

The Whistle

The Official Newsletter of The Ontario Association of Basketball Officials

OABO Presidents Message for AGM

It is hard to believe that I am writing this a full year after the world first shut down in trying to get a handle on Covid -19. It is even more difficult to realize we are still in the grip of this terrible virus and resultant pandemic. With vaccines no being administered, we can see that basketball has a chance to return to our lives sooner than later. We are currently working with OBA staff to collaborate on a "Return To Play" model that will provide the safety all participants need and will meet the requirements of the legislation. Our insurance broker and legal counsel are both engaged in this work with us. We want to thank everyone for their patience and diligence in playing our role in combating the pandemic. It hasn't been easy taking a pause from the game we all love, but it is a necessary contribution in this public health emergency. We look forward to providing an update during the AGM, with respect to the projected timeline for when competitive games will return and our services needed by our stakeholder partners.

CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

MOTION 1 Moved by Charles Freeman (Seaway Valley) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Article 2, 2.1 be created as follows:

2.1 Definitions: In this document,

- i. "CB" means Canada Basketball and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies
- ii. "CBOC" means the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission that is part of Canada Basketball that oversees the education and development of basketball officials in Canada
- iii. "OBA" means the Ontario Basketball Association and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies
- iv. "OSBA" means the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association that is a part of the Ontario Basketball Association
- v. "OFSSA" means the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies
- vi. "OCAA" means the OCAA means the Ontario College Athletic Association and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies
- vii. "OUA" means the Ontario Universities Athletics and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies

viii. "IAABO" means the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials and any committee under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies

ix. "CEBL" means the Canadian Elite Basketball League and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies

x. "NBL" means the National Basketball League and any committee, group or commission under its direct jurisdiction to which this document applies

And

That current Articles 2, 2.1 and 2, 2.2 be sequentially renumbered to reflect this new Article 2, 2.1

And

Article 3.1 be amended as follows

Current Wording

3.1 To work with organizations namely; Ontario Basketball (also referred to as OBA); Canada Basketball (also referred to as CB), the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (also referred to as CBOC), Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (also referred to as OFSAA), Ontario Universities Athletics (also referred to as OUA), Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (also referred to as OCAA); International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (also referred to as IAABO), the Canadian Elite Basketball League (also referred as CEBL), the National Basketball League (also referred as NBL) and other organizations to promote and develop the game of basketball.

Proposed Wording

3.1 To work with organizations listed in Article 2.1 as well as other organizations to promote and develop the game of basketball

Rationale:

1. The creation of this section means that there is now a place in the document to address and clarify any concerns about confusion when referring to a group or organization. As an example, it must be remembered that CBOC is simply a Commission under Canada Basketball however it is often referred to as if it were a separate organization.
2. The second part simply removes the need for separate amendments should the first part be passed by the membership. Obviously if the first part fails then the second would also fail as it is based on the passing of the first part
3. The third part removes duplication of the names of organizations listed in the definitions.

MOTION 2 Moved by: Charles Freeman (Seaway Valley) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Article 2, 2.2 be amended as follows

Current wording-

The OABO will be affiliated with Ontario Basketball (OBA), the Canadian Basketball Officials Commission (CBOC),
Canada Basketball (CB)

Proposed amendment-

The OABO will be affiliated with Ontario Basketball (OBA) and Canada Basketball (CB)

Rationale:

1. Currently, CBOC is listed as if it was a separate entity when in fact it is a part of CB. There is no need to affiliate with a commission which is a part of the “mother” organization.
2. See new Article 2, 2.1 for clarification of CB and CBOC

MOTION 3 Moved by Charles Freeman (Seaway Valley) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Article 8, 8.1 be amended as follows

Current wording-

All meetings may be held at an in-person venue or may be held via electronic means provided such means allows all in attendance the ability to hear and the opportunity to ask questions and to vote on appropriate matters.

Proposed amendment

All meetings may be held at an in-person venue or may be held via electronic means provided such means allows all in attendance the ability to hear, have voice and to vote.

