!) will have two IAABO stalwarts- Executive Director Tom Lopes and Peter Webb, Co-ordinator of Interpreters, share with you all the training and educational resources available through IAABO. In addition a presentation of Ref school- a test refresher site that will have both NFHS and FIBA Rules interpretations will also occur. All OABO officials are

encouraged to attend this special night.

In keeping with the theme of celebrating OABO's history, this year's hospitality room will honour Hamilton icon Kitch MacPherson. 'Kitch' was a familiar presence for many years at OABO Fall Meetings, and his dedication to having IAABO become a familiar face in Ontario should not be forgotten.

Saturday is ACTION-PACKED! The Morning sessions include three clinicians- Tom Lopes, Sandy Bibeau and Rich Stehlik. An extended Lunch Break will get you out of the hotel for a breath of fresh air, hit a local eatery and return for afternoon plenary sessions tailored for three different levels of officiating. Bruce Covert, Chester Graham, Tim Laurain, Rich Stehlik, Peter Webb, Craymer Forth, Paul Johnson and Mario Suffoletta. Oh yes- mustn't forget to mention Raffle Draws and Silent Auction. The gala 'semi-formal' Wall of Fame Banquet, being held in the gorgeous Markham Ball Room begins with a Cocktail Reception at

7:00PM, Dinner at 7:30, followed by Award Ceremonies. This year numerous people are receiving significant CABO, OABO and IAABO achievement awards' (are you one of those people?). A slide show of OABO activity will add more zest to the evening. Of course the Kitch MacPherson Hospitality Room will be available for 'night caps'.

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## President's Message *by Jaime McCaig*

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I hope everyone has had a tremendous summer and is ready for another season of officiating.

I had the opportunity to attend 4 of the 6 days of the U17 and U15 Girls' Summer National Championships at Humber College and want to congratulate Basketball Ontario for hosting such a great event. I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of the Volunteers who gave up their time to work the Table Crews for all 54 games. A special thank-you goes to Andrew Zvanitajs, York Region, Tino Decastro, Membership Support Officer and Bruce Covert, Provincial Supervisor who supervised the table crews and provided hospitality for the officials to ensure a smooth week.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Peel and York Region Boards for their generous financial contribution in assisting of OABO hosting the VIP Lounge for Volunteers and Officials on Championship Day on Saturday, August 7.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Ron Foxcroft for the sponsorship by FOX 40 and the hosting by the Hamilton Board for all officials and coaches across Ontario to observe the Special Lecture delivered by Mr. Ronnie Nunn, Director of Officiating for the NBA and Mr. Tom Lopes, Executive Director of IAABO on Tuesday, August 10 at Hillfield Strathallan College in Hamilton.

It is my hope that we can build on the

excellent attendance we had at the Presidents' Meeting in May where 30 of 32 Local Boards had representation at. With this being the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OABO it would be fantastic to have all 32 Local Boards represented at the 2010 OABO AGM on Sunday, September 26 at the Toronto/Markham Hilton Suites. I am pleased to announce that Mr. Bob Borden will return as our Parliamentarian.

Just a reminder that the hosting Local Board York Region is going green this year and only 1 Seminar Binder per Local Board will be provided along with memory sticks for all attendees. Here is the order of business for the 2010 AGM:

President's Opening Remarks

Awards and Presentations  
Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting  
Business Arising from the Minutes  
Reports: Executive, Committee(s) and Local Boards  
Correspondence  
Budget  
Amendments to the Constitution  
Election of Officers  
New Business  
Endorsement of Executive Committee actions for the previous year  
Adjournment

Registration of Delegates will begin at 7:30am with the AGM scheduled to start at 8:30am in the Markham Ballroom of the Main Floor. We will be using the wrist bracelet method again this year for voting purposes.



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## President's Message

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In closing on the Saturday evening we will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OABO with our Semi-Formal Wall of Fame Dinner in the Markham Ballroom. There will be a Cocktail Reception starting

at 7:00pm with Dinner at 7:30pm followed by our very special awards banquet. This year will feature more award winners than ever before and highlighted by a Special Unveiling to celebrate this milestone of our

great association. We sold out the event last year and it is my sincere hope that we will again this year. I hope to see many of you there.

Please enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Yours Truly  
Jaime McCaig  
President, OABO

## Vice President's Report - Communication as an Organization by Tim Laurain

It has again been both a busy summer and year since our last AGM both on and off the court. This past summer saw the OABO JDP and two BDP Camps, the U15 and U17 Boys' Nationals in Winnipeg and the U15 and U17 Girls' Nationals in Toronto as well as the Ontario Summer Games in Sudbury.

