



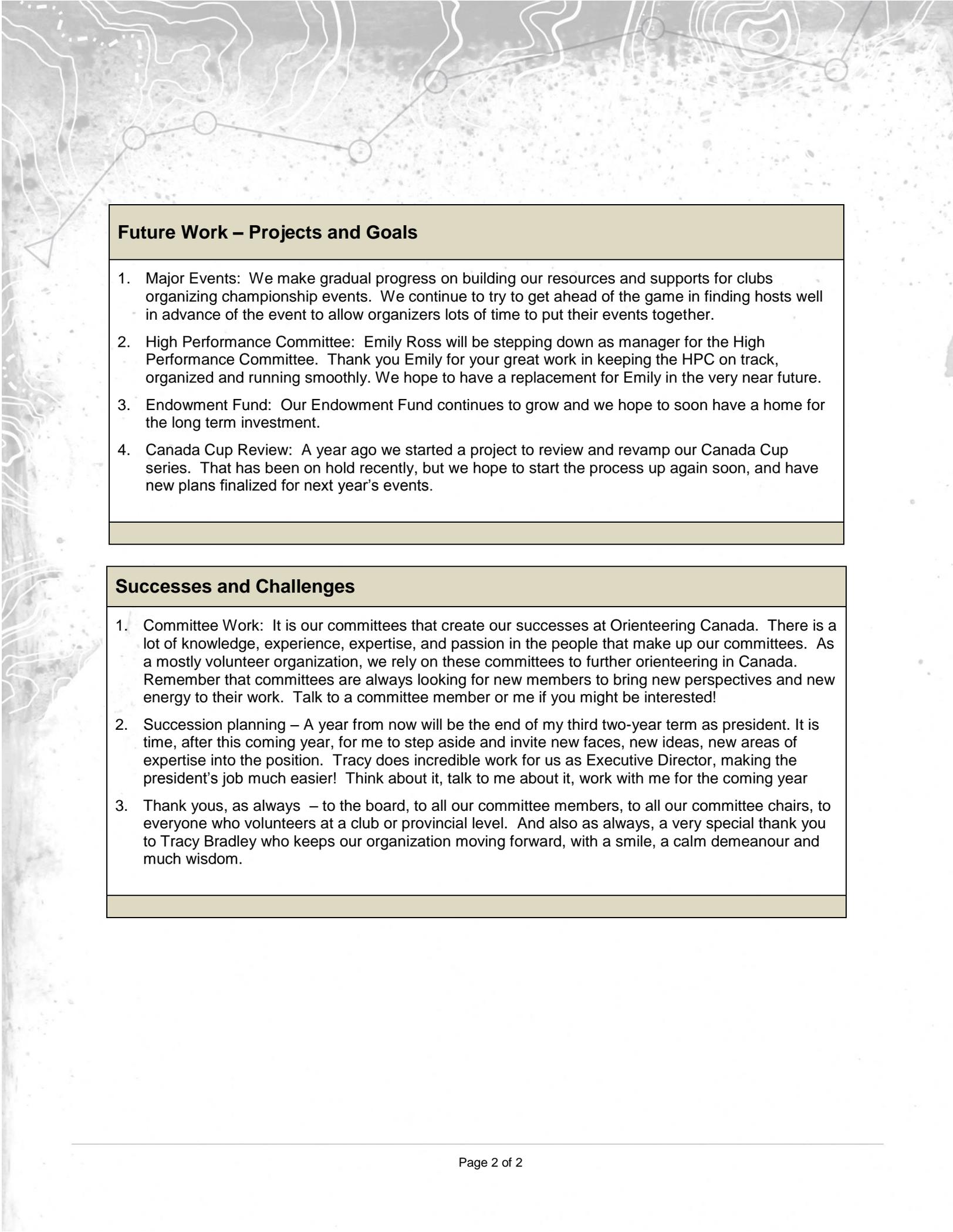
President's Report to 2019 AGM

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Past Year's Work

Another year has flown by! There are always a lot of things that Orienteering Canada does on a year-by-year basis, but also a few things that are new and different. This year, some of the interesting activities, events and accomplishments:

1. A very special donation: Orienteering Canada received a very special and very substantial donation recently donated by our friend and mentor Adrian Zissos in his will. A portion of Adrian's donation was directed to the Orienteering Canada Endowment Fund, one of his projects and passions. The remainder on his contribution will be used for one or more significant, though as yet undefined, projects that will reflect Adrian's commitment and contributions to orienteering in Canada and ensure a legacy for his donation. Adrian was such a big figure in orienteering in Canada - generous, committed, knowledgeable, full of vision and wisdom, and always with a smile on his face. We hope we can do his memory and vision for our sport justice with his very generous financial donation.
2. New Officials Certificates: Here's a nice statistic – I signed 76 certificates for meet officials this year – 76 people receiving certificates for becoming O100, O200 or O300 level meet officials. Wow! Thank you to all who took the courses. You are the future of our orienteering events in Canada! And thank you to all who ran the courses and encouraged folks to come and learn about organizing orienteering meets.
3. Skills Database: The Skills database that has been worked on for so long is now published and available to use. Further development is planned for the future.
4. Orienteering Canada Quilt: Orienteering Canada received a beautiful hand-made 50th anniversary quilt which was sold last year at NAOCs/COCs in Whitehorse. We raised an amazing \$1800 for our Endowment Fund with the sale of the quilt.
5. Realignment Member Fees: 2018 saw a realignment of Orienteering Canada member fees to better represent the current distribution of orienteering participation across the country. The total fees collected remain the same; only the distribution among the PTOAs has changed.



Future Work – Projects and Goals

1. Major Events: We make gradual progress on building our resources and supports for clubs organizing championship events. We continue to try to get ahead of the game in finding hosts well in advance of the event to allow organizers lots of time to put their events together.
2. High Performance Committee: Emily Ross will be stepping down as manager for the High Performance Committee. Thank you Emily for your great work in keeping the HPC on track, organized and running smoothly. We hope to have a replacement for Emily in the very near future.
3. Endowment Fund: Our Endowment Fund continues to grow and we hope to soon have a home for the long term investment.
4. Canada Cup Review: A year ago we started a project to review and revamp our Canada Cup series. That has been on hold recently, but we hope to start the process up again soon, and have new plans finalized for next year's events.

Successes and Challenges

1. Committee Work: It is our committees that create our successes at Orienteering Canada. There is a lot of knowledge, experience, expertise, and passion in the people that make up our committees. As a mostly volunteer organization, we rely on these committees to further orienteering in Canada. Remember that committees are always looking for new members to bring new perspectives and new energy to their work. Talk to a committee member or me if you might be interested!
2. Succession planning – A year from now will be the end of my third two-year term as president. It is time, after this coming year, for me to step aside and invite new faces, new ideas, new areas of expertise into the position. Tracy does incredible work for us as Executive Director, making the president's job much easier! Think about it, talk to me about it, work with me for the coming year
3. Thank yous, as always – to the board, to all our committee members, to all our committee chairs, to everyone who volunteers at a club or provincial level. And also as always, a very special thank you to Tracy Bradley who keeps our organization moving forward, with a smile, a calm demeanour and much wisdom.