

## **ONTARIO PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

This year has been a great year for the province of Ontario. Our new technical chair, Catherine Lemyre, along with her technical group, has done a wonderful job serving our membership. Our technical group represents almost all the clubs of Ontario, so, the interests of everyone are at the forefront.

Ontario continued to support our athletes this year by having the following events:

**Rising Stars** is our pre event day where we give athletes at this level a chance to perform in a critique setting with our judges. They receive helpful hints and confidence building for the competition season ahead. This year our technical committee joined together to offer a coaching component to the day. Athletes enjoyed learning from others and meeting fellow twirlers.

**Baton Day** is our full day event, geared to our competitive athletes, who enjoy a day of learning. We always have an exciting guest, along with our local teachers, that motivates the athletes for the year ahead. At our Baton Day we offer badge testing that Stephanie Hewis organizes perfectly. The day supports our provincial goal, of offering all of our athletes an outside of their club environment an opportunity to learn and socialize.

**March Break Practices** were organized throughout different areas of Ontario to promote practicing with others with shared goals. This was open to all levels but promoted amongst our stronger twirlers. At both locations we had an excellent turnout.

**New for this year** we have OBTA's monthly training camp. This camp is open to all twirlers, to train once a month, with our technical team and a guest, for six hours. We hope this consistency will offer help to all athletes monthly, on being successful with new material, as well as promote continual practice and growth. We are excited to offer this new addition to our schedule.

As always, Ontario had a full competition season which was appreciated by our competitive athletes. Athletes working towards IC were supported by the OBTA by offering opportunities to have routines looked at for restrictions. Athletes attending the National championships improved by having a full competition season that ran from February to June.

For more technical information on what Ontario accomplished see our technical chair's report for complete information.

OBTA is active at all levels with some very positive goals for the future. I'm proud of our Ontario working group and believe we represented our athletes, coaches and judges very well this year. Thank you to Jen Meron for helping us all transition to a new technical chair. Your advice and support is always welcomed and appreciated. I leave the position of President this year for a new volunteer to take charge!. I'm very proud of all the things I have done and believe my passion for the sport has made a difference in the opportunities and quality of our organization.