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President's Message *by Jaime McCaig*

Hi Everyone

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www.oabo.org

This message will be brief as I will have a Year End Summary Report published at the OABO AGM the weekend of September 25th to September 27th as well as my previously published September 1st Monthly Report.

I hope you had a great summer and are looking forward to another start of officiating. The OABO Seminar and AGM in Belleville

are just around the corner and I sincerely hope to see many of you there. Certainly the highlight for me as President will be the annual Wall of Fame. For the first time we will be moving to a Semi-formal Dinner affair on the Saturday evening.

I will be attending the IAABO Fall Seminar in Cleveland September 10 -13. Congratulations to Mike McPhee and Sandy Bibeau who have been selected as Guest Speakers for the Convention.

I will also be attending the CABO AGM in Newfoundland from September 18th to 20th and will report back at the AGM.

I had the opportunity to attend all 5

Summer Camps in the month of July including the inaugural Female Officials Camp. It is always nice to have the opportunity to be on Camp Staff and evaluate and observe so many dedicated officials who take the time in the off season to develop their officiating. I also had the opportunity to be on Camp Staff for the annual OUA West Women's Panel Summer Camp at McMaster August 21st to August 23rd.

Best wishes to Ian Peers from Kitchener-Waterloo who will be officiating at the World Masters Basketball Championships in Australia in October.

At our July 26th Executive meeting Blair Webster of the OCAA attended to give us

an update. The OCAA will be staying with NCAA rules. They will be returning to a Final 8 Championships for the Men which will be hosted at Fanshawe College in London and the Women's Final 8 will be hosted by Georgian College in Barrie the first weekend of March.

I wanted to announce at this time that the OABO History Book unveiling will be delayed until 2010. The Committee has worked hard but have not been able to go back prior to 1970. With that being the case we will celebrate 40 years at the 2010 OABO Seminar in York Region.

Yours Truly
Jaime McCaig
President, OABO

Vice President's Report - En Route *by Tim Laurain*

Oliver Wendall Holmes once was quoted saying "The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving". The direction towards National Certification is both challenging and exciting. Writing this, we have yet to get a yes or no on the funding proposal to help implement the program here in Ontario. I know that various Local Boards are at different stages of considering how and when they will partake in the journey while others are forging ahead. We will all end up in the same direction and at the same place and I am sure, lend each other a helping hand on any portages should rough terrain be encountered.

As you can see from all the proposed Constitutional Amendments, there is again much business to consider for the AGM in Belleville. I want to thank my Committee; Pat, John, Don, Bill and a special thank-you to Charlie who took on the role of Secretary. There is some housekeeping and administrative items but also some proposals that may be contentious. I thought last year went okay in us getting through the amendments and look towards this year being even more effective and efficient. To this end, please take the time to review them all beforehand. As to the discussion that Sunday, lets all keep in mind "The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not

be victory, but progress." ~ Joseph Joubert. The result at the end of the day will be a stronger organization.

Whatever direction you may be travelling, don't forget where you've been and where you came from. I want to commend Jaime and Don for their work on the Trillium funding proposal. Ted, did yeomen work on the preparation of the National Certification Program and then in introducing it at the Presidents' Meeting and giving us the material to take back to our Local Boards. The OABO Books look good, good work Don. I know the Executive is always looking at how to serve you best with your

money and is open to your suggestions. There are ongoing developments online with our website and for that give Tino a pat on the back and we can only expect more functionality in the future. The past summer was a challenge at the camps with Basketball Ontario changing their format and location. A doff of the cap to Bruce for his leadership. A job well done to all my fellow Executive Members.

I know that I am excited about where we are going and look forward to another year en route.

From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer *by Don Thorne*

This ends my second full term but hopefully not the end of my commitment and service as your Secretary/Treasurer as I do plan to run for a third term. I would like to thank all the Local Board Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers for putting up with my constant barrage of emails and reminders for information and deadlines. I would like to thank the Executive Committee members for another year of working together. One thing for sure we definitely

do not have a failure to communicate.

To keep this issue short I will not remind everyone of the things we did this past season, however I want to tell you of a few things that are coming. OABO registration will be coming on-line this year. Every official will be able to update their own address and membership information. Every board Secretary will have access to their own members' information. NOCP evaluations

and levels are coming. Continued travel subsidy to Provincial Championships will be available again next year. We will continue to grow and develop.

Lastly I would like to congratulate Rich Stehlik on his accomplishments at the Men's World Under 19 Championships in Auckland, New Zealand. We, OABO, should all be proud of our FIBA Licensed officials who continue to be very successful

at International events.

Well, I'll let you all get back to reading your constitution amendments. I hope to see you all at the AGM in Belleville in September. Enjoy the rest of your summer, hit them long and down the middle or you'll be hitting from the rough just like me.



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OABO Summer Camp

OABO Summer Camps

Another summer has come and gone and with it the five OABO Development Camps. All the feedback indicates that once again our officials found it to be a very valuable experience. These camps continue to have something to offer all levels of officials. JDP is now the place for prospective panel

officials to be seen by the supervisors. Officials used one of the MDP camps to get an introduction to three person officiating, others to improve their two person officiating. Novice officials attended BDP to get their careers off to a good start. I am pleased to report that this year all camps were full.

News and Views

For the first time we ran an All Female camp. All campers were female, as were the majority of the staff. The feedback on this camp was extremely positive from all involved. Consideration will be given to running this camp again in the future. Feedback from campers on their experience can be found on the OABO web site.

If you are considering attending a camp next summer (it's never too early to start planning) I encourage you to review their comments.
Bruce

IAABO Region Nine Representative Report

On the Road Again- I Can't Wait To Get Back

While Willie Nelson made a country and western hit song with that Title, it hits home right about now – in the middle of August- just before another basketball season is about to go into full force come the third week in September. Wow- we barely left the courts last May with Provincial OABO Championship Tournaments. Are you ready to meet the challenges of the coming season?

September- IAABO Fall Interpreter's Meetings/ OABO Fall Meetings in Belleville

As your IAABO Executive Committee-

Region Nine Representative, I plan on attending both of these important sessions for Local Board Interpreters and officials. This year Lake Erie IAABO Bd. 55 are hosting the four day activity Sept. 10-14th. Executive Director Tom Lopes has two Ontario clinicians at the podium: Sandy Bibeau and Mike McPhee- both will delve into relevant officiating topics: how to approach educational components effectively at Local Board Meetings.

