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During its first meeting, the Australian Olympic Association's (AOC) new athletes' commission elected rower Michael McKay as its president, and hockey player Liane Tooth as vice president. McKay won his second gold medal at the Games of the XXVI Olympiad, the Centennial Games, in Atlanta, in the men's coxless fours. Liane

Tooth, who also has two gold medals, has been representing Australia in Olympic competition since 1984. She was a member of the champion Olympic teams in 1988 and 1996. Clearly delighted by his nomination, McKay stated that the athletes' commission would have important responsibilities toward the AOC in the next four years. The AOC

was committed to meeting the needs of Australian sportsmen and -women, and former Olympic athletes were aware of the efforts required to compete in the Olympic Games. Joining the AOC executive board as voting members gave the athletes the assurance that their position would be taken into account in decisions concerning the Olympic Movement, and in particular the Australian Olympic teams.

The other members of the athletes' commission, who will work together during the four years leading up to the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, are: Damian Brown (weightlifting), Jenni Danks (sailing), Robyn Maher (women's basketball), Russel Mark (shooting), Kirstie Marshall (skiing), Steve Moneghetti (track and field), Nicole Stevenson (swimming), and Chris Wybrow (water polo).