

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Debra Kofsky, April 1, 2017

Karate Manitoba continued to provide content rich, comprehensive programming in all streams – officiating, high performance, grassroots and NCCP), indicative of our expansive growth of our martial art, with the announcement of Karate into the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Our mandate is reflective of our funding to represent Manitoba in sport karate under the NSO (National Sport Organization) in the Olympic stream. Karate Manitoba has successfully transitioned from an emerging provincial organization to the only official organization sanctioned for WKF (World Karate Federation) training, coaching, officiation and competition in the province.

Karate Manitoba will endeavor to establish two-way communication with our growing membership club base, promoting support, exchange of information and learning and certification and programming clubs with a dominant social media presence to keep our members up-to-date on local, provincial and national events.

This year we proudly hosted a fantastic training opportunity for members with the 'Tactics and Competition' seminar conducted by world renowned internationally certified WKF coach, Sensei Antonio Oliva Seba who coaches the best kumite athletes in the world. Seba Sensei is responsible for 50% of the World Champions in WKF and is the international coach of choice of the Canadian National Team, regularly conducting training seminars for Canada's top athletes every year at the Karate Canada summit. We were fortunate enough to once again to host Seba Sensei for a 3-day Kumite Seminar on Tactics and Techniques in the 2016/17 training season.

Karate Manitoba continued to offer top quality programs with the continuation of the NCCP certification program, (National Coaching Certification Program through Coaching Canada) supported by training opportunities offered throughout the year by our team of qualified Karate Canada provincial officials.

We are pleased to announce our Provincial Officials Program has grown to include Manitoba officials being certified at the national levels, and providing the opportunity to certify internationally for events like the PKF (Pan American Karate Championships and the WKF (World Karate Federation) Championships. We have certified several new Provincial level officials in the past year and continue to expand this thriving officiating program for our Black belt members.