Mike will converse about 'Teaching Block- Charge' while Sandy will focus on 'FIBA Matters'

Bruce Covert and the organizers of the 'Back To Belleville '09 Fall Meetings' are having at least one familiar IAABO 'face'

On the Road Again... *By Dennis Herbert*

return to present- Peter Webb. Coordinator of Interpreters and recently appointed as the Chairmen of the Education and Development Committee Peter will address, "The High School Basketball Program-Mission Statements" and "Things To Look For in Game Situations." Hope to see many familiar faces at these two important FALL symposiums!

Announcements

I will have my complete Annual Report made available for the OABO AGM.

I am excited about all the new materials that IAABO are making available this fall for education presentations to Local Board

Members. Federation and FIBA resources will be plentiful.

If you haven't joined IAABO yet, please think about doing so this coming fall. Local Board Officers attending the Belleville AGM will be given IAABO'S latest brochure on "Becoming IAABO"- some refer to this scripting as, 'I Am A Better Official!'

Want to contact me- please do so; dennherb@rogers.com. See you on the courts!

Dennis.



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Proposed OABO Constitutional Amendments 2009

Final Revision – As reviewed By the Committee

Motions may not be presented in the order they are laid out in this presentation. They may be grouped and/or presented in a different order than displayed. This order was used to facilitate association with the present Constitution.

New Articles to the Constitution from other members will be listed at the end of the order.

Motions 1 to 38 arise from the Constitutional Committee's Review of the Constitution

Please note that amended items generally show as bold characters in the amended segments but not necessarily so.

Rationales have been reduced for the purpose of saving space to 10 point font and may be expanded by highlighting and changing the font.

Motion 1

Present:

5.2.1 ACTIVE: An Active member is one, who has attained a mark of 80% or better on a proctored exam which shall be Part I or Part II of the National Federation of State High School Associations exam, IAABO Refresher, IAABO Candidates Exam or CABO supplied FIBA exam. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics

Amend: delete IAABO Refresher and insert highlighted 5.2.1 ACTIVE: An Active member is one, who **has been an OABO member for more than one year, who continues to officiate**, and who has attained a mark of **80% or higher** on a **proctored** exam which shall be Part I or Part II of the National Federation of State High School Associations exam, **or the IAABO Applicant Exam** or CABO supplied FIBA exam. The member will also have demonstrated competence in **the floor mechanics announced by the Provincial Interpreter at the Fall Annual General Meeting.**

Rationale: The issue of membership categories will likely be revisited in the ensuing years with the advent of the National Certification Program (NCP) and most Articles relating to those matters will undergo amendment. The rider of a membership being more than 1 year is to differentiate that member from being an Associate, who is not counted in the delegate tally for voting at the AGM. The IAABO Candidate Exam is titled the IAABO Applicant Exam and it should be noted that 86% is the required success mark on that exam. The intent of the Article is to provide for a variety of exam results that would qualify therefore it is necessary to insert 'or' between each item. Note the use of the word **proctored** – IAABO members who receive their membership material directed to their mailing address will also receive a copy of the Refresher thus diminishing any thought of proctored. For the present the IAABO Refresher Exam is available only to IAABO members unless it is shared with non-members. While providing for the widest possible coverage to ensure all members have the opportunity to meet the criteria the IAABO Refresher Exam would be a useful tool only if a deadline date prior to December 1 in any year is set. After that date IAABO posts the answers on their site and as such the Refresher would not be a legitimate evaluation. There have been situations where even the idea of proctoring the exam has been difficult to achieve. The future National Certification Program will have integrity only if test criteria are strictly enforced – for this Ontario will need to look at the requirements of its clients and then a more clear definition can be structured. This definition precludes Associates from being an ACTIVE member.

Motion 2

Present:

5.2.2 PROVISIONAL: A Provisional member is one, who has attained a mark of less than the necessary passing grade as established by IAABO or CABO on a **proctored** exam which shall be Part I or Part II of the National Federation of State High School, IAABO Refresher, IAABO Candidates Exam or CABO supplied FIBA exam. The member will also have to demonstrate competence in the floor mechanics.

Amend: Rewording – remove IAABO Refresher and insert highlighted

5.2.2 PROVISIONAL: A Provisional member is one **who has been an OABO member for more than one year, who continues to officiate but who has attained a mark of less than 80% on a proctored exam which shall be Part I or Part II of the National Federation of State High School, or the IAABO Applicant's Exam or the CABO supplied FIBA exam. The member will also have to demonstrate competence in the floor mechanics announced by the Provincial Interpreter at the Fall Annual General Meeting.**

Rationale: If Article 5.2.1 sets the standard for an Active member then a Provisional member is one who has not reached that standard. There is no mention in 5.2.1 about the IAABO or CABO established passing grade but 80% is set as the minimum to be an OABO Active member on a choice of exams. It is noted that the NCP Level 1 requirement on the CABO exam is 70% and Level 2 reaches the 80%. This may lead to redefining Active and Provisional members in the future as OABO moves forward in the NCP. Remove IAABO Refresher for same rationale as 5.2.1. Also it is not likely that a member would be writing the IAABO Refresher unless he/she is a member of IAABO and so is not likely a Provisional. The rider of a one-year's membership differentiates them from an Associate who is not counted in the tally for delegates at the AGM which precludes a Provisional standing until the second year of OABO membership.

Motion 3

Present:

5.2.4 NON-OFFICIATING: A Non-Officiating Member is one who has previously registered as an OABO member but who no longer officiates games in any OABO Local Board. Non-Officiating Members shall pay the same fees as Associate Members.

Amend: Add by insertion of bold area

5.2.4 NON-OFFICIATING: A Non-Officiating member is one who has previously registered as an OABO member but who no longer officiates games in any OABO Local Board **but may officiate in an honorary role for special occasions approved by the OABO Executive Committee.** Non-Officiating members shall pay the same fees as Associate members.

Rationale: There may be occasions where a local Board may choose to ask a non-officiating member to participate in a special event to which they may have ties and this should be possible. By having the request vetted through the OABO Executive Committee exemptions to 5.2.4 can be granted and controlled.

