



May 2016 -Spring Edition

Jaime McCaig OABO President

OPENING REMARKS

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FIBA SHIRT

It was decided by the Local Board Presidents at our meeting on April 30 to go back to their members and survey them to get more information on moving to one shirt across the Province and which supplier they prefer to use. The Provincial Shirt Survey is currently taking place and to date have had approximately 500 responses. Please take the time to respond as those survey results are due back to the OABO

Executive by June 1st and will provide us more details in order to make a final determination.

2016 OABO SEMINAR & AGM – SEPTEMBER 30- OCTOBER 2

Registration for the Seminar is now available on line at www.oabo.ca. There is also a link to book your accommodation for the weekend.

If you wish further details on the event, the Ottawa Board has set-up a separate website at OABO2016.ca.

If you wish to book your accommodation please go to the Home Page of the OABO website at www.oabo.ca and click on the link to the hotel.

IAABO

The IAABO/FIBA Handbook 2016-2017 Canadian Edition will be dedicated to Mr. Dennis Herbert. Congratulations to Dennis on this well-deserved honour.

I am pleased to announce Tom Lopes, the Executive Director, will be in

attendance at our 2016 OABO Seminar & AGM in Ottawa. IAABO is completely committed to assisting us with our move to FIBA Rules at the High School Level.

To assist OABO they are producing a 36 FIBA Lesson Plan Book which will be of great use to our 30 IAABO Chartered Local Boards, especially their Interpreters and Education Officers. It will include Rule Interpretations, Casebook Plays, Presentation Material, Summary and an Evaluation Section. It will be ready for distribution in September.

IAABO will be producing once again our FIBA Manual for distribution in September to all OABO Members. If you are an IAABO member it is part of your \$40 Canadian Membership fee. For non-IAABO members the price has yet to be finalized but you will be able to purchase it through your Local Board.

OCAA

The Executive Director Doug Gellatly attended our Local Board Presidents meeting to advise OABO that coming out of the OCAA AGM they were very happy with the trial year of the Regional Assigning and would like to continue

with the same process for 2016-2017. There were concerns raised by some Presidents on the issue of Officials coming into to other Geographical areas and going forward if approved would like to see more of Regional Panel system and more authority given to the Facilitator for decision making on Officiating Crews. This will need to be discussed further at the OABO AGM before a final decision is made but I sincerely hope at the end of the day we will want to continue to work and develop the already strong relationship we have with the OCAA.

OFSAA

I want to thank Mike McPhee for all his hard work as Provincial Interpreter and working with OFSAA on producing a document titled "OFSAA/FIBA Modifications". The final copy of this working document was presented at the Local Board Presidents Meeting and will be rolled out to all Officials via their Local Boards prior to the Fall. Mike will also be doing a presentation on Saturday, October 1 at the OABO Fall Seminar in Ottawa.

Our contract with OFSAA expires this June so we will be entering into negotiations with them on a new agreement which will definitely contain clause(s) on behavior of Coaches.

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always treated her fellow officials with great respect.

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OUA

The OABO/OUA Oversight Committee met in person for the first time on April 28 at the OUA office in Burlington. The following people were in attendance.

OABO

Jaime McCaig: President and OABO Executive Appointed Representative

Sandy Forand: President, Niagara Board and OABO Appointed Representative

Vern Bovell: OUA Panel Officials Elected Representative

OUA

Wally Gabler: Director of Sports Operations

Mike Havey: Director of Athletics University of Windsor

Dave Wilson: Queen's University Women's Head Coach

It was a very positive meeting and over the course of the 5 hours we discussed a lot of issues most importantly how to develop a more positive relationship and working together for the betterment of the Officials, Coaches and Players at the OUA Level. I will be providing a copy of those minutes to all Local Board Presidents and OUA Panel Officials once they are completed.

The 6 members of the Committee have also completed the process of hiring a

second Supervisor as per the OABO/OUA contract which will be entering its 3rd year of the 5 year contract. There were 3 strong applicants for the position Congratulations to Bruce Covert who was the successful candidate. I want to thank Don Thorne and Phil Lawn who made our decision very tough with their excellent qualifications.

The OUA/OABO Prospects Camp (formally Pre-Elite Camp) May 6-8 in Kitchener/Waterloo is now a further way of identifying Officials for future officiating at the OUA Level.

ONTARIO SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Executive Director, Jason Jansson attended our Local Board Presidents Meeting and confirmed for the 2016-2017 Season that OSBA will be using 3 Person officiating crews and the League will be expanding to include an 8 team Female division. Here are the confirmed programs on the female side. The male programs will be confirmed soon.

PROGRAM LOCATION

Bill Crothers Secondary School
Markham

Durham Prep
Whitby

Ecole secondaire publique
Louis-Riel
Ottawa

Guelph Prep
Guelph

King's Christian Collegiate
Oakville

Lincoln Prep
Hamilton

Southwest Furfaro Academy
London

The Rise Centre Academy
Brantford

WEST REGIONAL MEETING

The following West Region Local Boards attended the meeting on April 30: Elgin, Chatham Kent, K/W, London, Oxford, Sarnia & Windsor. There was excellent discussion around the Recruitment and Retention of Officials, Consistency of Officiating across the Province, OCAA Regional Assigning and Younger officials transferring to different Boards.



The East Region consisting of Bay of Quinte, Cobourg, Kingston, Ottawa, Peterborough, Renfrew and Seaway Valley will take place on the evening of Friday, September 30 as part of the 2016 OABO Seminar in Ottawa. The tentative start time will be 7:00pm. More details to follow.