Watching the best officials and crews work more often than not meant you were watching the best communicators work. There is attention to detail in what they communicate, they communicate meaningful information and they communicate it in a way that will be received and manner that will be understood. The tighter the game, the greater the level of communication was to suit the situation. I think off the court that the OABO Executive has championed communication as a foundation of how we do business. Jaime's President's Monthly Reports set a high standard. Sandy has worked towards making the FIBA Interpreter's Conference Calls a staple for the upcoming year. The revamped OABO website adds greater functionality and is a greater informational source. Thanks to Tino for his work on the website. Bruce and Don continue to keep the Local Boards informed with their e-mails to the Boards and posting to the website. As well, the Whistle provides another source

that goes out to all OABO Members. Even with all that communication, we had a situation where some Local Boards missed some deadlines. The response on our part is to ensure that not only will the original notification go out but that the deadlines will be highlighted on the OABO website and a reminder will go out close to the deadline (crunch time in the game). You can't over communicate meaningful information.

Many Boards have their own websites, meetings and newsletters and announcements to their memberships. In York, Jaime's Monthly Message as well as all pertinent e-mails such as Bruce's Camp announcements are forwarded to all members. We have in the past posted all pertinent deadlines that the membership should be aware of to our website ie. camp details and will look to continue and increase the level of communication to our Members. Do all you can do provide information to the membership. I do believe that Local Boards and individual members have to take some responsibility for being informed. I also believe the old saying that "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make them drink", to a certain extent. Our challenge is not to just provide information but also provide some context and relevance. As adults, we are

self-directed learners and listeners. We tend to listen and learn things that are relevant to us and ignore what isn't.

Thus I think it is equally important to not just convey information but to also convey its relevance. Adult's motivation comes from relevance. Don't just announce the deadlines and process for applying to the OABO Camps, promote the camps by communicating their benefits. Work at giving each individual member the "big picture" both at the local, provincial and national level. I find it particularly important at this time of year. Many of our local boards have little ball in the summer so really start anew in September. Yet each September, our AGM has the Local Boards represented and voting on Constitutional changes and Executive positions that have an effect on the "big picture" at all three of those aforementioned levels. With the short time frame, between start-up and AGM it is difficult sometimes to truly inform the membership of the information and relevance and to get their feedback. We elect leaders at the local and provincial level to make decisions, it goes hand-in-hand though with a responsibility to inform and elicit feedback from our memberships, make them part of the process and act

in their interest. The amendments and motions are being sent to the individual boards, posted in the Whistle and on the OABO website. As best as possible, consider putting a summary of pros and cons out to our individual members and/or discussing the ramifications of each and as local Executives collecting data/feedback from those members to bring to the table when you discuss them as Executives.

Good crew communication starts with good individual communication on the part of all crew members. When on the floor, we repeat important information to each other to make sure it isn't missed. We use both verbal and visual signals to convey the message in multiple ways for understanding. We use time outs to review the information and its relevance. We do all we can to convey and understand the information and share the responsibility; so to must all of us as a provincial board, a local board and an individual member. At each level, take every opportunity and use all means available to both convey and/or seek information and its relevance not just now but throughout the year. The best organizations are those with informed, involved and motivated people.

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## From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer by Don Thorne

### Oboadmin.ca web site

This completes the first full year that the admin site has been used to register OABO officials. Comments from users have been very positive. There is one thing that all members that have a legitimate email address can do for us. Since we, the Executive Committee, including Geordie, use the web site to send blanket emails and The Whistle to the membership, we need you to make sure you have marked [www.ooboadmin.ca](http://www.ooboadmin.ca) as a safe site to receive emails. These settings are found in various places depending on the type of mail client, mail interface, virus software, etc. Some e-mail servers direct unknown sites and items we are sending to your junk box. Also, I get a lot of emails that people can't log into the site. It is usually because the password that is trying to be used is not the correct one. If you cannot get into the site, try the "forgot password" button. If that does not work then you can e-mail me. Also note that [www.oabo.ca](http://www.oabo.ca) is our

main web site, [www.ooboadmin.ca](http://www.ooboadmin.ca) is our membership data site.

I would like to thank all the Secretaries (some Presidents too) for working on the NOCP Level lists. All people recommended by the Local Boards for Levels 3, 4, and 5 have been entered into the Oboadmin system as Level 3 for now. The Executive will be reviewing those people that were recommended for Level 4 and 5 at the next Executive meeting in September. We then have to submit those names to CABO for approval before we can update your Level on the system. Just a reminder that the Local Board Secretaries are required to maintain Levels 1, 2.

We are very pleased that there are only about 400 officials out of 1800 members that have not had their OABO start year entered into the system. We have used those figures to accumulate the info for this year's Service Awards which will be

presented at the Wall of Fame dinner Saturday September 25. We were able to review the list and looked at the awards presented over the past 2 years and have added people that boards did not submit at that time.

### Deadlines

I cannot tell you how that no matter how many times we post items with a deadlines and send numerous e-mail reminders, people try to submit items past the deadline dates. Yes, we are a friendly organization but it cannot function properly and effectively if people expect to be granted things that did not meet deadline submissions. We have proposed a Constitutional Amendment strictly dealing with deadlines so there is no question with respect to the consequences.