Rationale:

1. The current wording suggests that only hearing, asking questions and voting on appropriate matters is allowed. By using the words “have voice” this allows for unrestricted participation in other than simple questions, such as debate, speaking in favor or against a motion etc..

MOTION 4 Moved by Charles Freeman (Seaway Valley) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Article 9.1 amended as follows

Current wording-

Article 9 – Amendments to Constitution and Procedures

- 9.1 Constitutional amendments require an affirmation of a two-thirds majority of the eligible voters.
- 9.2 Procedure amendments may be presented/brought to the floor at any General Meeting and require an affirmation of a simple majority of the eligible voters.
- 9.3 The Constitution shall be amended as a result of the votes cast at the AGM or by proxy.
- 9.4 The Amendment Submission process is covered in Procedure 6.
- 9.5 Updated copies of the Constitution, duly amended and passed at the AGM, shall be posted on the Association’s website, and distributed to the Local Board Secretaries no later than 30 days following the AGM.

Proposed wording-

Article 9 – Amendments to Constitution and Procedures

- 9.1 Constitutional amendments require an affirmation of a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at the AGM including votes by proxy.

- 9.2 Procedure amendments may be presented/brought to the floor at the AGM or at any General Meeting and require an affirmation of a simple majority of the votes cast including votes by proxy.
- 9.3 The Amendment Submission process is covered in Procedure 6.
- 9.4 Updated copies of the Constitution, duly amended and passed at the AGM, shall be posted on the Association's website, and distributed to the Local Board Secretaries no later than 30 days following the AGM.

Rationale:

1. Currently there are approximately 1700 members in OABO. As per Procedure 6, 6.1, 6.1.1 "Each OABO member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote" this means that there are approximately 1700 "voters". Thus, any amendment would require approximately 1133 votes in favor to pass ($1700 * 2/3 = 1133$).
 2. This amendment simply addresses the fact that only votes cast as In Favor, Not in Favor or Abstaining would be counted.
 3. Article 9, 9.3 is repetitive of 9.1 also the language clears up the votes counted will be votes cast including votes by proxy.
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PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS

MOTION 5 Moved by Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Procedure 1.1.2 amend as follows

Current wording

If merging two existing boards, the applicant(s) must include the area which shall merge into which current existing area. The applicant(s) must show proof that the merge was presented to and approved by their current membership. The applicant(s) must show proof that the merge was approved by the membership of the board being merged into.

Proposed wording

If merging two existing boards, the applicant(s) must include the area which shall merge into which current existing area. If the operating name of the post-merged boards is to be changed, the applicant(s) will include the new name. The applicant(s) must show proof that the merge was presented to and approved by their current membership. The applicant must show proof that the merge was approved by the membership of the board being merged into.

Rational

Applicant(s) may change the name of their combined boards.

MOTION 6 Moved by Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Procedure 2.1.1 i) amend as follows

Current wording

An Active Member is one, who has been an OABO member belonging to a Local Board as defined in Article 4 for more than one year, who continues to officiate, and who annually attains a mark of 70% or higher on a **proctored** exam which shall be the CBOC/CB-FIBA Exam or an equivalent FIBA Rules Exam that has been approved by the OABO Board of Directors. The member shall also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics disseminated to the Local Boards by the Provincial Interpreter.

Proposed wording

An Active Member is one, who has been an OABO member belonging to a Local Board as defined in Article 4 for more than one year, who continues to officiate, and who annually attains a mark of 70% or higher on **the CB-FIBA Exam following the procedures set by CB** or an equivalent FIBA Rules Exam that has been approved by the OABO Board of Directors. The member shall also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics disseminated to the Local Boards by the Provincial Interpreter.

And

Procedure 2.1.3 i) amend as follows

Current wording

A Provisional Member is one, who has been an OABO member belonging to a Local Board as defined in Article 4 for more than one year, who continues to officiate, and who has attained a mark of less than 70% on a **proctored** exam which shall be the CBOC/CB-FIBA Exam or an equivalent FIBA Rules Exam that has been approved by the Board of Directors. The member shall also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics disseminated to the Local Boards by the Provincial Interpreter.

