



President's Report to 2021 AGM

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The Past Year

The past year has been different to say the least! We thought it might be quiet, with COVID preventing many of our activities from happening. The reverse was, in fact, the case with so much to figure out, so many new and unexpected items to be dealt with.

Some of our tasks and accomplishments that stand out, over the past year:

- Navigating our way through COVID – huge thanks to Tracy Bradley and Charlotte MacNaughton for taking on the brunt of the work for this;
- Making good use of our new Zoom account for Let's Talk Orienteering and Club Connect Calls;
- Major changes and updates to the Team Canada Program – many thanks to Jeff Teutsch in his role as High Performance Director;
- Moving forward with EDI (equity, diversity, inclusion) work – with thanks to Emma Sherwood and Emma Waddington to taking the lead on this important work;
- Seeing Saskatchewan join Orienteering Canada – welcome and thank you for all your hard work to Malin Hansen and Calvin Lai. While this is, of course, their accomplishment, it does deserve mention as standing out over the past year!
- Finalizing a new Mission/Vision and Values for Orienteering Canada to be the anchor for our Strategic Plan – Setting Our Course for 2030;
- Working closely with OUSA and event organizers in juggling dates and plans for the California North American Orienteering Championships; this work opened us all up to working more closely together on an ongoing basis;
- Making progress on succession planning for our board – we have been reaching out a lot over the year and are extremely pleased to have someone willing to join the board and take over as vice-president this coming year and as president a year from now. We are also very excited to have someone from our new provincial organization willing to join the board for a two year term. Maybe one day we will have people interested in the board reaching out to us?!

As I say each year, but always want to repeat, a very special thank you to our Executive Director, Tracy Bradley who keeps this organization running for us, and without whom I hate to think where we'd be. And many, many thanks also to our High Performance Director, Jeff Teutsch; and our Communications Director, Charlotte MacNaughton (volunteer staff role). Their expertise and commitment allow us to keep growing and improving!



Looking Forward

I have one more year as president before stepping aside and handing someone else the reins. It is comforting to know that we already have someone in the wings, willing to take on the role a year from now. But there is lots more I would love to accomplish before passing the torch; we'll see how much actually gets done! On our list of things to do over the coming year are:

- Finalizing and publishing our long awaited Strategic Plan – ***Setting Our Course for 2030***; we are excited about the work we have been doing on this, and very much look forward to sharing it with everyone.
- Seeing Interpodia up and running, easing the work of clubs, PTOAs, and Orienteering Canada for membership management, event registration and so much more;
- Redoing our website from head to toe; It's time, and then some!
- Finalizing the investments for our Endowment Fund so that we can start to move forward with it;
- Working on new Safe Sport policies;
- Continuing to build positive relationships with clubs, PTOAs and individuals, sharing information, listening, learning and supporting;
- Building resources to support groups in their efforts to start new clubs and/or grow new and small clubs;
- Working more closely with, and communicating more regularly with OUSA as our neighbouring orienteering organization.