OABO DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

I look forward to attending the Elite Camp May 27-29 in Kitchener/Waterloo, U12 Novice Officials Girls and Boys Camp July 3-9 at Georgian College in Barrie and the U14 Summer Games in Mississauga August 11-14. Our Camps continue to be well attended and offer great tutelage

under the guidance of Camp Director Bruce Covert.

CLOSING REMARKS

We are currently looking for Local Boards to host the 2018 OABO Seminar and beyond. If your Board is interested in hosting this prestigious event please send me an email. Our next OABO Executive meeting is Sunday, July 24.

Yours Truly

Jaime McCaig

President, OABO

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Rick Parnham OABO Vice President

The longer days of spring and the changing seasons connect also to the changing basketball landscape in the province. High schools have finished play and are now looking forward to the introduction of FIBA to the gyms next year. Club games are winding down and everyone is headed to the beach, soccer fields, and golf courses. Many local board AGM's have been held and change has happened within many executives. Thank you to all those that have served your local members as an officer, a leader and a mentor. Welcome to all the new members who have stepped up to

serve. This is a very important and special role you will be holding in your local boards. Please take it on with the pride and passion it deserves.

It has again been a privilege to represent OABO officials while sitting on the OBA Fair Play Committee. Thank you to all the boards that have provided timely game reports allowing us to be efficient with handling those reported situations. There is a strong commitment from the OBA to hold participants to a high

standard of sportsmanship and decorum. We play an integral role in helping the culture of the game improve. Knowing the Fair Play Rules and working with the site convenor to uphold those rules is not optional. We must hold coaches, players and spectators to the standards set by the client.

Enforcing the rules correctly will greatly assist in making sure there is a consistent message of what is allowed conversation during a game and what crosses the line drawn by the rule set. Please ensure that all incidences of ejections and significant

unsporting behaviours are reported to allow the Fair Play Committee to work at addressing the issues. You have asked for help in improving the behaviour of coaches and spectators; give the committee the necessary tools to make those changes happen. Both officials need to submit independent game reports when any incident of significant unsporting behaviour occurs. It is our responsibility to complete those and so very, very helpful to have them within 24 hours.

The OABO Constitutional Committee consisting of myself, Don Thorne, Mark Baxter and Geordie Montgomery will be working hard to review the OABO Constitution and all submitted suggested amendments to have them ready for voting at the AGM. Please be reminded that:

"All proposed Constitutional amendments must be submitted to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer noting the Mover, his/her Local Board, the Seconder, his/her Local Board, and a rationale for the amendment. The Secretary-Treasurer of the OABO must receive all amendments, no

later than 23:59:59 EDT July 15th in the year of the AGM. "

Please ensure that the timelines are met if you wish to submit considerations for voting. If any help is needed to make sure your idea is submitted in the correct format, don't hesitate to contact any of the members of the committee.

Recently each board with an IAABO charter would have received a survey from the IAABO Membership Committee. The committee is in the process of reviewing the responses that relate to board structures and initiatives related to membership recruitment and retention. Hearing that many boards in OABO are struggling to grow their membership as the game continues to grow around us, is concerning. Overworked and tired officials is a recipe for unhappy clients and problematic encounters. Hopefully there is a push within boards to expand their membership and that those looking for ideas will find the IAABO Membership Development Committee's report helpful in

providing ideas to recruit and retain our members in greater numbers.

IAABO is supporting a new initiative in Ontario this spring. It is the first IAABO Officials School held in Canada. The school will be teaching the most current CABO/FIBA mechanics and interpretations to attendees. Boards have been asked to recommend officials that are NOCP 2 looking to be considered for NOCP 3 certification.

Best wishes to all those attending all summer camps and representing Ontario at national appointments. These experiences provide tremendous development and training opportunities. To all, enjoy your summer and take some time for self-care to recharge, refresh and reconnect with other facets of your life. As always please let me know if you have any questions or if I can support you in any way.

Rick Parnham
Vice President

Interpreter's Report-Mike McPhee

CABO/FIBA Mechanics Updates:

With the onset of FIBA rules for all the games in Ontario this coming year, I want to alert all members regarding updates to mechanics that have occurred lately. FIBA Americas published their new 3 person mechanics information, which has been sent to all local board Interpreters. Dave Werry,

the National Interpreter has also announced some modifications. Some of them were already in our manual as published with the help of IAABO. Unfortunately only about 50% of the OABO membership got one.

Mechanics allow officials to obtain the best positions to see and officiate the play, and administer

the game. They tell us where to be on the court, where and when to move, what to focus our attention upon, and how to administer things like time outs, foul shots, throw ins etc. The signals of a game are located within the rules of the game. The FIBA signals (all of them) will henceforth apply to High School, OBA, OCAA, and OUA games.