Speaking of deadlines, if you are planning on attending the OABO Seminar in Markham, there are links posted on the

Oabo.ca site that will allow you to register for the seminar on-line. The password needed is AGM2010.

### 2010-2011 Budget

Well, we all knew an increase in OABO fees was coming. For the past 3 years we have operated with a deficit budget. In other words we have budgeted more spending than we actually take in. We gave notice last year at the AGM as well as at the Presidents' Meeting in May that we need to have a balanced budget. In order to do so, we will be recommending that the OABO fee will rise \$6 per active member (will go from \$69 to \$75) and \$4 for Associate and Non-Officiating members (will go from \$21 to \$25).

Hope to see you all at the AGM and remember to look at your putts from both directions and always repair your divot marks.

## OABO Interpreter's Message by Sandy Bibeau

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Soon the leaves will be changing and many of us will be switching seasons from one sport to another. I am truly looking forward to it.

In regard to the NOCP grandfathering, boards have sent their names to Don Thorne and me, for consideration for Level 3 which Ontario grants and Level 4 that CABO assigns. At our last OABO executive meeting some of the level 4 recommendations passed on by the boards; do not meet the criteria specified by CABO. Before making a final decision on those involved, we are checking with CABO, to be sure of the completed requirements.

As a result, some levels may need to be adjusted.

Summer camps will now have ended. BDP Girls, BDP Boys and JDP were once again an amazing success. I was able to attend the boys BDP and JDP and would like to give Provincial Supervisor Bruce Covert a pat on the back for a job well done. I have attended camps out of province and in the United States, and these OABO camps are second to none! With video review provided by Tim Laurain, as well as game

by game evaluations from a solid staff, these camps provide a tremendous bang for your buck! Thank you to our campers for taking charge of your officiating careers and staffers for giving their time and effort to mentor these aspiring officials.

Humber College was also the host site for our OABO Evaluators Camp. Many of our officiating experts from across the province met and worked together to provide a consistent base for evaluating and assigning at our provincial tournaments. It was a very successful meeting! Later, a "Train the Trainer" for Level 3 NOCP meeting also took place. Thank you Ted Montgomery, CABO Vice President for leading the NOCP session. Ontario can now provide Level 3 Trainers to run these clinics across the province where required. Materials provided will come in very handy outside of these clinics. Power points on many topics including Bench Decorum and Post Play are available for our local OABO grass roots teaching sessions.

Recently the 2010 FIBA rule changes have been published across Canada. However, at this point it is not clear which, if any of these rule changes will be

in affect for the 2010-2011 season for the CIS/OUA and Ontario Basketball levels. I have been in communication with all of these groups and shortly we will have an answer.

This September 10<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the IAABO Interpreters meeting in Portland Maine. The entire weekend is dedicated to education and information that interpreters can bring back to the grass roots official. As well; Peter Webb, Coordinator of Interpreters for IAABO will be giving the NHFS 2010 rule changes.

Following that, I will be travelling to Ottawa September 17<sup>th</sup> for the CABO AGM. As you may be aware OABO has many serious issues that Bruce Covert and I will bring to the table. Paul Deshaies, CABO National Interpreter will be speaking on the FIBA 2010 rule changes.

And last but not least; the 2010 Seminar & OABO AGM September 24-26<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by York Region at the Hilton Suites in Markham. As part of my role as the OUA West Women's Commission Rep. I will sit in on discussions on "all" panels running and operating on the same basic

parameters. Issues like travel, per diems and evaluations will be discussed and treated the same across the province. As part of the educational aspect of the conference, presentations on the FIBA, NCAA and NFHS rule changes will all be given here. This conference is your opportunity to see the workings of OABO. Come join us in Markham to better understand procedures and events that may affect "your" officiating career.

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## Provincial Supervisor's Report by Bruce Covert

### U17 National Tournament

Unfortunately due to a work related injury John Besselink, Kingston, was not able to work the U17 girls' tournament at Humber College. The alternate, David Jackson, Durham, replaced John. Our condolences to John and our appreciation to David for filling in on very short notice.

### Provincial Evaluators' Clinic

A provincial evaluators' clinic was held at Humber College in July. Twenty six provincial evaluators from across the province attended. The morning session was devoted to the review of the R/C guidelines and to re-design the provincial evaluation form. The new provincial evaluation form will be used this year at all Article 16 tournaments. The afternoon session, led by Ted Montgomery was used to familiar-

ize the evaluators with the level three NCOP criteria. OABO will be using appropriate Article 16 tournaments to recommend officials be granted Level 3 status.

### CABO

The OABO executive has forwarded two proposed amendments to the CABO constitution to CABO. One involves a request to have an OABO representative on the CABO executive, another to provide Ontario with additional national appointments. As well we have requested financial considerations and improved communication, as discussed at the Presidents' meeting. All will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the CABO AGM. The results will be included in my supervisor's report for discussion at the OABO AGM.

