



ANNOUNCEMENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is with mixed emotion that the Board of Directors announces the retirement of our Executive Director, Mike Beaton, on June 1, 2018. Mike started with the Ontario Ringette Association as the Technical Director in 1998 and was promoted to Executive Director two years later in 2000.

He has been our 'parliamentarian' for most of the time and kept countless boards and committee on track with his detailed knowledge of the rules and processes of our organization. He has worked with an incredible variety of volunteers over the years and always maintained his composure and professional demeanor, no matter how trying the circumstances. He is also been extremely effective at writing grant applications and keeping the finances of the ORA as solid as a rock. His counsel has always been balanced and fair and has been relied upon countless times by the board, staff and volunteers.

Please join us in wishing him well in his retirement and in thanking him for his many years of service and dedication to the ORA.

At this time, we are pleased to announce that we have hired Pam Julian, as our new Executive Director. Pam will be joining us on April 1, 2018 and will have a two-month transition period with Mike to ensure that the organization doesn't skip a beat as we move through this change.

Pam joins us from Dive Ontario, where she has been the Executive Director for the past four years. During that time, she has also been a member of the Canada Event team at the High Performance Academy for Diving Canada. Prior to that, Pam held the role of VP Administration at Dive Ontario and was President of the Etobicoke Diving Club from 2010 to 2014.

Pam holds a Master of Arts in Criminology and a Master of Science in Anthropology. She has tremendous experience in revenue generation, event and project management, digital marketing, operations and administration and coaching. She is a proven leader who is willing to jump in, roll up her sleeves and get the job done. She is keen to get out to our different events and embrace Ringette.

Please join us in welcoming Pam to the ORA and in supporting her through the transition phase.