Officials need to take care not to cause confusion by misusing a signal from habit that does not

relate to the rules. The changes to mechanics that affect all of our OABO officials are as follows:

1. Pointing to the floor on a “non-shooting” foul Reference: 2014 FIBA Rules (new signals) Illustration # 47. Signal is to be used in both 3 and 2 person.
2. Following the sounding of the whistle to begin a time-out request, the official with the ball shall place the ball on the floor on the floor at the nearest spot to where the ball will be located when the ball will be returned to play. For example: If there are to be free throws after the time out , then the ball will be placed on the center of the free throw line . If, after the time out, the ball is to be returned to play then (a) if a throw-in is to occur on the “opposite side” or “end line”, then the ball is to be placed out of bounds at the point where the ball is to be put into play after the time out. (b) If a throw-in is to occur on the “table side”, then the ball is to be placed 15 feet/5 meters from the side line to keep the ball away from team members. And if an issue on the opposite side to keep spectators away from the ball, to place it a similar distance from the throw in spot on the playing court.
4. When the 50 second horn sounds, the Referee shall blow the whistle.
5. In two person end line throw ins, we will keep the Canadian Mechanics and hand the ball on front court end line throw-in. (Rather than bouncing as in 3-person).
6. (Three Person) When the ball is coming down the floor, either in the middle of the court or on the “weak” side, the Lead should be in the “close down”, but not for long. The reason to go to close down is to decide if to rotate or not, once all officials are in front court.
7. Free throws: Lead shall not stand on the court at any time; once the ball is bounced to the free throw shooter. Center should toe the 3 point line while being able to see the opposite lane line spaces. Center shall keep his/her hands up (signaling the number of free throws) until the shooter releases the ball. On the final attempt the Center shall be prepared to start the clock on a final unsuccessful free throw. On a last Free Throw if the players outside the 3 point line are in the back court our near centre then the Trail adjusts to view the players. It depends on number of players and time of game.

Ofsaa FIBA in 2016-17

As the change to FIBA based rules for Ofsaa approaches, modification documents have been sent to each board Interpreter and shared with the presidents at the

Presidents’ Meeting at the end of April. Remember that when discussing the changeover, at no time will the term NFHS rules be used. Ofsaa events will be playing FIBA rules with modifications for High Schools. Local areas may

play the complete Ofsaa modifications, switch to complete FIBA rules, or may opt to not play FIBA until they go to Ofsaa. The parameters chart is included here for referenc

Basic Rule Set	FIBA RULES
Warm Up	Recommended 20 minutes. No Dunking in Warm Up. Technical Foul charged to Player.
Game Length	4 – 8 minute periods and 4 minute extra periods if/as necessary
Interval between periods	1 minute

Restricted Area (key)	NFHS (one spot up on free throws)
3 point shot (If multiple lines exist, use as per indicated order/preference)	NFHS 19.75' FIBA old 6.25m FIBA new 6.75m
Shot clock	35 second Note: See Details in Shot Clock Attachment sent to local boards
Team Fouls Penalty (Bonus)	35 second Note: See Details in Shot Clock Attachment sent to local boards.
Substitution	Substitution as per FIBA rules.
Time-outs *Note: Procedure for Time-Outs is in “Time Out Attachment” sent to local boards.	The NFHS time out procedure will be used for Ofsaa time-outs in 2016-17. •5 time-outs in regulation time period of game. • 1 time-out per extra period. • no 'carry over' of time-outs
FIBA RULES NOT APPLIED to Time-outs and Throw-In situations.	17.2.4. When the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth period and in each extra period, following a time-out taken by the team that is entitled to possession of the ball from its backcourt, the subsequent throw-in shall be administered at the throw-in line opposite the scorer's table in the team's frontcourt. (NOTE- A time-out granted to the "entitled" team will be followed by a throw-in at the point of interruption.) 18.2.8. A time -out shall not be permitted to the scoring team when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the fourth period and in each extra period and, following a successful field goal unless an official has interrupted the game. (NOTE- The Officials therefore will grant a time-out to the scoring team if requested at the appropriate time.)

Basketball Ontario

At the time of writing, the last groups of OBA Ontario Cup tournaments are occurring. For some local areas, servicing these huge events has been a challenge. As a result they have had to call in other boards to staff the parts of the tournament that they could not handle. Such situations further stress the need for consistency of application of rules and mechanics across the province. In addition the development of the OBL and OSBA leagues further demands consistency as these leagues play

across board service areas, and expect the same type of game to be called in each location. The **OABO/IAABO Conference Calls** have been available in the past to help co-ordinate our FIBA approach which up to now has focused on Basketball Ontario play. It is unfortunate that at best only about 1/3 of the OABO boards have been represented. With only one rules and mechanics set now in place, it is essential that we be consistent across the province at all levels. The hope is to have the calls earlier in the year to service the

high school game as well as Basketball Ontario.

In closing, I would like to wish those who scale back from the game over the summer a good relaxing and refreshing time. For those who do summer leagues, use the experience to hone your skills further, and for all officials who will be reffing at summer nationals, or the Ontario summer games may you do well

Mike McPhee-
OABO Interpreter

NORTHERN REPORT--- MAY 2015

**by Northern Rep
Brian Seccareccia**

It was another busy and successful basketball season in the North this spring as we were able to host the Boys OFSAA "A" Provincial Championships in the Sault, the Boys OFSAA "AA" Provincial Championships and the Ontario Native Basketball Invitational Tournament in Timmins, and the OBA Girls U15 Ontario Cup in North Bay. All of the teams and officials enjoyed the Northern hospitality provided by the host boards. Listed below are some of the highlights of each of the northern boards.

Muskoka-Parry Sound submitted by Michael Simonett

The Muskoka Parry Sound Board had a slightly slower season this winter with 50% of our high schools only fielding one team and only two high school tournaments in 2006. We have provided service for four different Basketball Ontario Clubs, including nineteen teams during this time with several daily round robin and full tournament schedules. We continue to have significant turnover with younger officials of our board to new areas for vocation reasons and some of our veteran officials taking time as snow birds on vacation in the south. Carl Nelson and Michael Simonett travelled to Timmins to officiate at the OFSAA "AA" Provincial Championships and enjoyed their experience. Our local season will wrap up with a couple of Olympia Sports Camp tournaments this spring

before we take a summer break until our AGM in September.

