

Athletics Manitoba

May 2019 President Report

I expect this will be my last report as AM president. I don't have a lot to report on since March 26, 2019, our last board meeting. I did attend the Spring Open and I think it went well. I also spent a fair bit of time reviewing the Commissioner's report on the Ottawa Lions harassment/assault issues and sent my comments to the Chair of the AC board. These violations were all the more serious because people were aware of the misconduct for a long time and condoned it. The club and its board did not meet their ethical obligations to the athletes and parents in the club. The coach and the board chair have been expelled from Athletics Canada, but the damage has been done. In the course of this investigation, a number of interesting issues emerged on the subject of jurisdiction and timely investigations, along with the merits of the matters themselves. The Commissioner's report is an interesting (though very long) read.

I am nominated to serve a one-year term on the Athletics Canada Board, and election occurs on Friday, May 24 and so by the time of our May 28 board meeting I will know if I am elected to that position. There are no other AC board members from Manitoba at this time.

I hope that all of our stakeholders take time to complete and submit the questionnaire that leads into our strategic planning process for this autumn.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 28, 2019 Board meeting.

Grant Mitchell, AM Board president