### OABO Summer Camps

More than forty officials registered to attend one of the three OABO summer development camps. These camps continue to have something to offer all levels of officials. All three panel supervisors attended JDP. From the camp at least three officials were selected to join the OUA East Women's panel. Several others were invited to the OUA camps run by Mike Currie and Guy Cipriani in August. As this was a Summer Games year there were no MDP camps. Novice officials attended BDP to get their careers off to a good start.

Feedback from campers on their experience can be found on the OABO web site. I recommend that any official who is considering attending their first camp next summer review these comments.

Eleven \$100 OABO camp scholarships were awarded to BDP campers. Jaime McCaig's "Baby Zebra scholarship", which covered the registration cost for one official to attend an OABO camp was awarded to a JDP camper.

As always thanks to the local boards that continue to sponsor officials, the staff, "guest evaluators" and panel supervisors who continue to participate.

The summer has gone by quickly. It is almost time to start gearing up for another season. What better way than to attend the OABO Seminar week end, hosted by the York board? The Hilton Suites is a beautiful facility. The line up of speakers and work shops is excellent. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

## Northern Boards Report by Charles Ketter *continued on page 5*

I hope everyone is enjoying all the activities that they have looked forward to during these latest, lazy, hazy and beautifully warm summer days. After a couple of years of unpredictable weather this has been a gorgeously warm and dry summer.

I want to take this belated opportunity to congratulate Peter Andros (Thunder Bay) on his selection to the West Men's Panel Hall of Fame. Peter this is much deserved with your contributions to, not only the panel, but to OABO as well over the years – WELL DONE!

On Friday, April 24, he received the Kitch MacPherson, OUA West Men's Basketball Officials Hall of Fame Award, at the annual West Panel Banquet in Ingersol. With him to share in this award was his wife Barbara, and son Chris with his wife Kymerli from Scarborough. Also Gene SchAAF and his wife Marie were Peter's guests as Gene was the one person Peter believes most responsible for advancing his career to the university level. He was introduced by Robin Holbrook, formerly of Thunder Bay and now from Kingsville. Although most of his university career occurred in the former GPAC, (1973-1981), he was recognized for his continued contribution to the OUA panel as an observer and friend of the game since his retirement from the Panel in 1984.

Most Northern Boards end their season with the last games of the Boy's High

School season with a few members attending camps, doing provincial or national tournaments. Greater Sudbury wrapped up in mid May with the championship final tournament for the French Catholic Elementary Schools with a brief respite in August at The Ontario Summer Games. By the time of this publication most Boards will be planning for the onset of the 2010 – 2011 Girl's Season. Greater Sudbury hosted the Ontario Cup U15 Midget Girls on April 30 and May 1 and 2. Toronto, Barrie, Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins came in to ably assist in a successful tournament which the OBA rep stated was an enjoyable and successful event.

Jeff Bussineau from Sault Ste. Marie managed the U17 Girls' Bronze game at the Nationals despite an aggravated knee injury and as a result missed out on working the Ontario Summer games in Sudbury. Greater Sudbury hosted the MDP programme for the Ontario Summer Games and invited 12 visiting officials, including Jeff, to assist. From Barrie – John Alexander, Dana Campbell, Mike Greene, and Mark Holden; York – Tim Laurain (Gold Boys), Andrew Zvanitajs; Guelph – Anna Maria Del Col (Gold Girls); Cobourg – Melanie Killman; Sault Ste Marie – Keith Mosher; Timmins – Pete Guarda and Angelo Lia. Bill Butler vacationing in the Sudbury area represented Toronto. Local officials who worked included Dave Blackburn, Tom Bogomaz, Stu Fairwell, Craymer

Forth (Gold Girls), Brent Giroux, Dave McKnight, Gary Miller, Marty Nadeau (Gold Boys), Chris Pakkala, and Ted Winter with Charlie Ketter serving as R/C. Many compliments were handed out to all officials from OBA, coaches, players and even parents. The quality of officiating was exemplary and resulted in the tournament being a great success as was the whole Ontario Games. Each official represented OABO professionally and effectively. Greater Sudbury hopes the visitors enjoyed the local hospitality including the organizational meeting hosted at Boston Pizza Sudbury.

This year's Ontario Summer Games hosted 32 different sports with some 3500 athletes and another 500 officials. With main city streets torn up for construction logistics had to be carefully planned so not a single event was delayed by transportation issues. Our officials were prompt getting to all sites to properly prepare with a good pre-game discussion. Only one of the venues was air-conditioned so as the day went on the temperature went up, leading to possible heat stroke but all prevailed and melted off the 'excessive' water. Table crews did a great job and this allowed the on-court officials to focus on their games making for an enjoyable experience. One of the goals was to provide opportunities for officials to work with officials that they may not have ever worked with, or hadn't worked with for some years, and the results were very positive. The tournament featured

OBA's equal substitution program with man to man coverage that presented some unique situations where resets of clocks of 2 minutes or more led to increasing the length of the games to the point that a few took over 2 hours to complete. A report, with suggestions, will be forwarded to OBA and OABO for future consideration in competitions that use this format.

