



2020 President's Report

2020 was a challenging year globally and for our sports as their athletes prepared to compete at an Olympic Games it was unprecedented. With the pandemic impacting our daily lives, the Executive prepared and distributed a "Covid Statement" to all members advising guidelines for conducting their activities in a covid environment as well as offering support.

The Executive unanimously agreed that with the uncertainties as a result of the global pandemic membership fees for 2020 would be waived with requests for renewal of membership sent out early in 2021.

After much uncertainty the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games were postponed until July 2021 and during 2020 our sports have endeavoured to provide competitive opportunities for their athletes and arrange qualification events. This has not been easy and the OSFO Executive meetings provided a forum to raise concerns and keep our members informed regarding opportunities for their athletes.

The OSFO Executive met regularly during 2020 and from May for the balance of the year these meetings were conducted via zoom, a format that has allowed us to meet in a covid safe way and as we've all become more familiar with its use, many benefits of this program have been identified.

The 2020 OSFO AGM originally scheduled to be held as part of the ONOC Meetings in Guam, was held on 17 September, 2020, the inaugural virtual meeting of our members and we were delighted with the number of attendees at this event.

During this year we have continued to achieve the objectives of our Strategic Plan and in particular the communications area has benefitted from the ongoing appointment of Laura as the Administration and Communications Officer. Laura has ensured regular updates are provided to our members on all social media platforms and with her valuable assistance informative newsletters are prepared and distributed every quarter.

To ensure OSFO met its governance requirements during 2020 several documents were prepared including a Committee Charter, Confidentiality Agreement and Declaration of Interest, with all documents signed off by the Executive.

The cycle of the current Strategic Plan is almost complete and consideration was given to running a workshop as part of the AGM, however it was agreed that it would be best to conduct this workshop when we could once again meet face to face.

The Executive agreed that the pandemic highlighted the importance of ensuring a preventative approach to tackling well being noting it requires a 'whole of sport' approach. An initial first step was a workshop for the members of the Executive, which was conducted over three weeks in July, and feedback from these sessions supported building well being across our Oceania sports as a priority issue.

This led to the introduction of the HOPE Leader program which was developed to provide a nominated individual within each sport the tools to implement well being practice for the purpose of raising well being and resilience in their sports, together with additional information on using the Pos Edge journal.

The results of the membership survey, which gathered data over a six month period, were reviewed and the following list of priorities for the next twelve months for OSFO was developed and subsequently ratified at our AGM :

- Finalise Positive Edge Program and facilitate "Hope Leader Job Description
- Continue to work with ONOC, PCG and Comm Games (S4) to develop a truly regional Games
- Regular webinars on various topics
- Better explain the role and value of OSFO for sport in the Pacific
- Develop a basic set of governance standards and templates for members to use
- Investigate further athlete scholarship opportunities in the Pacific



This year we were delighted to announce the following OSFO Merit Award winners for 2020 for service to OSFO beyond an individual sport :

Dr Robin Mitchell, ONOC President, Hockey, Athletics
Helen Brownlee AO, Oceania Canoeing
Bob Claxton, Oceania Hockey
Michael Brown, Oceania Table Tennis

The OSFO Executive was also pleased to approve and welcome the following new members during 2020:

FISU Oceania,
FITEQ – Teqball Oceania
Asia Pacific Snooker and Billiards
Asia Pacific Rugby League
Oceania Bowls

I take this opportunity to thank the Executive for their ongoing contribution and also acknowledge the constructive collaboration we enjoy with our ONOC, PGC and Comm Games partners. Although 2020 was a very different year due to the global pandemic, despite the challenges we have been fortunate in Oceania as we continued to work together in the interests of sport in our region.

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