North Bay submitted by John Fong

We have been very busy in 2016 officiating games at the high school, college, and OBA level. We had a boy's high school tournament in January soon after the holiday break. Our OCAA officials travelled to Sudbury and enjoyed working games with Sudbury officials. We sent officials to Timmins to help them out in two local tournaments. Two of our officials, Rob Roy and Phil Forbes, also travelled to Timmins to officiate at the Boy's OFSAA "AA" Championships in March. Nipissing University was the host for a Juel Tournament in April and we would like to thank officials from Sudbury and Barrie who helped us out during the tournament. At the end of April we were able to host the OBA U15 Girl's Ontario Cup Championship. Unfortunately, I will be officiating in that tournament and will not be able to attend our President's Meeting. Our executive for the following year is as follows:

President John Fong
Vice-President Rick Cowden
Secretary-Treasurer Desi Collins
Assignor Phil Forbes
Interpreter Rob Roy

Sault Ste. Marie submitted by Jeff Bussineau

Another basketball season has come and gone in Sault Ste. Marie. Once again, one of our major second half

highlights included an exciting Guy Vetrie Boys Basketball Tournament with Bill Crothers defeating BTB Academy in the championship game. The Sault was the host for the Boys' "AAA" NOSSA Regional Championships. We entertained a successful single Boys "A" OFSAA Provincial Championships and all of the teams and officials enjoyed the Northern hospitality that the Sault offered and had a great time. Congratulations to Jeff Bussineau who had the opportunity to referee at the inaugural Critelli Cup (OUA Women's Final Four) in Ottawa. We continue to officiate OCAA games and send officials to Sudbury. Looking forward into May and June three of our officials will travel to the OABO camps; one to the OABO/OUA Prospects' Camp and two to the Elite Camp. As a board we wish Ottawa the best of luck as they prepare for the AGM in September. Our executive for the upcoming year is as follows:

President Jeff Bussineau
Vice-President Shauna Conway
Treasurer Adam Carpenter
Secretary Chris Siegman
Past President Brian Seccareccia

Sudbury submitted by Charles Ketter

With the high school season ending with the early March OFSAA's GSBBO has been overwhelmed with elementary and youth ball. Once more the number of games played will out strip the Secondary Schools schedule. As the last vestiges of NFHS rules fade into the sunset our members are switching to FIBA rules for 2 school Boards while the largest continues to play out the last year

that the high schools use NFHS rules. Workshops are being scheduled for early September to prepare Table crews for the changes and the addition of shot clocks. Coaches will be provided with the major changes in the rules, particularly related to the OFSAA time out variations. All of the information has been circulated to all the present coaches and Phys Ed departments and will be followed up again during the last week of August.

With 2 of the OFSAA events in the North this year Greater Sudbury did have Stu Fairwell and Wayne Lozier represent us at the A division in Sault. We would like to thank them for their capable representation there. Steve Lafreniere is attending the Pre-Elite camp, while Alyssa Ferreira returns to the Elite after an exciting and professional participation at the OCAA Provincials followed by the Nationals. Well done Alyssa!

We have elementary ball scheduled into early June and are hosting the Joe MacDonald Memorial Police Tournament. This tournament moves around the province and we are proud to support the efforts of these officers who use this to raise funds for various charities. This year it is the local Joe MacDonald Football League. Joe was a police officer in Sudbury who was shot and killed when making what should have been a routine traffic stop. The two perpetrators are serving life sentences.

It has been an exciting season and though some members look forward to a little rest through the summer it won't be long before they will ask, "When does the season start?" Enjoy the little time you may have – revel in

the spirit of family – refresh and be ready for the next tip off!!

Thunder Bay submitted by Rod Miller

We provided officials for all Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys at the high school level in Thunder Bay, as well as select in nearby (600 km) communities. Our officials were instrumental to the completion of high school playoffs at the AA level in Thunder Bay, and at AA and A levels in nearby communities. Our group worked the St. Ignatius Falcon Invitational Tournament which consisted of 90 plus assignments over 2.5 days. It was a busy weekend indeed. We continue to provide officials for Lakehead University varsity scrimmages. We officiate the local Masters and Men's League, which truly tests our officials endurance and capacity. We provide officials for a local grade nine midget annual tournament and we support the local Blaze and Junior Wolves program. One of our officials Rod Miller, continues to work on the OUA Panel. Matt Goble is travelling this summer to the OUA/OABO Prospects camp, OUA Elite Camp and the Camp of Excellence in Nova Scotia. Our executive for the following year is as follows:

President Rod Miller Past
President Markku Peuhkurinen
Vice-President Doug Reid
Secretary Treasurer Ryan Sinninghe
Interpreter Peter Andros
Recruitment Training Wally Peterson

TIMMINS Submitted by Pierre Thibodeau

It was a busy winter and spring for Timmins as we officiated the boy's high school league, intermediate league, and the Men's and Women's league. In February, we had the Zenon Ziemba Boys basketball tournament hosted by O'Gorman High School. The PBOA needed help from Sudbury and North Bay officials to cover the tournament. The Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO) held the Ontario Native Basketball Invitational Tournament in Timmins February 26th-28th. It was a huge success and we would like to thank Rob Roy and Butch Forbes who travelled from North Bay to help us officiate. You can review the results and pictures at www.aswco.ca.