Most Boards in our area have been quiet since the end of the High School season but by the time this publication comes out they will be preparing for a new season and the Provincial AGM. Though the OABO summer camps may be over this may be a good time to reflect on attending such a camp next season. With the need to be increasingly rules and mechanics knowledgeable it is difficult for members to test this without attending camps. With the OBA and OFSAA more willing to have tournaments occur in our region it is essential that we prepare to provide the best service possible – the camps help do this. Another way to build this is by sharing tournament assignments in our various locations. Over the years there have been a number of occasions where neighbouring boards have invited officials in to assist in covering games. North Bay's Tomahawk and the West Ferris Invitational, Timmins Sister Fay and Gold Hoop, Sudbury's Airtime, Laurentian Ladies and Men's Invitationals and Jaak Valiots Memorial, Huntsville's Camp Olympia

## Northern Boards Report by Charles Kettler *continued from page 4*

are a few of the occasions where our Northern Boards have shared assignments.

We look forward in this coming year to invite yet other officials to come and enjoy the hospitality and sportsmanship of Northern Ontario.

Having a camp in the north is somewhat difficult as there is little access during the summer to quality play and clinicians. The possibility that one or more of these tournaments could become an evaluation tournament to provide opportunities for officials to obtain a Level 2 or 3 qualification is being explored. This presents a situation where such evaluation is not as readily available as in the southern areas. There are Provincial evaluators in the North who could provide such a service to Northern Boards but it is up to those Boards to insist on such service. There is more to come on this in the near future.

All Northern Boards are preparing once again for demanding schedules that will tax their individual resources. Weather conditions, along with highway structures, make the Boy's Season particularly difficult to deal with but all Boards have stretched to ensure that quality officiating is available to promote the game. This is essential to enabling Northern region teams to compete on an even keel with their more southerly competitors. This becomes difficult at times where long distances between venues result in trade offs. High School Phys Ed leaders and coaches who opt to have untrained students and/or themselves to officiate games demeans the efforts of the players and leads to unacceptable play habits that haunt teams moving to regional and provincial play. These fledgling officials and the players deserve assistance and it is also a way for OABO to experience increases in membership. This may mean evaluators offering to assist at

minimal costs for the benefit of the game.

This is not to suggest that an evaluator should be out of pocket for assisting official's development but it is an area that OABO might look at finding some funding to support. OABO has come through in similar situations in the past and the Executive leadership continues to look at methods in which they can enhance officiating throughout the province. Suggestions as to how this can be achieved are more than welcomed by the Provincial Executive. I am certain that there are even solutions out there to assist all Boards in retaining and building their local memberships.

Energy needs to be spent on encouraging local sports bodies, particularly at the High School level, to move to one set of rules – FIBA with the variations that make it workable in Ontario. At present Boards are faced

with having members move between 2 sets of rules and mechanics. While Greater Sudbury moves between the rules a decision was made that mechanics would be consistent to reduce the number of decisions that needed to be made. How we manage our games should be our choice and as Sudbury has OUA, OCAA, OBA and NFHS challenges it was decided to go with the most consistent set of mechanics which is the FIBA 2 man and 3 man game. Clinics are provided for those that are selected to do OFSAA tournaments to put NFHS mechanics in place. Though this may not align with OABO's position it has provided the most relief for our officials.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Provincial AGM in September – get your registration in – this will be a great event!

## Membership Support Officer — Tino DeCastro MSO 2010

I would like to thank all the officials that volunteered their time to work the table during the Summer Nationals in Toronto. We had officials from across the province come to do a superb job in not only doing the regular table duties, but also FIBA Live Stats software. A software program that gives coaches more information than

they will ever need to know w. Thanks Everyone for your time and excellent performance, looking forward to the Boys Summer Nationals 2011 in Toronto.

As for my regular duties, most book orders should be in and delivered by the time you read this. We have gone away from

an official order form to a simply email request, that I roll up into an excel chart. The chart is then sent to our Treasurer who charges your account accordingly, much more efficient. Provincial and National evaluations should of reached all the Presidents through email and distributed to board executives. If you are

missing an evaluation let me know.

Finally I thank everyone for their support and hope that 2010-2011 season is a successful one for you and your board members.

## IAABO Region Nine Representative Report News and Views-August 2010 *By Dennis Herbert*

Ontario Officials Join IAABO for 2010-11 Season

As IAABO'S Region Nine Representative, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Ontario officials who took the challenge to write the IAABO Officials' Test this past season and are now moving forward as IAABO certified. Not only did the following names receive 86% or higher on their written examination on NFHS Rules, they also passed a written mechanics and signals test, plus were evaluated on their court mechanics, signals and game management.