Motion 4

Present:

5.2.5 CABO MEMBER: All Honorary, Active, and Provisional members of the OABO are automatically members of CABO.

Amend: Remove the word automatic, as it is redundant 5.2.5 CABO MEMBER: All Honorary, Active, and Provisional members of the OABO are members of CABO.

Rationale: Until a motion is passed to rescind mandatory membership in CABO and to discontinue the CABO membership deduction, all of the listed member categories, other than Honorary, make the cost of that membership as part of their provincial fees. There is nothing automatic about membership in CABO. It is mandatory!

Motion 5

Present:

5.2.6 CABO-FIBA MEMBER: A CABO-FIBA Member is one who has obtained a mark of 86% or better on the current proctored CABO-FIBA exam. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics.

Amend: Addition

5.2.6 CABO-FIBA MEMBER: A CABO-FIBA Member is one who has obtained a mark of 86% or better on the current proctored CABO-FIBA exam. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics.

**5 levels classify CABO-FIBA members as follows:
Level 1 and 2 are administered at the Local Board Level
Level 3 is administered by the Provincial Association (OABO)
Level 4 is administered by CABO
Level 5 is International Standing administered by FIBA**

Rationale: With the implementation of the National Certification Program, the criterion to achieve a FIBA license is established by CABO as the Level 5 of the NCP. To be certified as a FIBA official there is more than just paying a membership required and this comes under the jurisdiction of FIBA that establishes the criteria. As OABO moves forward with the NCP all categories of membership will require review.

Motion 6

Present:

5.2.7. IAABO MEMBER: An IAABO member of Board 102 is one who has passed the current proctored IAABO exam with a mark of 86% or better. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics. The member shall also adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of IAABO. The member will be required to pay the current membership and/or exam fees as set by the membership at the AGM.

NOTE: The mechanics referred to shall be those as adopted by IAABO with modifications to conform to CABO mechanics. The member will have demonstrated competence for Active, CABO-FIBA, and/or IAABO membership by officiating at any level of competition.

Amend: Delete the NOTE attached to 5.2.7, renumber and amend 5.2.7 as 5.2.7.a with spelling correction of IAABO to IAABO and insert 5.2.7.b

5.2.7. a - IAABO MEMBER: An IAABO member of Board 102 or affiliated IAABO Board - is one who has passed the current proctored IAABO Applicant's exam with a mark of 86% or better. The member will also have demonstrated competence in floor mechanics. The member shall adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of IAABO. The member will be required to pay the current membership fees as set by the membership at the OABO Board 102 Fall AGM, or by an affiliated Board at its AGM.

5.2.7. b - The floor mechanics referred to in 5.2.1 through to and including 5.2.7.a shall be those set by the Provincial Interpreter with the approval of the Executive Committee and announced at the Fall AGM.

Rationale: (Housekeeping for clarification) - Board 102 is the Provincial (State) Board overseeing the local IAABO Boards in Ontario. These local boards are affiliates of Bd. 102 and thus Bd. 102 defines their membership. In doing so OABO must adhere to the IAABO Constitution that establishes the criterion. While OABO allows these local IAABO boards to function autonomously, by adding affiliated boards to the definition includes their IAABO members as such members and sets the criterion required in the IAABO Constitution. It establishes the chain of authority for any actions an individual member or local board may take in regards to discipline and other matters.

The NOTE has not been applied in past years and the Provincial Interpreter and by extension the Executive Committee has allowed variations on this note. The change will allow the Provincial Interpreter and the Executive Committee more flexibility during transitional periods. With the implementation of the NCP the Provincial Interpreter needs the authority to bring about any necessary changes and to deal with Ontario client bodies. This would allow him/her to operate within the Constitution. This motion needs to precede 5.2.7.a as a lead to that new numbering. There is no need to repeat anything regarding competence, as this is redundant given the definitions of each membership category.

Motion 7

Present:

5.2.8 HONORARY MEMBER: This membership in the OABO will be granted to individuals who have made a significant contribution to basketball officiating. This membership may be conferred by a majority vote of the delegates at the AGM. An OABO member who is a recipient of the CABO Ted Earley Memorial Award shall automatically become a Honorary Member. A list of Honorary Members is found in Appendix 1. No Provincial or Local Board fee shall be assessed to a Honorary Member. A suitable memento shall be awarded to each Honorary Member.

Amend: Clarifications

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Rationale: (Housekeeping) Provides direction to the Executive while addressing the situation that some Local Board Presidents and/or Secretaries may be unaware of the 'no fee' condition even at the local level.

Motion 8

Present:

6.1 TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

6.1.1 - The secretary of the Local Board from which the member is transferring shall notify the secretary of the Local Board into whose jurisdiction the member is transferring as well as the Editor of the OABO of such transfer.

6.1.2 - The notification shall include the status of the member

Amend – Rewrite

6.1 Transfer of Membership

6.1.1 The Secretary of the local board into whose jurisdiction an OABO official is transferring shall notify the Secretary of the local board from which the member is transferring and shall also notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the OABO, as well as the Editor of the Whistle of such a transfer.

6.1.2 Upon notification from the Local Board receiving the transfer the Local Board from which the member is transferring shall provide the receiving Local Board with a statement of the status of the member.

Rationale: Officials frequently leave an area and move to another without contacting their former Board resulting in the Local Board lacking the knowledge to report to anyone. It should be contingent on the receiving Board to properly identify the member and verify their information, thus enabling them to provide the appropriate information to the required parties. Where a transferring member has notified a local Board of their intent to transfer, a letter of introduction could be supplied or an email contact made to the receiving Board. Once a Local Board has received notice that another Board has received such a transferee then the original Board needs to report the status that member had with them. With the coming NCP this is extremely important and ensures continuity in an official's career.

Motion 9 – Replace - rewrite

Present:

7.3 The IAABO membership fee, for those members paying their fees to Provincial Board 102, shall be announced by the Secretary-Treasurer of OABO at the AGM.

Amend: 7.3.a The IAABO membership fee, for those members paying their fees to Provincial Board 102, shall be determined yearly by IAABO, expressed in American dollars subject to the exchange rate. At the Fall AGM the Secretary-Treasurer shall announce this fee, in American dollars.