Timmins High hosted the OFSAA "AA" Boy's Provincial Championships in March. Anna Del Col travelled back to her home town to be the RC for the tournament along with the help of RCA Pierre Thibodeau. We had an excellent crew of officials from all over the province. Congratulations to Craymer Forth and Aarash Rafael who officiated the gold medal game and to Angelo Lia and Rob Roy who officiated the bronze medal game.

The PBOA will be running a few clinics in our northern region to inform and clarify to our member schools the new FIBA rules that will be implemented this Fall.

Bruce Covert Provincial Supervisor

The following officials worked the Juel Prep tournament in Kingston

Jim Pereira- Kingston
Jordan Chambers - Kingston
Paul Pennell- Kingston
Phil Robertson- Kingston
Amy Cotton - Kingston
Mike Hegarty - London
Ellie Cianfrani - Hamilton
Jowel Villa - Peel
Denise Perrier - TABO
Tashawna Higgins - TABO

**RC - Jaime McCaig
Assistants - Frances Enns &
Craymer Forth**

The following were selected to work the Juel tournament in Kingston:

Mike Chambers- Kingston
Colin Hoehne - Kingston
Suche James - Kingston
Andy Ledoux - Kingston
Melissa Famme - KW
Alen Mijic - KW
Kyle Pollard - London
Jan Bays - Hamilton
Ruta O'Grady - Hamilton
Dan Estey - Peel
Aarash Rafiaie - Ottawa
Janice Lui - Toronto
Anne Pastrana - Toronto

**RC - Justin Walsh
Assistant - James Wallace**

The following have been selected to work a summer national tournament:

**U17 Boys (Winnipeg)
Ryan Bissonette -
Niagara
Seth Schwartz - Toronto**

**U15 Boys (Winnipeg)
Colin Hoehne - Kingston**

**U17 Girls (Regina)
Steven Wilkie - Hamilton
Aarash Rafiaie - Ottawa**

**U15 Girls (Regina)
Fei Xiang - Toronto**

**Congratulations to
all
Bruce**

OUA/OABO Prospect Camp



From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer & IAABO D9 Rep

IAABO News

The Canadian contingent who attended the IAABO Spring Conference in Orlando Florida this past April included Jaime & Cathy McCaig, Susan Greenaway (Cathy's sister), Rick Parnham, Dennis Herbert, Gene and Marie Schaaf, Pat and Bob Laing, Peter and Barbara Andros, Tina Thorne and myself. One of the highlights of the meeting was to see Gene Schaaf being presented his IAABO 50 Year Service watch. Also during the Sunday AGM, Dennis Herbert moved to the Past President's position with the election of David Smith (Board 4 Colorado) as the new IAABO President.

The 2016 IAABO Fall Seminar will be held in Gettysburg, PA September 22 – 25 2016, and the 2017 Spring Meeting will be at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut in April 2017.

OABO News

Congratulations go out to Frances Ennes and Alyssa Fererrria. CABO has notified OABO that both officials have met the criteria to be given their NOCP Level 4.

Also, congratulations to Bruce Covert who was recently hired as the second OUA Supervisor. Bruce joins current Supervisor Tom Christie and their partnership will only lead to a stronger OUA Panel.

We have just completed our Annual President's meeting with 27 of the 31 boards in attendance. The Executive Committee was asked to look at various ways to cut costs for next year to increase revenue for our Legal costs this past year. One of the suggestions was to cancel the 2017 President's meeting. This would have to be approved by vote at the AGM this fall. We are also looking at each budget item line by line to see where we can pool further funds.

The OABO OUA Prospect Development Camp has just completed. This Camp was geared towards officials wanting to improve their three person mechanics as well as those hoping to be looked at for future considerations to the OUA Panel. Next up is the OUA Elite Development Camp.

OBA and OABO have announced that the Ontario Summer Games will be a Development Camp using 2 and 3 person mechanics. This will be held later this year in August.

OABO Deadlines: Please review the next items carefully. The deadline dates are extremely important.

****URGENT**:** Next year rule book orders must be in **no later than Friday July 1st.**

The OABO Executive encourages all members to purchase the IAABO FIBA Rules Handbooks. **NOTE:** IAABO members receive the FIBA handbook as part of their IAABO membership since we are now using FIBA Rules.

Nominations for OABO Award of Merit will be accepted up to midnight **July 1, 2016.** The OABO Award of Merit nomination must come from Local Boards and are presented annually to OABO members in recognition of their contribution to a Local Board. As I mentioned at the recent President's meeting, we, the OABO Executive, are very disappointed that we do not receive an abundance of nominations yearly. Last year we presented two awards to truly deserving candidates.

Local Board Reports are due **no later than August 1st.** Please email them to me in either Word or PDF format. Reports should include the names and contact info of your Executive Committees, number of officials, number of games assigned,

accomplishments of the members of your board i.e. OFSAA championships etc, and anything else you want to ramble on about as long as it can be printed on preferably one page, 2 pages max.

The three OABO Executive Positions that are up for election this year are President, Vice President, and Provincial Supervisor. Jaime McCaig and Rick Parnham have been reminded that they need to provide me with specific required information **no later than August 1st.** if they intend to run for re-election. Bruce Covert will not be running for re-election as per his announcement at last year's AGM. I will notify the Local Board Presidents and Secretaries by email on or before August 15th of those intending to stand for re-election. After August 15th, according to Article 8.3.2: "Any member of the current OABO Executive who is a member in good standing and wishes to run for re-election must submit the following information: Name of the Candidate, Candidate's Local Board, Position being Nominated For, Consent to be Nominated, Name of the Nominator, Nominator's Local Board; to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer by August 1st of the year of the AGM. The OABO Secretary-Treasurer will forward these names to the last known contacts of all the Local Boards by August 15th of the year of the AGM by e-mail." Any proposed change to the Constitution must be submitted to Rick Parnham **no later than July 15th.** The Constitution Committee will send back all proposed changes which I will send to the Local Board Presidents and Secretaries by email on or before August 30th.