Barrie and District: John Alexander, Brian Clarke, Mark Holden and Todd Smith

Guelph: Andre Behnan, Kirk Lemon  
Hamilton: Calvin Arnold, Steve Black, Vanessa Di Battista, Jason Djurdjevic, Zach Evans, Brendon Fenyvesi, Donnie Higginbottom, Tyler Iorio, Todd Sloka, Mike Soluk

Kitchener/Waterloo: Lauren Crosby and Dave Diebolt

London: John Turcot  
Niagara Falls: Don Forstinger

North Bay: Sarah Moor

Peel: Brian Walker  
Peterborough: Kelly Roberts (also returning to renew with IAABO: Lorraine Knowles & Mary Robinson)

Toronto: Stanleigh Mitchell, Jordan Paolucci, Jaime Procnier, Marko Stokic, and Victor Young

York: Kenny Chan, Chris Downs, Azam Khan, Mike Leon, Wade Pierre, Christine Vuong & Siobhan Wright

I would like to thank all of the Local Board Executives who played instrumental roles in assisting their Board members with the IAABO certification process.

A reminder to all that once you are IAABO certified, as long as you pay annual dues you may wear the IAABO crest on your official's shirt, left breast area. Honings are the official supplier of IAABO- crested shirts and jackets.

Herman Murphy is the Honing agent in Ontario. Contact: 1-800-560-6680 or 289-649-0356. The website is [www.honigs-canada.com](http://www.honigs-canada.com).

I will have a full report on IAABO for the OABO 2010 AGM, Sunday September 26, 2010-08-15.

See you at the Hilton Suites in Markham.



## Proposed OABO Constitutional Amendments, Additions and By-Law Changes

Motions may not be presented in the order they are laid out in this presentation. They may be grouped and/or presented in a different order than displayed. This order was used to facilitate association with the present Constitution.

**NOTE:** There are considerations here should the membership vote to move to Voluntary CABO membership. These may well be considered redundant in other situations. Motion 1, 5.2.5.a will be the deciding factor in the CABO discussion and may lead to discussion about including such a clause for IAABO. 5.2.5.b may suffice to make the point.

### 1. Motion 1 – Present

Moved by: Jaime McCaig (OABO President)  
Seconded by: Don Thorne (OABO Secretary-Treasurer)

5.2.5 CABO MEMBER: All Honorary, Active, and Provisional members of the OABO are members of CABO.

#### Amendment

5.2.5.a Members of OABO are not required to be members of CABO

5.2.5.b CABO Member: All Honorary, Active, and Provisional members of OABO may apply for membership in CABO. Such members will be required to pay the CABO Membership fee as set by CABO and will be payable to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer as provided for in the Constitution.

Rationale – 5.2.5.a clarifies that there is no requirement to be a member of CABO. It is somewhat redundant but does make the point. We don't need the same with IAABO but I believe it needs to be clearly stated so delegates know exactly what they are voting on. If CABO membership is voluntary the assessment of the fee needs to be clarified. Amending this item removes the implied mandatory membership as in the present constitution and makes it a permissible act

### 2. Motion 2 – Present

Moved By: Charles Ketter  
Seconded by: John Daugavietis

#### 5.2.6 CABO-FIBA MEMBER:

5.2.6.a - An CABO-FIBA Member is one who has obtained a mark of 86% or better on the current proctored CABO-FIBA exam. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics.  
5.2.6.b - 5 levels classify CABO-FIBA members as follows:  
i. Level 1 and 2 are administered at the Local Board Level  
ii. Level 3 is administered by the Provincial Association (OABO)  
iii. Level 4 is administered by CABO  
iv. Level 5 is International Standing administered by FIBA

#### Amendment

#### 5.2.6 CABO Member

5.2.6.a – A CABO Member is an OABO member who has obtained a mark of 86% or better on the current proctored CABO exam. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics. Said member

must file a request with the OABO Secretary-Treasurer to be a CABO member.

5.2.6.b - 5 levels classify CABO members as follows:

i. Level 1 and 2 are administered at the Local Board Level

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#### 5.2.7 FIBA Member

A FIBA member is an OABO member who has met the requirements of FIBA and has received a FIBA Official's License and is responsible for any fees assessed by FIBA to them.

Rationale: If CABO membership is to be voluntary there is a need to differentiate a CABO member from a FIBA member. Although FIBA membership results in part from membership in CABO it is a different level of qualification as noted in 5.2.6.b

### 3. Motion 3 – Present

Moved By: Charles Ketter  
Seconded by: John Daugavietis

7.2 The CABO membership fee shall be determined yearly by CABO

#### Amendment

7.2 The CABO membership fee shall be determined by CABO and is the responsibility of any OABO member choosing such membership. The CABO membership fee shall be payable to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer within conditions set out in this Constitution.