7.3.b - The IAABO membership fee shall be set in Canadian dollars, subject to the exchange rate set by the bank at which the OABO account is located on March 15th in the year following the Fall AGM, rounded up to the nearest dollar. The Secretary-Treasurer will notify the applicable local boards on that day.

7.3. c - The OABO Secretary Treasurer will submit IAABO Board 102 fees to the IAABO Secretary by the deadline date set by IAABO

Rationale: This is now in keeping with the general practice of the Secretary-Treasurer of OABO and ensures that an appropriate rate in Canadian dollars is set at the time those fees are due. It directs the Secretary-Treasurer to pay those fees.

Motion 10 – addition for clarification

Present:

8.2.1 - The term of office for all positions shall be two years in length.

Amend:

8.2.1 -The term of office for all positions, except as noted in 8.2.4.a and 8.2.4.b, shall be two years in length commencing with their election at the Fall Annual General Meeting and ending at the Fall AGM two years later when that position is again open.

Rationale: To clarify the extent of the term for all positions – when they start and end

Motion 11 – Rewording – change of tense - addition

Present:

8.2.4 - The term of office for Secretary-Treasurer will run from January 1st to December 31st with the effect that election in the previous September will take effect January 1st of the following year. The newly elected Secretary-Treasurer will work in concert with the existing Secretary-Treasurer during the three-month changeover.

Amend:

8.2.4.a - The term of office for Secretary-Treasurer shall run from January 1st to December 31st with the effect that election at the **Fall Annual General Meeting shall take effect January 1st of the following year.** The newly elected Secretary-Treasurer shall work in concert with the existing Secretary-Treasurer during the three-month changeover **from the Fall AGM to January 1st.**

8.2.4. b - Where the existing Secretary-Treasurer is unable or unavailable to work in concert with the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer then the term of office shall take effect immediately and terminate as described in 8.2.4.a

Rationale: New - This Article is a directive with a definite aim – establish the term for the Secretary-Treasurer that varies from other executive members' terms. It also identifies the fact that this is the result of action at the AGM.

OABO has had a situation in the past with the Secretary-Treasurer not being available to carry out the change over and the Constitution is mute on how to deal with that. Otherwise there would be a period of time during which the elected Secretary-Treasurer would be working but without his term being started. This article helps to clear that situation up. Also 8.2.4.b wraps the Secretary-Treasurer's back to terminating after the three months.

Motion 12

Present:

8.3.3. a - If the position of Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Interpreter, Provincial Supervisor or Membership Support Officer becomes vacant an election shall be held at the next AGM to fill the balance of any applicable term of office.

Amend:

8.3.3. b -If the position of Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Interpreter, Provincial Supervisor or Membership Support Officer becomes vacant **during their term of office; the Executive Committee shall circulate, through the last known contacts of each local board, a request for applications for the position. From a list of those who apply the executive committee may select a suitable candidate to complete the term. If no suitable candidate applies the executive committee may select a candidate at its discretion.** An election shall be held at the next **Fall** AGM to fill the balance of any applicable term of office.

Rationale: Provides direction to the executive committee for situations where an executive position may be vacated during the term of office other than that of the President. Situations regarding the President are addressed in 8.3.2.while Article 8.3.1 empowers the executive to act to fill such other openings.

Motion 13 – Renumbering - housekeeping

Present:

Article 19 – Regional Representatives

Amend:

Article 10 – Regional Representatives

Rationale: This may have resulted from a typo but has been circulated as such. It contains the items related to regional representation and geographic descriptions – house keeping

Motion 14 - Addition to definition - renumbering

Present:

11.1.1.a - The President shall be responsible for ensuring the operation of the association; act as Chairman at all Executive Committee Meetings, and all General Meetings.

Amend:

11.1.1.a - The President shall be responsible for ensuring the operation of the association; upholding the Constitution; act as Chairman at all Executive Committee Meetings, and all General Meetings, excepted as noted in 11.1.1.b.

New - 11.1.1.b - The President may select a facilitator for any AGM or General Meeting, with the approval of the Executive Committee, and shall surrender the chair to that facilitator for the duration of the meeting. Such a facilitator shall not be a registered voting delegate.

Rationale: No where in the constitution is anyone mandated to ensure that the Constitution is invoked or followed. This rests the responsibility with the **Chief Executive Officer herein known as the President, which is keeping with Robert's Rules.** It has become common practice over the last 4 or 5 years to employ a facilitator to direct the Fall AGM. Article 11.1.1 places the responsibility of being chairman at such meetings on the President. This motion simply empowers the President to do what has been done. By eliminating a facilitator from being a registered voting delegate moves the position to a more neutral point.

Motion 15 – Housekeeping – Language correction

Present:

11.2.1 – The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in their absence.

Amend:

11.2.1 – The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in **his absence or disqualification.**

Rationale: Grammar correction – Disqualification = Conflict of Interest; Challenge; Step down. This provides for situations where the President is presiding as the chair but is challenged for cause, or wishes to be party for or against the motion on the floor.

Motion 16

Present:

11.4 - INTERPRETER:

1. The Interpreter shall be responsible for: attending the IAABO Fall interpreters' Meeting and attending CABO Interpreters' Meeting:

2. He/she shall provide rules, mechanics and evaluation clinics as requested, in co-ordination with the Membership Support Officer;

3. He/she shall provide regular interpretation bulletins for publication in "The Whistle";

4. When requested, he/she shall provide rule interpretations to Local Boards, groups as indicated in Article 3, or to individual members.

5. He/she shall be responsible for the distribution and administration of all CABO exams.

Amend: - Rewording and insertion
11.4 - INTERPRETER:

1. The Interpreter shall be responsible for: attending the IAABO Fall interpreters' Meeting and attending CABO Interpreters' Meeting:

2. He shall provide rules, mechanics and **educational** clinics as requested, **with the support of the Provincial Supervisor and/or** the Membership Support Officer;

3. He shall provide regular interpretation bulletins for **each publication of** "The Whistle";

4. When requested, he shall provide rule interpretations to Local Boards, groups as indicated in Article 3, or to individual members.

