

Officer: President/Vice President

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We have come a long way from a pandemic to what was almost a full capacity of games this year. The hard work continues as we embark on improving educational programs and opportunities for our membership. Additionally, we continue to network with our leagues to provide the best service and quality officiating. Having said that, the season is not over and we must continue to put our best officiating-selves forward. The past two seasons, though challenging, have demonstrated the resilience of our membership as we adjusted to uncertainty and continued to put our best foot forward.

This season the Fines for Decline/Turnback program returned to address the increasing number of games that our assignors had to reassign. Specifically in a six-week period, there were over 1700 declines which added to the workload of our assignors and strained the way we operate. It is critical that members update their blocks to avoid declines/turnbacks and the fine penalty. The intent of the policy is not to penalize members but to ensure professionalism and best practice. Please continue to update your blocks.

A tremendous show of support in February for the *Blow Your Whistle On Cancer* campaign raised \$9500, which was donated to the Alberta Cancer Society. A huge thank you to Warren and Leo for getting the yellow whistles and also to everyone who supported this campaign.

Please take the opportunity to review the Scholarship Policy on the EBOA website and thank you to Warren for spearheading this much-needed update. Thank you also to our standing Bylaw and Policy Committee as well as the Financial Audit Committee for your continued work on behalf of the membership. I would also like to thank the EBOA Executive and Education Team for their efforts this year and over the past two seasons. There is a lot of time, commitment and work that goes into the planning and facilitation of clinics and programs, so thank you for your ongoing dedication to the EBOA on and off the floor.

The continued philosophy of the executive going into this year was built on three important principles: increase accessibility, strengthen relationships and increase transparency and I believe we have made progress. The addition of communication memos as well as two standing committees have been instrumental in this venture. Further to this, our working relationship with stakeholders is in a good place: EYBA continues to support new officials and their development with the inclusion of practicals during their seeding tournament. It has been a busy two years for us and we have enjoyed our time as President and Vice-President respectively. For all your support, and continued efforts and for representing the EBOA, Thank you. To the Members of the Executive who have come to the end of their term: Karen, Steve and Trevor, we want to thank you for your time, hard work, and willingness to be a part of the EBOA Executive. Finally, a huge shout out to our Life Time members who have attended several of our functions this year. Please stay involved and share your experience and history with all of us.

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