Rationale: If CABO membership is to be voluntary there needs to be a process similar to IAABO membership. There does exist such a process now in the Constitution. If 5.2.5 is not accepted this clarification will provide enforcement under 14.11 and 14.12. This could be withdrawn.

#### Information

14.11 Local Boards shall annually submit the following to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer by October 31<sup>st</sup>. OABO membership fees; CABO membership fees and OABO membership lists. Refer to Appendix 2 for benefits, which are dependent on up-to-date membership lists.

14.12 IAABO fees, for Board 102, payable to the OABO, must be received annually by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary-Treasurer must receive CABO fees, for all Local Boards, payable to the OABO, annually by the date indicated in the exam mailing. No new IAABO or current CABO

exams will be accepted for membership in Board 102 after December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 4. Motion 4 – Present

Moved By: Charles Ketter  
Seconded by: John Daugavietis

14.3 The official OABO uniform shall be:

14.3.1 Black trousers, black basketball shoes, black socks, black and white striped shirt and/or grey shirt with black trim. If a belt is worn, it shall be black.

14.3.2 The warm-up jacket shall be a black basketball jacket.

14.3.3 Panels or Panel Commissions shall set the uniform to be worn by panel officials.

14.3.4 All Article 16 Tournaments will require that the grey and black uniform be worn, except where the OABO Executive determines otherwise.

#### Amendment

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14.3.1.b Local Boards may select to wear the grey with black trim, black/white stripes, black/white NCAA stripes or the FIBA style shirt as their local shirt subject to Articles 14.3.2; 14.3.3; and 14.3.4.

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### Motion 5- NEW

Moved by: Don Thorne (OABO Secretary Treasurer)  
Second: Bruce Covert (Provincial Supervisor)

Article 14 – Duties of Members and Local Boards

Add section 14.14  
14.14 Submission of Information With A  
Deadline Date.

14.14.a - It is the responsibility of Local  
Boards and/or of a Member to submit items  
and applications for consideration where such  
items and applications have stated deadline  
dates by such date. Such documents received  
after midnight of said date will be determined  
ineligible for consideration.

14.14.b - It is the responsibility of Local  
Boards and/or individual Members to properly  
and fully complete such documents as required.  
Properly completed documents not received by  
the deadline date shall be considered invalid.

Rationale: Too many times Local Boards miss  
deadline dates and expect that the Executive  
Committee should bend rules to allow  
submissions to stand. The addition will make it  
clear as to the consequences if documents are  
submitted late or not correctly submitted. The  
addition will allow the Executive Committee  
to apply consistent ruling of ineligibility.  
Since this refers to submissions mainly for  
special awards and other appointments such  
documentation usually requires Local Board  
approval and submission. This puts the onus on  
the Board to deal with it promptly.  
In the event that an individual member may be  
required to submit information by a required  
date, e.g. OFSAA reports, that member is  
responsible to meet that date.

#### **Motion 6 – NEW**

Moved by: Don Thorne (OABO Secretary  
Treasurer)  
Second: Bruce Covert (Provincial Supervisor)

17.3 Conflict of Interest is a situation whereby  
a member of the executive or any other  
appointed or elected officer of OABO may  
benefit directly by participation in a particular  
decision that is being undertaken by any  
committee of OABO. These decisions may  
be financial or personnel decisions that may  
benefit the decision-maker directly. It is the  
member who may be in a state of conflict who  
presents the information to the executive. The  
executive will then make a decision and rule  
on the situation as to the member's inclusion or  
exclusion on the item at hand.

**Motion 7 - Present** – Please NOTE the  
Qualification that the By-Law below is not  
subject to prior notice and only requires a  
simple majority so the final wording may result  
at the Executive meeting prior to the AGM.  
If Article 5.2.5 is defeated the XXXX will be  
inserted by the Secretary-Treasurer as a motion.  
In any event any change in By-Law 1 will  
require this motion.

Moved by: Don Thorne (OABO Secretary  
Treasurer)  
Seconded by: Charles Ketter

#### **By-Law 1. OABO MEMBERSHIP FEES**

a) The Executive Committee shall set annual  
membership fees, subject to the approval of the  
membership, for each category of membership  
at its Executive meeting immediately prior to  
the Fall AGM. These fees shall be announced  
at the AGM by the Secretary-Treasurer in his  
report to the membership at that AGM.

b) Active and Provisional members., the fee  
shall be \$69.00 CDN and includes Provincial,  
CABO, Canada Basketball and Sports  
Insurance premium amounts

c) Associate and Non-Officiating members, the  
fee is \$21.00 CDN and includes Provincial fee  
and Sports Insurance premium.

d) Honourary members shall pay no local or  
provincial membership fees but shall have  
all fees covered by OABO as with Active  
Members for as long as they shall be members  
or become deceased but their names shall be  
included on the list compiled of members so  
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e) This By-Law may be amended by a simple  
majority and is not subject to prior notification

