

## Brian Keaveney



Brian was a member of the OMA Board of Directors for 23 years, from 1984 to 2007, beginning at the urging of our first president, Ross Cruickshank, who had noticed Brian's enthusiasm and experience in track and field as a starter and coach for high school track and cross-country. As an athlete, he had personal bests of 3:15 in the marathon, and 40 minutes in the 10K. He served us as President in 1987, 1988, 1996, and 1997 and was the Meet Director of the OMA Indoor Championships for 23 years.

Brian also has been a member of the CMAA/CMA since 1985, serving as President from 2005 to 2009, Vice-President (Stadia), and as the team manager for many Canadian masters teams at World Masters Athletics (WMA) meets since 1991.

As an internationally qualified race-walk judge, he has been the Chief Walks Judge at many WMA and NCCWMA championships. Other technical skills include road course measurement, field surveying and serving as the starter for track events. This technical and organizational expertise in athletics also has led him beyond our borders to roles including President of the North, Central and Caribbean region of WMA; Vice-president (Non-stadia) for WMA; and website coordinator for WMA and NCCWMA. He has provided the review and approval of both Stadia and Non-Stadia facilities for many international indoor and outdoor championship venues, and also served as technical

advisor for major refurbishment of both the indoor and outdoor facilities at the Toronto Track & Field Centre at York University.

However, there is no job at a track meet that is too small for Brian to do, whether measuring in the pits, setting up hurdles, organizing the officials, or cleaning up afterwards. If Brian is in charge of a meet, one can be confident that the highest standards of meet management and officiating will be met.

Brian was inducted in the OMA Hall of Fame in 2010.

(photo) Brian receiving a plaque on the 20th anniversary of being the Indoor Meet Director in 2006