



# Report from the Chair

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Memo to: Provincial Sport & Recreation, Presidents & Executive Directors/Chief Operating Officers

From: Doug Rosser  
Chair, **sportalliance** Board of Directors

Re: **May 2006 Update**

On behalf of the SAO Board of Directors, I am very pleased to be able to provide you with another Board "Update" on recent areas of SAO activity. In April everyone should have received a very detailed Operations Report from our CEO, Jim Bradley, which covered most aspects of our ongoing business and support to PSO/MSOs and the sport community.

### Newest Board Members

At our most recent Board meeting, the SAO was pleased to welcome two new Directors to the table. **Sue Holloway**, a former Summer and Winter Olympian residing in Ottawa, joined our Board as the representative of the Minister of Health Promotion. Also joining the Board is **Kellie Hinnells**, from SportHamilton. Kellie will be representing Community Sport Councils on our Board following elections held in February.

### Sport Awards Gala

What an outstanding evening! On Thursday, April 20, the 2005 Ontario Sport Awards Dinner was held at the Bank of Montreal's spectacular Institute for Learning and what a special evening it was, as we celebrated the best of Ontario's young athletes, teams, coaches and corporate supporters.



**Minister Jim Watson addressing a sold-out Ballroom prior to formally presenting awards to deserving recipients**

The Minister of Health Promotion, the **Honourable Jim Watson**, joined us for a wonderful evening recognizing not only the best athletes and teams, but also the deserving corporate sponsors and long time volunteers without whose support our system could not be what it is today.



**Minister Watson presenting the Female Athlete with a Disability Award to Chelsea Clark**



**2005 Ontario Sport Award Recipients**

The event was staged for the SAO by faculty and 4<sup>th</sup> year students from Centennial College's Hospitality and Event Management Program and we have received a tremendous number of compliments from attendees on their efforts.

The SAO hosts this event on behalf of the Ministry of Health Promotion and we are already looking ahead to next year's Awards Gala.

## **Board Matters**

The CEO's Report covered most of our operations items. From the Board's perspective we have two major matters to deal with. March 31<sup>st</sup> marked the conclusion of the existing Agreement with the Ministry and we are now engaged in discussions to map out the next three year Agreement – how will ongoing programs and core operations be funded and what will the deliverables be? Will SAO undertake new initiatives based on outcomes from the Sport Momentum Conference?

The Contract Negotiations Committee is comprised of myself, CEO Jim Bradley and two Board members - Carol Nickle and Holly Abraham.

Parallel to this activity is the work of the Board's Finance Committee to finalize our 2006-07 budget. A priority in all of our budget discussions is to continue to provide core, essential services to our stakeholders at the lowest possible cost. The Board Finance Committee is chaired by Vice-Chair, Carol Nickle and includes two Board members - Ilene Watt and Susan Kitchen, along with our CEO, Jim Bradley and our Director of Finance, Edmond Lo.

## **Other Items of Interest**

- The SAO extends its best wishes to the **Coaches Association of Ontario** for their inaugural "Ontario Coaches Week" running from April 22-29<sup>th</sup>. The target is to attract at least 1000 new community coaches into the system.
- On Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the SAO opened its newest service department – the **IT Plus Computer Solutions Centre**. We are very optimistic that this newest support centre will provide valuable assistance to our stakeholders with solutions to many of their information technology needs. Please drop by and visit them in their new offices just off our main lobby.