

At this time each year we reflect on the past 12 months. 2020/21 has been our first full fiscal year during the Covid-19 era. This has presented the organization with a new set of challenges from operations to fundraising. The Provincial Return to Sport plan has been set in motion and continues to adapt as the public landscape on PEI continues to adapt to living with Covid-19.

During this past year our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure our athletes continue to feel connected with the organization and their fellow peers. This hard work has shown the strength of the Special Olympics community here on PEI.

On a National level PEI continues to be well represented as we all anxiously await the return to National and World Games. Our athletes, coaches and mission staff continue their preparations to when these games will return.

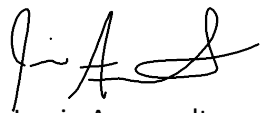
Through the global pandemic SOPEI continues to maintain financial stability. The pandemic has really caused stress on charitable organizations as there has been a decrease in available donations throughout the world. The generosity and support of Islanders, however, continues to be as strong as ever. Corporate and individual financial support continues to flow into SOPEI. The return of the annual gala was a huge success. With an adjusted format to meet the provincial health requirements the event went off without issue. This is thanks to all the staff and volunteers that worked tirelessly to ensure we were able to return to this event while staying safe.

The organization would not be the success that it is without the tireless efforts of its staff. Charity, Matthew, Sarah, Genna, Ellen, and Margie all show their passion for Special Olympics everyday they come to work. I would like to take this time to thank all our staff for their continued hard work.

SOPEI's Board of Directors are a dynamic, hard-working group that contribute a great deal of time to help the organization achieve its mission:

*"Special Olympics PEI exists so that the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities will be enriched through sport."*

I am very proud to member of the SOPEI Board of Directors and the SOPEI family. I want to thank everyone who makes this a great organization.



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