



## **Message from the President**

Welcome to another season of basketball. In an effort to improve communication in officiating across the province we thought a message from the executive a few times a year would be a good start. This is meant to update you on what the executive has been doing this past year. Here goes...

### **SABO AGM**

The SABO Annual General Meeting was held in Moose Jaw during HOOPLA on March 18, 2016. Elections were held for President, Vice-President and Referee-In-Chief. The following individuals make up the SABO Executive:

President – Neil Donnelly  
Vice-President – Mitch Strom  
Referee in Chief – Dave Werry  
Secretary – David Hersche  
Treasurer – Mark Jacobson  
Past President – Brad Smith

SABO would like to acknowledge and thank Warren Poncsak for his many years of dedicated service to the SABO Executive.

### **Super Clinic and other Clinics and Evaluations**

SABO hosts a Super Clinic every second year. Last year, this was held in Regina and was a great success. Since there are no major rule changes this year, SABO will not be holding a Super Clinic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following organizations for providing funds to put on last year's clinic:

- CABO

- SABO
- RABO
- SBOA
- Regina Community Basketball
- Basketball Saskatchewan
- University of Regina (provided a lecture class and access to the tournament)

SABO is committed to providing as many clinics or evaluation's in rural centres as is required. Please contact Dave Werry at [dwerry@basketballsask.com](mailto:dwerry@basketballsask.com) or 306-780-9249 to arrange for a SABO clinician to attend your clinic or tournament.

### **National Online Exam**

The online exam was presented on the CABO website this year and 130 officials wrote the exam online. This is a decrease of 17 over last year. The Provincial average was 82% (up 4% from last year).

This year's exam will be on-line once again however it will be in a different format through a different service provider. Details from CABO will be sent out in the near future.

### **National Appointments**

The following officials represented our province at the Spring CIS and CCAA National Championships:

Neil Donnelly - CIS Men  
 Chris Brischuk – CIS Women  
 Mark Jacobson – CCAA Men

### **Summer Nationals**

Regina hosted the U17 and U15 Girls National Championships. RABO supplied volunteers on the organizing committee and as table supervisors. SABO and RABO hosted a joint social for the officials and evaluators. This was very much appreciated and well received. We had a total of 9 referees at this tournament who all represented SABO very well.

### **U17**

Kyra Parkin – Regina  
 Rob Brodner – Regina  
 Melissa Meacham – Saskatoon  
 Matt Boyko – Saskatoon

David Hersche – Saskatoon  
Amber Fehr – Lloydminster

### **U15**

Kaitlin Harman – Meadow Lake  
Jenna Harder - Langham  
Michael Holzer – Moose Jaw

### **Assigner/Evaluator**

The following individuals were selected to be evaluators at a National Championship this past year.

Warren Poncsak – CCAA Men  
Neil Donnelly – U15 Women  
Dave Werry – U17 Men

### **CABO Fee's**

The CABO Executive passed a motion to increase their fees by \$5 per official per year. Due to the lateness of this increase coming out, the SABO Executive will bring a motion forward at the next AGM to have this increase included in our fee schedule therefore this increase will take effect next season for full SABO Members.

### **Executive Planning Session**

The SABO Executive participated in a planning session this past summer to establish some priorities for the executive to work on in the next 1-3 years ahead. The following priorities were established:

- Insurance and Bylaw Review
  - clarify, in writing, what we are covered for insurance wise from the insurance provider and ensure the proper Directors/officers coverage is in place
  - determine a procedure for when and how an insurance claim is to be made or when the insurance company should be notified
  - Constitution and Bylaw Review to ensure a proper Code of Conduct Policy is in place
  - As well as a properly understood and communicated Discipline and Dispute Resolution Procedure
- Establish a Regional Leadership Committee to promote the benefits of SABO and CABO in Rural Locations
  - communication link to rural areas
  - Inventory of benefits from SABO
- Province Wide Approved Evaluation Committee

- o Identify and create an approved panel of evaluators in the province
- o Ensure they are provided the proper and consistent documentation, consistent message and have access to the proper training tools

### **Website and Facebook**

The SABO website and Facebook page are the best ways for our executive to communicate with you. There are continuous updates of rule clarifications, mechanics or floor positioning that come from FIBA or CABO; these updates will be posted as they come in so the best way to stay up to date is by following us on Facebook or the website. If you are on Facebook then 'like' our page and check back regularly to our website for updates.

### **Conclusion**

It has been a busy year for the executive and our members and we hope next year will continue to be even better. Our goal is to continue to provide opportunities for all officials from the grassroots to the elite and to continue to find ways to recruit more females into officiating. I look forward to seeing you on the court sometime soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Donnelly  
SABO President