



AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY 1/2018 SUMMARY OF AOC FACE TO FACE MEETING HELD 11 FEBRUARY 2018

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Enquiries are to be directed to the Commission Executive Officer
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This Summary Issued by the Commission Executive Officer to:		
CAMS Board Chair	State SCDOs	General Manager Motor Sport
State Council Chairs	AOC Commissioners	
Relevant State Panel Chairs	CEO	

Commissioners

Bob Piper	2018-2020 Chair	Tracey Rowley	2018-2019
Rob Thiry	2018-2020 Deputy Chair	Murray Slana	2018
Ewan Cole	2018-2020	Noel Tippett	2018
Trevor Neumann	2018-2019	Mark Thompson	2018-2019
Elaine Nikiforoff	2018		

Board Member Portfolio Holder

Laurence Svenson

Administration

Curtis Deboy	CAMS Motor Sport Administration Manager
Ainslie Gardiner	Executive Officer – CAMS Officials Coordinator

CAMS 2017 AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Rob Thiry, from South Australia, was chosen as the CAMS 2017 National Official of the Year. He is a Commissioner on the Australian Officials Commission.

REPORT FROM COMMISSION EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Appointed Head Coaches for Technical Delegates, Race Directors and Stewards

The Executive Officer reported that the Appointed Officials roles were announced early in February. The roles of Head Coach in different disciplines, introduced to further build upon the high standard of officials in motor sport, are among the most prestigious in Australian motor sport and cover stewards, race directors and technical delegates for CAMS National Championships and Series. These Head Coaches will be responsible for mentoring, providing performance feedback and identifying future talent at events across the country.

2018 Head Coaches will be:

- o Technical Delegates – Ewan Cole;
- o Race Directors – David Mori;
- o Stewards – Steven Chopping.

BUSINESS ARISING THE MINUTES

Minute 0290: REVIEW OF EVENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

After extensive discussion reviewing the event assessment process the Commission determined the following:

1. An Event Assessor must hold a Bronze Level officials licence to assess at Bronze Level, a Silver Level licence for Silver Level and a Gold Level licence for Gold Level;
2. The minimum licence level for an applicant to be accepted into an Event Assessor Module will be Bronze.
3. Any assessments submitted by General Officials will now not be accepted.
4. General Officials currently holding an Event Assessors endorsement will be encouraged to upgrade to Bronze Level.



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Minute 0300: UPGRADING LICENCE LEVEL REVIEW PROCESS

In reviewing the upgrading of officials licence level (ie: General Official to Bronze to Silver to Gold) the Commission considered that due to continual changes in event assessment Event Assessors should participate in regular face to face refresher courses, and the Commission will consider this matter further.

The Commission also determined that with Gold level upgrades two independent references (independent to the Assessor) must be submitted, not necessarily from Gold level officials - references may be from an event promotor, chief steward, race director or clerk of course, etc. It was noted that references are not required for Bronze and Silver upgrades.

Minute 0302: RPL/E APPLICATIONS

The Commission reviewed the process for RPL/E applications and determined:

1. That a participation record must be submitted with an RPL/E application and such participation must be at a CAMS sanctioned event (or an ASN of the FIA), as such participation will have been under standards established by CAMS (or ASN). An application without a CAMS event participation record will not be acceptable (eg: a fire marshal from a fire station, or a mechanic, with no motor sport experience will not be acceptable).
2. References submitted with an RPL/E application are to contain the reference person's name, officials licence number and grade, and a contact number.

Minute 303: OFFICIALS LICENCE RENEWALS

a Discussion Paper was presented to the Commission to review the maintenance conditions and upgrade requirements for officials licences and the Commissioners determined to discuss this issue further at their next meetings.

Minute 0304: COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AOC AND STATE OFFICIATING PANELS (SOP)

The AOC discussed that it needs to know what SOP are doing, and SOP need to know what AOC is doing, hence the requirement for effective two-way communication between AOC and SOP.

The Commission noted that the CAMS Board's State Panel Standing Orders Document (on CAMS website) does not define the roles of the various Panels (eg: Race, Rally Offroad, Officials, etc), and determined that the role of SOP be developed to give greater direction and challenges on officiating topics, aiming at forming closer links between the Commission and SOP. This will be discussed over the next few meetings.

Minute 0305: REVIEW OF OFFICIALS AWARDS PROCESS

Discussion took place on the Officials Awards Process, resulting in the following suggestions:

1. Discipline Specific Awards

In South Australia annual awards are made to officials in the Race, Speed, Rally, Off-Road and Auto Test disciplines and the Commission recommended that this principle be adopted by other states. Nominations are made by the relevant Panels with the selection of officials approved by the State Council/Executive. It was considered that the SOP could take on the awards coordinating role. It was specifically noted that these awards are State awards and therefore are a State initiative and not a National initiative.

2. Australian Motor Sport Hall of Fame and Australia Day Awards (Officials)

Discussion was based on whether an official can be considered as a candidate and it was considered that the AOC is in a position to consider nominations. These issues are to be kept on the Commission's agenda.

3. Fabulous Officials Awards

These are awards that are a tool to engage clubs and promote the CAMS profile within the sport. They can be made all year round (eg: at club meetings or functions, or at State Council meetings, event presentations, etc) and for all types of reasons across all disciplines. It was noted that it sometimes proves difficult to obtain nominations with many nominations coming from officials peers and it was suggested that the award be promoted through the Officials Newsletter. It is also another issue for the SOP to coordinate.

Minute 0310: COMMISSION EXECUTIVE

The Commission determined that the AOC Commission Executive for 2018 will be Bob Piper (Chair). Rob Thiry (Deputy Chair), Ewan Cole, Trevor Neumann and Noel Tippet.



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Minute 0307: ALCOHOL TESTING - CATO

The Commission noted the following matters:

- all appointments to events/meetings are to be made by CAMS (ie: CATO cannot nominate themselves, at least not without CAMS approval);
- CAMS Integrity is looking at a renewal of CATO licences on an annual basis and CATO are to be required to carry out testing each year to maintain their licence; a Decision Paper on the CATO licence renewal process will be issued to Commissioners between meetings.
- ALL officials (including senior officials) and competitors are subject to testing;
- records of testing are submitted by CATO to CAMS.

The Commission continues to work on:

- Sector Marshalls Accreditation – Feb Minute 0291
- Officials Apparel Policy – Feb Minute 0294
- Plurality and Separation of Duties (NCR 165 and 166) – Feb Minute 0296
- Officials Sign-on at Meetings / Events – Feb Minute 0297
- Course Checkers Accreditation – Feb Minute 0299
- Licensed Competitors Are Also General Officials – Feb Minute 0301
- Social Media Policy Review – Feb Minute 0308

NEXT MEETING/S

Teleconferences on Mondays starting at 1900 hours Melbourne time

Mar 19
Apr 30
Jun 18
Jul 30
Sep 3

A Face to Face meeting is listed for Saturday 14 October 2018