5. He shall be responsible for the distribution and administration of all CABO exams.

Rationale: Defines the responsibility for providing clinics rests entirely with the Interpreter with support from appropriate executive members. This in no way requires the Interpreter to conduct all clinics but does provide him with other resources. Also addresses the gender he/she which is unnecessary given that item is addressed in Article 1.3

Motion 17 – Housekeeping for clarification - addition

Present:

12.1 The Annual General Meeting of the OABO shall be held on a weekend as close as possible to the end of September. It should be held following the CABO Annual Meeting and the IAABO Fall Interpreters' Meeting. The Executive shall set the date.

Amend:

12.1 The Fall Annual General Meeting, **herein referred to as the Fall AGM**, of the OABO shall be held on a weekend as close as possible to the end of September. It **shall** be held following the CABO Annual Meeting and the IAABO Fall Interpreters' Meeting **and as such may fall in October. The Executive shall set the date.**

Rationale: Clarifies when the Annual General Meeting may occur. The IAABO and CABO Annual Fall meetings must occur before the OABO Fall Annual General Meeting. By leaving the rider, "as close as possible to the end of September" and then qualifying it with the CABO/IAABO meetings allows the Executive Committee to make necessary date changes allowing it to fall in October.

Motion 18

Present:

12.3 The President is empowered to the set up a Protest or Appeals Committee of three, which must consist of those representatives who are eligible to vote at an AGM, one member of which must be an officer of the OABO. Such committee members must have no direct connection with the issue to be decided. A majority vote, all three voting, will decide the issue.

Amend: Insert bold areas

12.3 The President is empowered to the set up a **Grievance** or Appeals Committee of three, which must consist of representatives who may be eligible to vote at an AGM. **One member may be a present or past executive committee member** of the OABO. **The party or parties registering the protest or appeal shall have the right to name one (1) committee member to the committee providing that individual is a member of OABO.** Such committee members must have no direct connection with the issue to be decided. A majority vote,

all three voting, will decide the issue.

Rationale: This provides a bigger pool of resources for the executive committee to draw on and enables that committee to avoid the possibility of having to sit on a grievance or appeal where another member of the executive has a direct connection or is a party to the action. Allowing the grieving or appealing party (ies) to name a member to the committee should diminish any perception of impropriety. This whole issue needs thorough review and the establishment of a protocol clearly delineating proper procedures and time lines needs to be developed.

The wording, "representatives who are eligible to vote at an AGM" creates ambiguity as every member in good standing would be eligible to vote given their local board empowers them. "Who may be eligible..." implies the possibility without being directive. The original may have been to ensure that the representatives were OABO members in good standing and could lead to local boards declaring voting delegates for the purpose of the Committee. The "may" provides more flexibility while still suggesting that they must be members in good standing.

Motion 19 – Housekeeping for clarification

Present:

12.4 The following shall be the order of business for OABO meetings

1. President's Opening Remarks
2. Awards and Presentations
3. Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Reports: Executive, Committee(s), and Local Boards
6. Correspondence
7. Budget
8. Amendments to the Constitution
9. Election of Officers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

Amend:

12.4 The following shall be the order of business **for the Fall OABO AGM**

1. President's Opening Remarks
2. Awards and Presentations
3. Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
5. Reports: Executive, Committee(s), and Local Boards
6. Correspondence
7. Budget
8. Amendments to the Constitution
9. Election of Officers
10. New Business - **Endorsement of Executive Committee actions for the previous year**
11. Adjournment

Rationale: Clarifies the order of business and ensures that the executive committee activities of the previous year are discussed, endorsed and/or rejected. This is the only opportunity for the general membership to voice opinions on the activity of the Executive Committee thus making it accountable to the membership.

Motion 20 – Clarification addition

Present:

12.5 The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition, shall govern the OABO in all cases where they are not consistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the OABO may adopt.

Amend: Insert bold area and add 12.5.b

12.5.a - The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition, shall govern the OABO in all cases where they are not consistent with the **Constitution, By-Laws, Appendices**, and any special rules of order the OABO may adopt.

12.5. b - All motions adopted at the Fall AGM shall

come into effect immediately upon adoption by the assembly except as may be noted in the motion.

Rationale: Clarifies when a motion becomes enacted. The addition in 12.5.a ensures that any rules of order that may not have been included in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Appendices are drawn from the most recent edition of the Robert's Rules of Order. The exception "as may be noted in the motion" is in keeping with Robert's Rules which allows for such a change if requested in the motion.

Motion 21 – clarification - rewording

Present:

12.6 A Quorum for all General Meetings of the OABO shall be 40% of the total voting power of OABO.

Amend:

12.6 A Quorum for all General Meetings of the OABO shall be 40% of the **total local board delegate votes as described and determined in Article 12.7.1 with the addition of the votes delegated to the executive committee.**

Rationale: Clarifies total voting power – there is no definition for "voting power" but there was always a definition of "voting delegates" but this did not include the votes assigned to the Executive and others in the final total. There was always that assumption but this should clarify that situation. It may be wise to have the Secretary-Treasurer or facilitator announce the number of delegate votes and number of executive votes with a total true votes on each issue.

Motion 22 - Clarifies counting of local membership for entitlement to voting delegates

Present:

12.7.1 - Each local board in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate for every 30 OABO Active or "full" members or fraction thereof registered through that Local Board for the preceding year.

Amend: Addition of bold areas

12.7.1.a - Each Local Board in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate for every 30 OABO Active, **Provisional, Non-Officiating and Honorary** members or fraction thereof registered through that Local Board **for the year preceding that Fall AGM.**

Rationale: There is no reference in the constitution to "full". Including Provisional, Non-officiating, and Honorary members should qualify as "full" membership given the earlier definitions. Non-officiating and Honorary should be included as that respects the contributions by these members to OABO. Despite the fact that Non-officiating pay only a membership fee equal to that of an Associate they usually have made significant contributions, and probably continue to do so, to their local board. Honorary fees are waived because that is part of the HONOUR afforded to them and to deny counting them as members of their local board would be a travesty. This item uses the language of the Constitution that was not the case before.

Motion 23 - New

12.7.1.b - A voting delegate is a member of a Local Board in good standing who is authorized to act on behalf of that Local Board in all matters coming before the Fall AGM or any Special General Meeting.

