



President's Report to 2018 AGM

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Past Year's Work

It has been a pleasure to continue to work with all the various board and committee members at Orienteering Canada in my fourth year as president.

This past year's activities and accomplishments that stand out to me:

1. Orienteering Canada's 50th anniversary: O Can's 50th anniversary saw us establish a Hall of Fame, build a collection of historical anecdotes, photos and maps, and join in Canada's Participation activities amongst many more special celebrations. Thank you to Tracy and Charlotte for spearheading all of it.
2. Hall of Fame: Orienteering Canada's Hall of Fame was established in our 50th year, with its inaugural members being inducted in December of 2017. It is humbling to see the work, passion and dedication of the people who have made orienteering in Canada what it is today. The Hall of Fame will be a legacy of our 50th anniversary, with new inductees each year.
3. Junior Curriculum / Athlete Development Matrix: The Junior Curriculum and ADM continues to grow. Thank you to the Sass Peepre Committee, Kitty Jones, Jeff Teutsch and Tracy Bradley for their ongoing efforts to see this project through.
4. Levies Review: A review of the levies established by Orienteering Canada for championship meets (25% of registration fees) has been initiated but not yet completed. Thank you to those who volunteered to join the focus group and to those who stimulated us to take on this task.
5. Mapping Committee: The Orienteering Canada Mapping Committee was established this past year. Many thanks to Chris Piller, Don Bayly, and Stefan Bergstrom for agreeing to make up the committee.
6. New Treasurer: This year has seen a transition from long time treasurer Dave Graupner to our new and over-worked treasurer Amanda Edmunds. Many thanks to Amanda for taking on this role that I know has turned out to be a bit more than she bargained for, and our thanks to Dave for helping Amanda learn the ropes.

Future Work – Projects and Goals

1. Sport Canada Funding: The ongoing efforts to get Sport Canada funding continues with Tracy Bradley and Charlotte MacNaughton at the helm.
2. Levies Review: This review is planned to be completed in the fall of 2018, with any changes being implemented as quickly as is feasible after that.

3. Endowment Fund: We will continue to work towards a healthy endowment fund over the next year. Many thanks to Bruce Rennie, Charlotte MacNaughton and the team that has been heading this up so far.
4. Succession planning: It is time to be looking for someone to take over the role of President. After another year, it will be five years for me, and time for some fresh blood and brains in the position.

Successes and Challenges

1. Committee Successes: Our various committees have been active throughout the year. It is a joy to see the organization move forward with the committees leading the way in their areas of expertise. The Technical, High Performance, Officials, Coaching, Sass Peepre, Major Events, and Mapping Committees are all there to address the various sport specific aspects, with the HR, Governance, and Finance and Audit Committees there to support the administrative side of things. Together they form a strong team that keeps our sport moving forward. The individual committee reports will highlight many of their areas of success over the past year.
2. Club communications and partnering: Communications and partnering with clubs, PTOAs and individuals is imperative to a strong sport in Canada. While we are nowhere near perfect it give me great pleasure when I see new committee members joining us from the diverse locations across our big country, and when I see committees working together, and when I see committees working closely with clubs and individuals to make things happen. We will continue to work to have strong communications and partnerships! Thank you everyone!
3. Succession planning – it is always a challenge to entice people to sign up to board positions, but it is important to have new faces, new ideas and new perspectives on the board and in the committees. In particular it is time to find someone who is willing to step forward to take over the role of president a year from now. Anyone willing to work with me for the coming year?
4. Thank yous – I want to say a special thank you to Tracy Bradley, our Executive Director, for her hard work, her professionalism, her level head and her patience as she keeps Orienteering Canada running smoothly. Without her, I don't know where we would be! Also, as always, a big thank you to all board members, committee members, and volunteers at the national, provincial/territorial and club levels for everything. What a great team!