



## Officials Committee Report to 2021 AGM

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### The Past Year

The committee held 10 conference calls, one a month, all with quorum to discuss pertinent topics. We used Zoom in May and June, 2021.

Linda Hildebrandt has continued to maintain the online O100 course on BlackBoard but that service is ending and Linda has migrated the course to a new service, Talent LMS. The Blackboard will end on 31 August, 2021. Talent LMS offers better links to maps and documents, streamlining the process somewhat. Please encourage anyone helping run C events to take the online course towards obtaining their accreditations. We have talked of Linda adding an O200 course online and feel that would be great!

One person completed their official's certification by the fast-track process. We encourage PTOAs to submit experienced orienteers that can use this process to obtain certification.

The revised O200 manual is near being published still. We actually went through another round of revisions after some later recommendations were received. The document is with our editor.

Twenty- three O Level certificates were issued in 2019 – 2020 to qualified officials. Associations that want to recognize their active officials can have them receive the new O level certificates with submission of the Orienteering Canada Official Record for each. Thanks to Anne for signing each certificate and OABC, AOA, OQ, YOC, MOC and OANS for promoting officials' certification.

The Orienteering Canada National Officials database has been continually updated and edited, adding new officials as they submit their official's record. Thanks to all.

## Looking Forward

Translation of all officials documents into the 2 official language is required. The Orienteering Canada Board has agreed with our recommendation that the official certificates and record needs to translated into both official languages. French is missing on most documents. Some progress has been made on the O100 manual but we could really use the help of anyone with good dual language skills. In particular, we have a group of orienteers in Gaspé that continue to query us on getting certified at O100, to hold events and be covered by our insurance. Any bilingual or French people interested in joining our committee would be greatly appreciated.

Charlotte, our Communication Director, will try to improve our documents to match the current Orienteering Canada standard logoed material.

We have started work on the O300 manual, with initial focus on the O300 CP. Many feel a complete re-organization is required.

The Officials Committee is looking for new members. Fresh people would be appreciated, particularly a bilingual member and a member from Yukon to improve our national coverage.

Key items into 2021 and beyond include, but not limited to the completion of updating the O300 series of manuals. Also, getting the O100 and O200 modules into French is a priority.