Rationale: The term "voting delegate" has been used in Articles of the Constitution but has no meaning. This clarifies this situation and the wording "is authorized" indicates that there is some transference of authority from the Local Board without locking it in to anything specific.

Motion 24 - Addition

Present:

12.7.3 - To be in good standing a Local Board must have all dues and bills paid from the preceding year and have paid the minimum affiliation for the current year.

Amend: Insert Addition

12.7.3 - To be in good standing a Local Board must have all dues and bills paid from the preceding year and have paid the minimum affiliation for the current year. ***The minimum affiliation fee shall be equal to 10 times the previous year's OABO Active Member fee.***

Rationale: Clearly establishes what the minimum affiliation fee shall be in the language of the Constitution.

Motion 25 – Addition for clarification

Present:

12.7.6 In the event of the tie vote, if the Chair has cast a ballot the motion is lost. If the Chair has not voted he/she shall cast a deciding vote on the motion.

Amend: Addition

12.7.6 In the event of the tie vote, if the Chair has cast a ballot the motion is lost. If the Chair has not voted he shall cast a deciding vote on the motion. **If the chair is a facilitator, as appointed in 11.1.1.b, he shall not be entitled to a vote on any issue, and the tie vote shall be considered lost.**

Rationale: The facilitator may have no standing with OABO and should not be a voting delegate from a local Board. In the past no facilitator was an OABO member so had no standing. Note that 11.1.1.b excludes the facilitator from being a registered voting delegate. This should encourage the appointment of such a facilitator from outside OABO, opening the field to selecting the best available person.

Motion 26 – Housekeeping - Rewording

Present:

12.8 - Each Local Board is expected to have at least one, non-Executive, representative at the Annual Meeting.

Amend:

12.8.1 - Each Local Board **shall have at least one registered voting delegate at the Fall AGM. If a Local Board member is a member of the Executive Committee, he may register as a Local Board voting delegate or as an Executive Committee voting delegate, but not as both. If no other member of his Local Board is present this shall fulfill the requirements of this Article.**

Rationale: Smaller boards sometimes have difficulties having a single member attend the AGM and often this may only be one of the executive members so they do not meet the commitment of the Constitution. While attendance of all OABO members needs to be encouraged the reality is otherwise, so imposing such a condition endangers the good standing of some boards. Using "is expected" isn't emphatic enough to ensure attendance of someone, hence the use of "shall". There may be situations where a Local Board may have a member serving on the Executive Committee, and he may be the only member of that Local Board in attendance. As an Executive member he is entitled to a vote but will not have a second vote although he can be considered satisfying the attendance issue. If another member of his board is present and registered as a delegate that member shall be entitled to a vote on behalf of his Local Board, while the member who is on the Executive Council shall retain his vote as a member of the Executive council. This issue has been raised in the past and this would deal with that resolution.

Motion 27 – Addition - clarifications

Present:

12.8 - A Local Board that is not represented for two consecutive years shall be deemed to be not in good standing.

Amend:

12.8.2 - A Local Board that is not represented for two consecutive years **at the Fall AGM, as described in 12.8.1**, shall be deemed to be "not in good standing". **A list of those boards attending the Fall AGM shall be released in the Winter issue of "The Whistle".**

Rationale: This simply embeds what has occurred and allows the Executive Committee to include all boards attending the AGM in their thanks and planning – open accountability

Motion 28 - Reword and clarification

Present:

12.9 The President may call a special General Meeting with 48 hours notice and such notice may be telegraphed or telephoned.

Amend:

12.9 The President may call a Special General Meeting with 48 hours notice **being forwarded to the last known President and Secretary for each local board and such notice shall be made using any 2 of the following methods: telephone, facsimile, regular mail, and/or email.**

Rationale: Telegraph has gone the way of the crystal radio. The listed methods of communication are more common today. By using 2 forms of communication there is a greater certainty that the information will be readily received. As well by including both the local President and Secretary on the communication may provide for more assured communication.

Motion 29 - New

12.11 - The Executive Committee shall convene a meeting of all Local Board Presidents during the month of May. Costs for this meeting, including travel and accommodation, shall be budgeted for and paid by OABO. Decisions taken at this meeting shall not be binding on the Executive Committee or the general membership but may be used for information purposes.

Rationale: This legitimizes past practice and embeds in the Constitution an excellent concept. It ensures the continuance of the President's meetings and the need to budget for it.

Motion 30 – Regrouping and change.

Present:

13.2 By-Law amendments require a simple majority of the eligible voters present.

13.3 Appendix amendments require a two-thirds majority of the eligible voters present.

Amend:

13.2 – Amendments to By-Laws and Appendices require a two-thirds majority of the eligible voters present.

Renumber the remaining items in Article 13

Rationale:

Robert's Rules state that bylaws require 2/3 majority. There isn't any reference to Appendices in Robert's rules - these would be By-Laws under the definitions in the Robert's Rules as they provide operating procedures

and/or policies. However a By-Law may be passed that includes a clause allowing for a different majority.

Motion 31 – Clarification and addition

Present:

13.5 All proposed Constitutional amendments must be submitted noting the Mover and their Local Board, Secunder and their Local Board, and the rationale for the amendment. They must be received by August 1st of the year of the AGM. All proposed Constitutional amendments are to be published in “The Whistle” prior to the AGM.

Amend:

13.5.a - All proposed Constitutional amendments must be submitted to the **OABO Secretary-Treasurer** noting the Mover, his Local Board, the Secunder, his Local Board, and a rationale for the amendment. **The Secretary-Treasurer of OABO must receive all amendments**, by August 1st in the year of the **Fall** AGM. All proposed Constitutional amendments **shall** be published in, “The Whistle” prior to the **Fall** AGM.

13.5.b – All proposed amendments received by the **OABO Secretary-Treasurer as in 13.5.a shall be forwarded to the Chair of the Constitution Committee no later than August 5th of that year. The Chair of the Constitutional Committee shall cause a recommendation, through the Committee, to be developed as to the disposition of the proposed amendment, with a rationale for the decision and return the same to the Secretary-Treasurer by August 15th in that year. All such amendments will be published in, “The Whistle” prior to the Fall AGM of that year stating the recommendation and rationale if determined.**

Rationale: Emphatic tense – it is a directive – **Clears up who is to receive such amendments. 13.5. b incorporates the essence of the motion passed at Niagara Falls and should lead to establishing a Standing Constitutional Committee as OABO matures as an entity. This will install such a committee within the Constitution.**

Motion 32 - Corrections of spelling

Present:

14.3.1 Black trousers, black basketball shoes, black socks, black and white striped shire and/or gray shirt with black trim. If a belt is worn, it shall be black.