Proposed wording

A Provisional Member is one, who has been an OABO member belonging to a Local Board as defined in Article 4 for more than one year, who continues to officiate, and who has attained a mark of less than 70% on **the CB-FIBA Exam following the procedures set by the CB** or an equivalent FIBA Rules Exam that has been approved by the Board of Directors. The member shall also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics disseminated to the Local Boards by the Provincial Interpreter.

And

Procedure 2.4.3 Level Three

Section i. amend as follows

Current Wording

A Local Board Member who has attained a NOCP Level Two rating; achieves 86% or more on the CBOC/CB proctored Exam; and is evaluated as per section 2.4.3 iv.

Proposed wording

A Local Board Member who has attained a NOCP Level Two rating; achieves 86% or more on **the CB-FIBA Exam following the procedures set by the CB**; and is evaluated as per section 2.4.3 iv.

And

Procedure 2.4.4 Level Four

Section i. amend as follows

Current wording

An OABO member who has attained a NOCP Level Three rating; achieves 86% or more on the CBOC/CB proctored Exam; is evaluated by two National Evaluators, as successful, at a CB Three Person National Championship, or a provincial event that is approved by the CBOC Executive. When approval from CBOC is received the OABO Secretary shall update the OABOadmin.ca data base.

Proposed wording

An OABO member who has attained a NOCP Level Three rating; achieves 86% or more **the CB-FIBA Exam following the procedures set by the CB**; is evaluated by two National Evaluators, as successful, at a CB Three Person National Championship, or a provincial event that is approved by the CBOC Executive. When approval from CBOC is received the OABO Secretary shall update the OABOadmin.ca data base.

Rationale:

Exams are currently open book and no longer proctored. The new wording will cover any future changes to the current procedures for writing CB-FIBA exams.

MOTION 7 Moved by Don Thorne (OABO Secretary) Second Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte)

Procedure 3.2.2 h amend as follows

Current wording

shall complete a Tournament Expense Report for each Official along with their own and the Assistant(s) and shall forward the report to the Provincial Supervisor for approval within one week following the completion of the tournament. The Provincial Supervisor shall approve the report and shall send a copy to the Treasurer who shall send payment in the form of a cheque to each individual within 2 weeks of the report being approved.

Proposed wording

shall complete a Tournament Expense Report for each Official along with their own and the Assistant(s) and shall forward the report to the Provincial Supervisor for approval within one week following the completion of the tournament. The Provincial Supervisor shall approve the expense report and shall send a copy to the Treasurer who shall send payment in the form of a cheque to the officials and assistants within 2 weeks of the report being approved. The Treasurer will send payment to the RC once the Supervisor confirms that all evaluations have been properly prepared and distributed to the individuals they concern and any or all tournament reports have been properly prepared and received.

Rationale

There have been numerous Provincial Tournaments where the RC may take longer than 2 weeks to complete evaluations and reports. The proposed wording ensures that the RC will complete all tasks of the assignment prior to receiving personal payment.

MOTION 8 Moved Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte) Second Charles Freeman (Seaway Valley)

Procedure 4.12.2c iii Panel Decisions amend as follows

Current Wording

Following completion of the appeal, the Chair of the Appeal Hearing shall communicate their decision within 7 days of the date of the end of the hearing.

Proposed Wording

Following completion of the appeal, the Chair of the Appeal Hearing shall communicate their decision within 7 days of the date of the end of the hearing. **The decision could be such as but not limited to:**

- a. **Appeal dismissed and sanction(s) upheld.**
 - b. **Appeal upheld; sanction(s) withdrawn.**
 - c. **Appeal upheld; complaint returned to PSC for redetermination.**
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MOTION 9 Moved by Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Procedure 5.5 DUTIES, HONORARIUMS, EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Procedure 5.5.6 The **TREASURER** shall:

Amend as follows

Current wording

- a. keep a record of the OABO roster and handle all records, including records of membership and correspondence.