CABO's Ritchie/Nicurity Scholarship deadline for application is **August 31st.** Keep in mind there are several things needed to complete the application. Information and forms can be found at www.cabocanada.org and click the "Forms" button.

Well that's about it for me. I always end on a golf note especially since we are in that time of year so.... Every Wednesday night I duck out of work (with permission) an hour early to partake in Men's night at Conestoga Golf Course. It's not my truly favourite course in the area because it has very tight fairways, lots of trees that my ball seems to be attracted to and the

Conestoga River that my ball thinks it's got to go wash itself because of the dirt it collected from all those trees. This year I am a team Captain and I had to pick a name so based on the above info it was only fitting to call our team "The Bogey Men". Seems to be working out as we are currently in first place but it's really, really early. As Michael Currie always tells me...

here's hoping you "Hit em straight and hit em farrrrrrrr".

Hope you all have a good safe summer.

Don

Membership Support Officer's Message - Tino DeCastro

OABO SCHOLARSHIPS

Gord Smith Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by Geordie Montgomery, Bay of Quinte Board of Approved Officials.

Following is the criteria:

1. A Member in Good Standing with your Local Board & OABO.
2. You show a willingness to improve by implementing suggestions from local and Provincial evaluators.
3. Those with a financial hardship may get greater consideration.
4. A recommendation from your local Executive, while not necessary, may help.
5. A recommendation from a Provincial Evaluator, while not necessary, may help.
6. Should have 2-3 years of officiating experience, but all applicants will be considered.

Please include as many details about your officiating experience and your general life.

i.e. Student, Working etc.

Please submit your application for this scholarship, via e-mail to Geordie Montgomery at geordiecm@cogeco.ca

The deadline for applying is July 1.

The successful candidate will be informed by Geordie within two weeks of the deadline.

Scholarship funds will be given to the Provincial Camp Director on behalf of the successful candidate.

Lawrie Rotenberg Memorial Scholarship

(2 are available)

Following is the criteria:

1. A Member in Good Standing with the Local Board.
2. Displays constants improvement in officiating skills throughout the season.
3. Contributes to their Local Board in ways of volunteering at various events organized by the Board, both on and off the floor.
4. Displays a keen attitude, excellent availability, professionalism and punctuality in representing their Board in the basketball community
5. Attending Ontario Summer Games Camp. August 11-14

Please submit your application for this scholarship, via e-mail to Jaime

McCaig: jaimemccaig@gmail.com. The deadline for applying is July 1. The successful candidate will be informed by Jaime approximately two weeks after the deadline. There are 2 -Full Scholarships of \$300

OUA Award of Merit Presented

Paul Carter is the recipient of this year's **Officials Award of Merit**.

OUA HALL of FAME 2016

Congratulations to Penny Wright for her induction to Hall of Fame.



Guy Cipriani, Penny Wright and Tom Christie.



Penny with the award



Kelcey Wright, Penny Wright, Reade Smith Zack Wright

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OABO Conference and AGM 2016
Ottawa, Sept 30 – Oct 2.

April 13, 2016

Dear Fellow Board President

I hope you've had a successful year. Now that the season is coming to an end, it's time to up-date you on our plans for the 2016 AGM and Conference being hosted this year by the Ottawa board. We are asking for your continued financial support by purchasing advertising space in the program. I have included below the information with respect to costs for advertising for your consideration.

We believe we have an exciting speaker schedule; including several officials who will just be returning from working the Olympics, the CEO of Basketball Canada, as well as experts on performing under pressure! (who of us have not experienced this in our officiating careers!) We have also tentatively booked Jack Armstrong of the Raptor's TV crew to be the keynote speaker at the OABO Wall of Fame dinner.

As this is the 125 anniversary of Dr. Naismith's development of the sport, we have arranged in collaboration with the James Naismith Foundation museum in Almonte to provide a display of artifacts at the conference. These items are from their museum. We may also be able to arrange a visit to Almonte, the birth place of Dr. Naismith, for those interested and if sufficient numbers express this interest.

Another element that we hope will attract non-delegates to the meeting and conference is a special rate of \$100 for those who wish to just attend the talks and network at the hospitality suite; without the expense of the Wall of Fame dinner. In addition, we are planning a "Leadership" session Sunday morning for those people and others who will not be participating in the AGM Sunday. An outline of events will be available on our soon to be launched website (www.oabo2016.ca).

We are also working to appeal to female officials. It is our intention to have as many female officials attend and benefit from networking with fellow officials and gaining knowledge and experiences from the various speakers. Jen Charbonneau, co-chair for this event will be communicating, in a separate note, to our female officials outlining the benefits of attending.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the advertising program. We are requesting that you provide a digital version of your logo that we can use in the program. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully Yours

Andre Lemaire
President OVBABO

Advertisement Opportunities
OABO Conference & AGM 2016

Full Page Advertisement - \$125
Half Page Advertisement - \$75
Quarter Page Advertisement - \$50



The 2016 OABO Conference & AGM is approaching quickly and we could not be more excited to be hosting this year in Ottawa at this very historical time in the game of basketball. Dr James Naismith was born just outside of our city in the small, quaint town of [Almonte, ON](#). It's been 125 years since his brilliant, creative mind started our game and it has grown and changed over the years! Our Conference theme of **"Bringing it Home – 125 Years"** will be showcased & celebrated over the course of the weekend! The [Naismith Foundation & Museum](#) is a central feature in our community and they are also working tirelessly to bring honour to the game of basketball.