#### Amendment

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b) Active and Provisional members, the  
fee shall be \$ XXXX CDN and includes  
Provincial, and Sports Insurance premium  
amounts.

c) Associate and Non-Officiating members, the  
fee is \$ XXXX CDN and includes Provincial  
fee and Sports Insurance premium.

d) Membership fees for CABO and IAABO  
shall be set by the respective organizations and  
shall be appended to the OABO membership  
fee for those OABO members who chose such  
memberships.

e) Honourary members shall pay no local or  
provincial membership fees but shall have  
all fees covered by OABO as with Active  
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#### **8. Motion 8 - Present Constitution**

Moved By: Charles Ketter  
Seconded By: John Daugavietis

#### **By-Law 6. PROVINCIAL FEES**

The following are the recommended minimum  
fees to be charged:

OUA.....	\$100.00/ official/game
OCAA Men.....	\$90.00/ official/game
OCAA Women.....	\$90.00/ official/game
OBA Senior.....	\$60.00/ official/game
OBA Men, Junior, Intermediate.....	\$50.00/ official/game
OBA Juvenile 20-min halves.....	\$45.00/ official/game
OBA Midget 20-min halves.....	\$45.00/ official/game
OBA Bantam 16-min halves.....	\$35.00/ official/game
OFSAA "A", "AA", "AAA", "AAAA".....	\$50.00/ official/game

#### Amendment

Replace By-law 6 with:

#### **By-Law 6. Minimum Recommended PROVINCIAL FEES**

The following are recommended minimum fees  
to be charged:

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OCAA Men.....	\$90.00/ official/game
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OBA Senior.....	\$60.00/ official/game
OBA Men, Junior, Intermediate.....	\$50.00/ official/game
OBA Juvenile 20-min halves or equivalent.....	\$45.00/ official/game
OBA Midget & Major Midget 20-min halves or equivalent.....	\$45.00/ official/game
OBA Midget & Major Midget 8-min quarters or equivalent.....	\$40.00/ official/game
OBA Bantam & Major Bantam 16-min halves or equivalent.....	\$35.00/ official/game
OBA Atom & Major Atom.....	\$30.00/ official/game
OBA Novice & Major Novice.....	\$30.00/ official/game
OFSAA "A", "AA", "AAA", "AAAA".....	\$50.00/ official/game
Regional High School Play (CWOSSA, NOSSA etc.).....	\$45.00/ official/game

## Hammer Time! by Sawar Qureshi

Tom Lopes and Ronnie Nunn are both reputable names in officiating at the NCAA and the NBA levels respectively. Either one of them has the ability to engage a basketball audience. Hence when the both of them were going to be guest clinicians and speakers at the Hamilton Board Fox 40 camp an eager contingent of officials, coaches, and fans turned up. This event took place on August 10, 2010 at the Hillfield Strathallan College.

During the day Tom Lopes asked everyone the question as to which call is the hardest in basketball. After fielding a few responses where block charge was the most common response Tom said "Traveling is the hardest call in basketball. Why? Because there are so many opportunities for it to occur." Tom said people need to familiarize themselves with what is or isn't legal footwork and become comfortable making those decisions. The speed of the game can really make this challenging sometimes, it certainly does for me. He took things a little further by getting on top of a table to demonstrate a variety of foot work sequences, which really got the crowd going! There were one or two opportunities where he almost fell but everything worked out alright – it just goes to show how

serious Tom is about getting the travel call correct.

In the evening session Tom's presentation focused upon game management. He said this is what distinguishes the best officials from the rest. Ronnie Nunn discussed a few points on game management as well and said the best way to manage a game is through correct play calling. Making the right calls is the easiest way for an official to stay out of trouble but obviously this is easier said than done and isn't entirely realistic. In order of importance the next series of strategies Ronnie went on to discuss were: verbal responses, non-verbal responses, technical fouls, and physical insertion responses.

One real golden nugget I took away from Ronnie's game management discussion is when dealing with coaches showing them a one handed stop sign is usually not a good idea because it can be seen as confrontational and thus put coaches off. He suggested rather to use two hands out in front of your body and after holding them there for a moment to motion down two or three times with both hands as if to say 'calm down' with your body language. He said this is likely to produce better results.

The remainder of Ronnie's



Tom Lopes on the table demonstrating legal and illegal footwork.



The best line I heard Ronnie say, "There's always people at the bottom of the pyramid looking up – but remember, there's always room at the top."

discussion touched upon a few other topics, one of which he called: Life's Mountain Climbing. Upon reflecting on his career, he talked about how things were a step by step process and walked the captivated audience through how he was able to achieve great success in officiating through standards set in all parts of his life. Ronnie Nunn encouraged everyone to set the highest standards for themselves as that is what will carry you.

I'd like to thank Ron Foxcroft for inviting me to the camp this year as well as everyone involved in it. The Hamilton Fox 40 camp has

helped countless officials since its inception in 1988. Here's to another 23 years of success!