Proposed wording

- a. keep a record of the OABO roster and handle all records, including records of membership and correspondence related to finances of the organization.

And

5.5.3 The **SECRETARY** shall:

Amend as follows

Current wording

- a. keep a record of all meetings and handle all records, including records of membership and correspondence.

Proposed wording

- a. keep a record of all meetings and handle all records, including records of membership and general correspondence.

Rationale: Clarifies correspondence record keeping

MOTION 10 Moved by Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte) Second Don Thorne (OABO Secretary)

Amend as follows

Current wording

5.8 EXPENSES

- a) Meals: Up to \$50.00 per day in the currency of the country in which it is being spent.
- b) Accommodation: As required in the currency of the country in which it is being spent.
- c) Travel (Canadian funds): \$0.40 per kilometre, or return economy airfare, whichever is less.
- d) Clinician Honorarium \$100.00 per day plus expenses as per 5.8 a, b, c.

Proposed wording

5.8 EXPENSES

Reimbursement of expenses by the Treasurer are subject to approval by the Board of Directors and will cover items such as but not limited to;

- a) Meals: Up to \$50.00 per day in the currency of the country in which it is being spent.
- b) Accommodation: As required in the currency of the country in which it is being spent.
- c) Travel (Canadian funds): \$0.40 per kilometre, or return economy airfare, whichever is less.
- d) Clinician Honorarium \$100.00 per day plus expenses as per 5.8 a, b, c.

Rationale

Gives clearer definition to who approves and reimburses expenses.

AGM INFORMATION

All information pertaining to the AGM can be found by going to www.oabo.ca and clicking on the link that appears on the home page.

There you will find how to register, how to obtain a form to assign your vote by proxy, a link to the above amendments (Please note that all the amendments above pertain to the grammatically corrected Constitution and Procedures), links to the grammatically corrected Constitution and Procedures. A special thank you to Geordie Montgomery and Charles Freeman who spent countless hours going over both documents.

Elections

Provincial Interpreter: 1 nomination received Michael Kim to be acclaimed

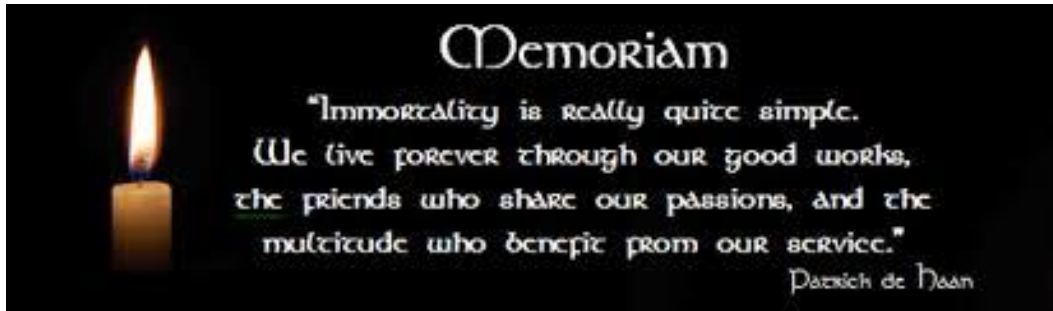
Treasurer: 1 nomination received Arthur Wong to be acclaimed

Secretary: 2 nominations received Geordie Montgomery (Bay of Quinte)
Stacey Newbigging (Hamilton)

The position of Secretary will be decided by vote at the AGM

LOCAL BOARD REPORTS

Local Board reports are now due. We realize that there has been limited board business this past year however reports should be submitted that would include any Executive Committee change, dates of upcoming AGM's / elections, short summary of educational meetings that may have been held. The reports will be compiled in a single document and will be published in a later edition.



Condolences to :

- The Niagara Board with respect to the passing of their member Shirley Demers (November 2020) and Barry Campbell (December 2020)
- The North Bay Board with the respect to the passing of their member of 65 years Art Gabor (November 2020)

Editor's note: I sincerely apologize if any names have been missed in publication. If anyone has been missed please send an email to the Secretary

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