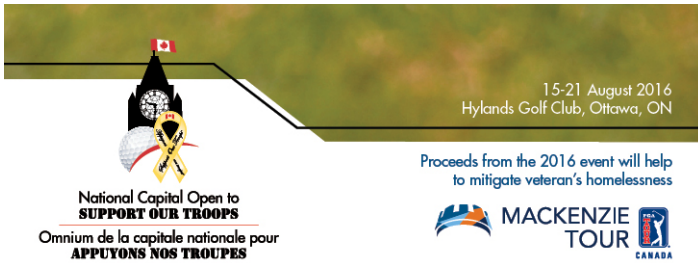
We look so forward to you joining us in this celebration!

Please visit our website at

www.oabo2016.ca

Registration is now open and we encourage you to get in on the early registration fees. The full weekend at \$160 will include a Friday evening welcome from the Naismith Foundation; in addition to the hospitality suite. Enjoy the time meeting up with colleagues, sharing stories and meeting new friends! Saturday includes an incredibly varied group of speakers; designed to help increase your knowledge, appreciation and contribution to the game we love. Saturday evening includes our traditional "Wall of Fame" dinner where we honour our peers and celebrate the many accomplishments over the past year(s)! Our special guest speaker, Jack Armstrong – the voice of the Toronto Raptors, will provide a little dinner entertainment as well. Following dinner and dessert, drinks will move back into the hospitality suite to wrap up a great day filled with new memories. Sunday morning will also feature a leadership workshop. For those non-voting delegates, this workshop will be a great opportunity to further enhance your skills, develop goals and plans to take those skills to the next level in your officiating career. We encourage young/new officials (1-5 yrs experience) to take part in this portion of our weekend. We have some very talented facilitators that will focus on a number of areas including skills for performing under pressure, pre-game conditioning, how to climb that officiating ladder with confidence.

We are also very pleased to have secured the award winning, Canadian PGA circuit golf course – The Ottawa Hylands - home of the National Capital Open to Support Our Troops!! This immaculate course will be the site of our golf tournament on Friday Sept 30th. Prizes galore; including the ultimate test of your accuracy!! Stay tuned for details.



The Hampton Inn by Hilton & Ottawa Convention Centre is our host for the weekend and if you haven't booked your room(s) yet, we encourage you to do so. The following link will take you right to online registration.

http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/Y/YOWCNHX-OVA-20160929/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

If you are bringing guests with you for the weekend, there are a multitude of "things to do" in Ottawa. Visit the link on our website to check things out!! Consider coming to Ottawa a day or two early! Visit the museum and birthplace of Dr James Naismith, tour our city – Parliament Hill, The Changing of the Guards, The ByWard Market, Tanger Outlets are worth the trip. A visit to Gatineau Park will leave you breathless; as the fall colours showcase nature at its best!!

<https://oabowordpresscom.wordpress.com/things-to-do-in-ottawa/>

We are excited to combine a traditional OABO conference with a progressive touch and whether you are a first-time attendee or a seasoned veteran, we guarantee a welcoming educational experience and a chance to build new friendships and create memories.

If you have any questions leading up to OABO 2016, please contact Co-Chairs Jen Charbonneau – jen@jencharbonneau.com or Eric Jordan – teamjordan005@aol.com and they'd be pleased to help.

Wishing you a wonder summer and can't wait to connect in Ottawa this fall!!

CIS & CCAA National Championships, and Upcoming International Assignments

In March Canada's two post-secondary athletic organizations conducted their national championships. 48 referees were selected to officiate at the various championships. As well CABO selected 12 members from the national Assignor Evaluator group to oversee the events. Their names are included as well.

The referees selected to the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) Championship are as follows. These officials were selected by their provinces and approved by the CABO national executive.

CCAA Women	Prov	CCAA Men	Prov
Erica Layton	AB	Brent Stocker	NS
Jared Joudry	NB	Mike Bittante	AB
Kayla Herdman	ON	James Nilsson	AB
Alyssa Ferreira	ON	Paul Rocca	AB
Georgia Risnita	ON	Rick Shinkaruk	AB
Melissa Famme	ON	Perry Stothart	AB
Pascale Mapleston	ON	Marla Van Gelder	AB
Frances Enns	ON	Greg Spagnoli	ON
Rolando Calapiz	BC	Waseem Husainy	BC
Todd MacInnis	PEI	Kerry Rokosh	BC
Ludger Blanchard	QC	Maripier Malo	QC
Matthew Dicken	QC	Mark Jacobson	SK

Assignor Evaluators	Prov	Assignor Evaluators	Prov
Dave Morphy	MB	Bill Carr	AB
Bruce Covert	ON	Nancy Ethier	QC
Mario Lessard	QC	Warren Ponczak	SK

The referees selected to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Championship are as follows. These officials were nominated by their provinces and selected by the Canada Basketball Officials Commission. (CBOC)

