

President's Report November 23, 2016

We are looking forward to the upcoming indoor season, which was kicked off with the Bison intrasquad meet held on November 25 at Max Bell. Please do your best to come out to as many of the meets as you can and support our athletes. They need to know that their board is behind them.

The awards banquet was very well organized by our hard-working office team and was well received by all who attended. It was MC'ed masterfully by Alanna Yakiwchuk Hinrichsen and with a fine keynote address by Erin Teschuk (via Skype) that inspired the young athletes attending, and a thorough set of awards to recognize the outstanding performances of the past season. This was topped off with a delicious meal catered by Homer's Greek restaurant. You can check out the award winners on the AM website.

If there was a sour note from the evening, it was the poor attendance of board members and some of the athletes being honoured. People have other commitments and sometimes it is not possible to be there, but it would be great if everyone made a special effort to attend next year's awards.

There have been 2 Branch Council meetings since our last Board meeting. Key issues being considered include:

- criteria for selection to national teams, for both para and non-para athletes
- proposed changes to rules to be considered at the semi-annual general meeting (SAGM) in Ottawa in December, which we will be attending
- a possible formula for implementing annual increases in membership dues
- a national AC survey to get feedback from across Canada on how AC is doing in meeting its strategic objectives
- a change to the rules on who forms the nominating committee, so as not to eliminate people running for re-election to the Board (which has resulted in my stepping aside as chair of Nominating and Governance)
- determining how to constitute the Competitions Committee to give various venues across Canada a fair chance to host without having the decision makers in a conflict of interest
- role of the commissioner in carding, selection, discipline matters

I should have a lot more to report on these issues after the SAGM in December. All the best to everyone for the holiday season, and see you at the meets!