14.3.2 - The warm-up jacket shall be a black basketball jacket.

Amend:

14.3.1 Black trousers, black basketball shoes, black socks, black and white striped shirt and/or grey shirt with black trim. If a belt is worn, it shall be black.

14.3.2 - The warm-up jacket shall be a black basketball jacket.

Motion 33 - Clarification – Housekeeping

Present:

14.11 Local Boards shall submit the following to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer by October 31st; OABO membership fees, CABO membership fees and OABO membership lists. Refer to Appendix 2 for benefits, which are dependent on up-to-date membership lists.

14.12 IAABO exams and fees, payable to the OABO, must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to December 31st. CABO exams and fees, payable to the OABO, must be received by the Interpreter by the date indicated in the exam mailing. No new IAABO or current CABO exams will be accepted for membership after December 31st.

Amend:

14.11 - Local Boards shall **annually** submit the following to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer by October 31st: OABO membership fees; CABO membership fees; and OABO membership lists. Refer to Appendix 2 for benefits, which are dependent on up-to-date membership lists.

14.12 - IAABO fees, **for Board 102**, payable to the OABO, must be received **annually** by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to **April 15th. The Secretary-Treasurer must receive CABO fees, for all Local Boards, payable to the OABO, annually by the date indicated in the exam mailing.** No new IAABO or current CABO exams will be accepted for membership in **Board 102** after December 31st.

Rationale: To ensure clarity – also to keep dates in line with 7.3 that states when the IAABO fee will be announced in American dollars and when the final calculation will be done and forwarded to all Board 102 members.

Motion 34

Present:

By-Law 1. OABO MEMBERSHIP FEES

- a) OABO Full membership fees shall be \$64.00 per official.
- b) Associate members shall pay a fee of \$21.00 per official.
- c) Non-Officiating members shall pay a fee of \$21.00.

Amend: Rewrite for clarification

By-Law 1 – OABO MEMBERSHIP FEES

- a) The Executive Committee shall set annual membership fees, **subject to the approval of the membership**, for each category of membership at its Executive meeting immediately prior to the Fall AGM. These fees shall be announced at the AGM by the Secretary-Treasurer in his report to the membership at that AGM.
- b) **Active and Provisional members, for the year 2009 – 2010, the fee shall be \$64.00 CDN and includes Provincial, CABO, Canada Basketball and Sports Insurance premium amounts.**
- c) **Associate and Non-Officiating members, for the year 2009 – 2010, the fee is \$21.00 CDN and includes Provincial fee and Sports Insurance premium.**
- d) **Honorary members shall pay no local or provincial membership fees but shall have all fees covered by OABO as with Active Members for as long as they shall be members or become deceased but their names shall be included on the list compiled of members so honoured.**
- e) **This By-Law maybe amended by a simple majority and is not subject to prior notification.**

Rationale: This allows the Executive Committee to adjust membership fees as needs arrive while clearly indicating to the members the elements or resources covered within that fee. The Executive Council is bound by this By-Law to present such changes to the membership for approval. By placing it in a By-Law any change would then have to come before the membership allowing for debate on the matter. Honorary members by constitution do not pay fees and the addition of (d) clarifies who will pay the additional coverage for such members and for how long. Note that Article 5.2.8 states, “No Provincial or Local Board fee shall be assessed to a Honorary Member.” Many Local Boards are unaware of this statement and if they honour a member with a life membership or similar award they are bound by their Constitution. If this award is an OABO award, no fees are required of that member. It clearly states that Local Board fees are waived for such members but this shouldn’t preclude them from officiating if they chose then all membership fees such as CABO and Insurance

should be covered. Presumably IAABO fees would be a member responsibility.

Note also that Associate and Non- Officiating have been included in one (1) statement. If a non-officiating member continues to provide assistance to his Board then he should be afforded the insurance coverage for protection of his actions serving with the Board. Note that item (e) of this proposal clarifies that this By-Law would be subject to a simple majority and doesn’t require the advanced notice of amendments to Articles of the Constitution. This allows motions on this By-Law to be brought forward at any AGM or Special General Meeting during any segment of business associated with changes to be incorporated into it.

Motion 35– Redundancy

Rescind By-Law 2 redundant to Article 7.3 et al and renumber all following By-Laws in accordance.

Motion 36 – Amend Table

Move that the Table of recommended minimum fees to be charged be amended to read as follows (see bold):

By-Law 7. PROVINCIAL FEES

The following are the recommended minimum fees to be charged:

OUA	\$60.00 \$100.00/official/game
OCAA Men	\$60 \$90.00 /official/game
OCAA Women	\$60 \$90.00 /official/game
OBA Senior	\$50 \$60.00 /official/game
OBA Men, Junior, Intermediate	\$40 \$50.00 /official/game
OBA Juvenile 20-min halves	\$35 \$45.00/official/game
OBA Juvenile 8-min quarters	\$40.00/official/game
OBA Midget/Major Midget 20-min halves	\$30 \$45.00/official/game
OBA Midget/Major Midget 8 min quarters	\$40.00/official/game
OBA Bantam/Major Bantam 16-min halves or 8-min quarters	\$25 \$35.00/official/game
OFSAA “A”, “AA”, “AAA”, “AAAA”	\$35 \$50.00/official/game

Rationale: - This better reflects the going rates for some levels while establishing new goals for other levels. These rates have never been provincially enforced as required. They are meant to provide some guidance to local boards. No Board is bound to enforce any of these rates nor are they restricted to only these rates.

Motion 37 - Appendix 3 – Administration of Article 16

Present:

A.6 The Referee-in-Chief, at the conclusion of the tournament, shall prepare a written report on the performance of each official who worked the tournament. The Referee-in-Chief may request that an assistant complete a report on any official that the Referee-in-Chief did not see during the tournament. This report is to be sent to the official, Provincial Supervisor and Membership Support Officer within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament.