CIS Women	Prov	CIS Men	Prov
Scott Critch	NL	Steve Seibel	BC
Brian States	NS	Reed Scott	BC
Nathaniel Saunders	QC	Carl Artis	AB
Denis Kismic	QC	Derek Sorenson	AB
Anna Delcol	ON	Neil Donnelly	SK
Justin Walsh	ON	Dave Maxin	ON
Nick Borich	ON	Frank Rizzuti	ON
Sean McManemy	ON	Chris Delaney	ON
Rob Caporicci	ON	Vern Bovell	ON
Chris Brischuk	SK	Jon Hunt	NS
Ryley Kerrison	AB	Jayson Stiell	QC
Frankie Billingsley	AB	Sebastien Gauthier	QC

Assignor Evaluators	Prov	Assignor Evaluators	Prov
John Weiland	AB	Mike Thomson	BC
Mike Homsy	QC	Nadine Crowley	ON
Jamey Jennings	NL	Jim Cervo	BC

As Chair of the CBOC and President of CABO I'd like to congratulate all of these individuals for their outstanding performances.

The following people have been chosen for upcoming international assignments as either on floor officials, commissioners at specific events or as instructors at FIBA camps or clinics.

XXXI Olympics – Rio de Janeiro Brazil

Karen Lasuik - Official

Steve Seibel – Official

Qualifying Tournaments for XXXI Olympics

Women's Tournament – Paris France

Maripier (MP) Malo - Official

Nadine Crowley – Commissioner

Men's Tournament - Belgrade Serbia

Michael Weiland - Official

World U-17 Championship – Zaragoza Spain

Matthew Kallio - Official

FIBA Americas U-18 Championships – Valdivia Chile

Men Reed Scott - Official

Women Stephanie Nordlee – Official

FIBA America Centrobasket Championships – Panama City Panama

Michael Weiland - Official

FIBA Americas Training Camp – Panama City Panama

Steve Seibel – Instructor

Michael Thomson – Instructor

As Chair of the CBOC and President of CABO I'd like to congratulate all of these individuals on these appointments. It is a testament to their hard work and dedication that they are selected for these important and prestigious assignments. I know that each one of them will represent our national federation with great skill and professionalism.

Morgan Munroe

**Jason Jansson,
Executive Director,
Ontario Basketball
March 22, 2016**

Dear Jason,

Re: Ontario Basketball Fair Play and Discipline Committee – Request

I am writing to you on behalf of our Committee with respect to what we collectively regard as a disturbing trend observed to date in our 2015-2016 Fair Play and Discipline Committee proceedings. As coordinated by Commissioner of Fair Play & Resolution David Hurley, our Committee has been required to decide an unprecedented number of Fair Play Rules complaints made against Club coaches, team parents, and spectators for varying types of unsportsmanlike conduct. We emphasize that our players are rarely the subject of Fair Play disciplinary proceedings – a point that I expand upon below.

The Committee has two specific and inter-connected concerns. The first is ‘on the floor’ Club coach behaviour. In numerous instances the Committee has reviewed in recent months, Club head coaches and assistants have committed many serious Rules violations. These have included: (i) objectionable exchanges with game officials, including swearing, gestures and conduct plainly calculated to offend any reasonable person on its receiving end; (ii) inciting their team’s supporters to cheer in ways that far exceed good sportsmanship; (iii) refusals to leave the facility after being ejected for conduct noted in (i).

In almost every case, the Club coach (or affiliated Club members) have offered variations on the following ‘justifications’ for their actions: (i) the officiating was poor, and ‘I was trying to protect my players’; (ii) the opposing team was violating Fair Play (such as the Ontario Basketball team defence Rules applicable at our younger age group competitions); (iii) the Ontario Basketball site convenors were not properly controlling the situation. Of equal Committee concern is the fact that most of these 2015-2016 complaints involve our U12 age groups, and younger – the most impressionable players.

Our second concern is equally important. In our proceedings, it is clear that many Club coaches do not understand their clear Fair Play obligations, ones that include ensuring that their team supporters are not abusive or unsportsmanlike. We have reached two conclusions. The first, many club coaches are not reading the Rules with any particular care, nor are they demonstrating a real appreciation of why the Rules exist. The second, clubs are not discharging their Fair Play obligation, to ensure that anyone associated with the Club and its teams must abide by the Rules, by their letter and in the Fair Play spirit.

Our Committee has never, nor will it ever pre-judge any Fair Play complaint. We decide complaints on the basis of the information provided to us, with the view that we will encourage and promote Fair Play. The Committee members’ collective experience as players, coaches, referees, Club administrators, executives, and general basketball volunteers now totals over 120 years, and many thousands of games in every conceivable setting. The Fair Play Rules also impose a serious obligation on the Committee to approach every case with a single purpose – what is the fair and proper result?

We respectfully request that you, with the Ontario Basketball Board of Directors' concurrence, send this letter to every Member Club, with the further direction that it be sent to every individual Club member. We shall welcome it being posted on the Ontario Basketball website. We wish to ensure that as we move forward with our Fair Play work this season, and beyond, there is no confusion with respect to how seriously we regard the recent developments noted above. It is ironic that the people with the most direct involvement in any basketball game – our players – are so rarely the subject of a Fair Play complaint.

We urge every Ontario Basketball member to read the Fair Play Rules with great care, and to fully appreciate their purpose, as well as the sanctions the Committee is permitted to impose on anyone found in violation of them.

Yours truly,
Ontario Basketball Fair Play & Discipline Committee

cc. Greg Verner, President, Ontario Basketball
Dave Hurley, Commissioner, Fair Play & Resolution – Ontario Basketball