Amend:

A.6 The Referee-in-Chief, at the conclusion of the tournament, shall prepare or cause to be prepared, a written report on the performance of each official who worked the tournament. The Referee-in-Chief may request that an assistant complete a report on any official observed and submit that report to the Referee-in-Chief. This report is to be sent to the official, Provincial Supervisor and Membership Support Officer within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament.

Rationale: This allows the RC to delegate the writing of some reports to the assistants who would submit these to the RC – this is not a new practice but the change would allow this to occur without the condition that the RC did not see particular officials.

Motion 38

Present:

C) RECORDS:

C.1 the records of the assignments including the assignment request and the Referee-in-Chief shall be open to inspection to the membership.

Amend

C) RECORDS:

C.1 The record of the assignments, including the assignment request, shall be open to inspection, by members of the Local Boards' Executive whose members participated in that tournament.

Rationale: The present reading allows any member of OABO to examine such records. It was never the intention to allow such a situation. The amendment provides for the Local Boards who have members participating to examine such records of assignments which was the intent.

Motion 39 NEW – Member Motion

Move that under - Article 8 – Executive Officers and Executive Committee and consider all parts of 8.3 as a single motion contingent on each item.

Insert the following as section 8.3 and renumber remaining sections; 8.3 Vacated Positions as 8.4, 8.4 Executive Committee as 8.5, 8.5 Voting Entitlement as 8.6, and 8.6 as 8.7

8.3 Nomination Process

8.3.1 Any member of a 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 1, 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 15, of the year of the AGM by e-mail.

Rationale: Members might be interested in running for a position, but not interested in running against an incumbent. This way they will know ahead of time if the incumbent is running and would have ample time to make a decision. The nomination process should be consistent with what is expected of any member wishing to seek an executive position. In the past an incumbent would seek out a member to nominate them from the floor so this provided consistency with others stepping forward. Even though Consent to be Nominated is forwarded a member could withdraw at the AGM.

8.3.2 Any member of the OABO in good standing, other than a present Executive member, who wishes

to nominate an OABO member in good standing for election to a position on the OABO Executive at an AGM as per Article 8.2 must submit, to the OABO Secretary-Treasurer, by August 31st in the year of that AGM 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. The OABO Secretary-Treasurer will forward the names of all candidates to the last known contacts of all the Local Boards by September 5, of the year of that AGM by e-mail.

Rationale: Candidates should be prepared to announce their intentions prior to the AGM. Running for a position on the OABO executive should be well thought out, given careful consideration. It should not be a last minute decision, as can happen when nominations are accepted from the floor at the AGM. Local Board voting delegates should also be aware, prior to the AGM, who is running. This would allow their board an opportunity to discuss the candidates as well an opportunity to have discussions with the candidates prior to the AGM.

8.3.3 If there are no nominations declared by August 31 for any OABO Executive position available for election at that year's AGM under Article 8.2.3, an election shall be held with nominations from the floor.

All new Articles 8.3.1, 8.3.2, and 8.3.3 will take effect after the adjournment of the 2009 AGM.

Rationale: This provides for the possibility that no one has been nominated to a position that is available at a particular AGM but someone may consider stepping forward to fill the void. It must be remembered that not all positions are available at every AGM under the present Constitution.

Moved By Bruce Covert, Bay of Quinte

Second By: Don Thorne, Kitchener-Waterloo

(This proposed amendment would take effect after the 2009 AGM – included in the motion)

Motion 40 - Amendment to Appendix 5 – Member motion

Appendix 5 - Panel Formation and Operation

Reword Appendix 5
Section D) ESTABLISHING THE PANEL
Subsection 7) Selection of Officials

- a. Once the Supervisor has been appointed, the Commission, in conjunction with the Supervisor, will;
 - i. Determine the number of officials required for the panel, bearing in mind the relevant factors of number and location of games, geography, cost, calibre, etc.
 - ii. Select the initial group to be panel members.
 - All panel officials must be members in good standing with OABO
 - Can be selected to officiate on only one OUA panel
 - All panel members shall adhere to the dress code set out by the Supervisor and Commission
 - The Supervisor shall not be an active panel member
- b. Nominations for panel selection will be invited from the Local Boards and the league body.
- c. During the selection process, the Supervisor casting a vote will resolve selection situations in which Commission members cannot reach a consensus.

(Grammar Correction)

Rational: First bullet is an Addition of item to restrict panel membership to a single panel - Second bullet is housekeeping. Renumbered to avoid confusion. Officials working more than one panel are diminishing officiating opportunities for prospective Officials to become OUA panel members in Ontario.

Motion by: André Lemaire, President Ottawa Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials
Second by: Sandy Bibeau, Niagara Board of Basketball Officials

Motion 41 - Appendix 5 - Panel Formation and Operation - Addition

Subsection E. PANEL OPERATION

Reword Paragraph 2 as below by adding to the statement

The Commission will be responsible for maintaining a panel of officials appropriate to the league serviced. **New members may be added to a panel or existing members dropped from a panel to maintain a viable officiating staff. Officials from one panel may officiate in a probationary capacity with another OUA panel for a maximum of two seasons during pre-season, tournaments or in an emergency situation. At any time during the two-year time frame an official may be offered an opportunity to join the panel where he works as a probationary official. That official must choose to work one, but not multiple OUA panels at that time.**

Rational: Supervisors must be required to mentor officials and thus have a period of training and adjustment prior to their selection to a panel; i.e. An official starting out on the Women's' OUA East Panel and now being considered for the Men's OUA East Panel must be mentored by the OUA Men's Panel Supervisor to develop the ability to work at that level. An official is not expected to develop without such mentorship. Such an official would not be considered mentored without input and direction from the Supervisor of the Panel to which the official is probationary. An official can not develop to that level without suitable experience in play at that level and supervisors must provide such opportunities while still providing their present staff with ongoing development and experience.

Officials working more than one panel are diminishing officiating opportunities for other prospective officials to become panel members in Ontario. Emergency situations are inevitable.

Motion by: André Lemaire, President Ottawa Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials

Seconded by: Sandy Bibeau, Niagara Basketball Officials Association