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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Antonio Conte

Position: Adult Skating Committee, Chair

Dr. Antonio Conte has served on the Adult Skating Committee for the past five years; he served two years as an athlete representative and as the Eastern Sectional vice chair for the past three years. Antonio began skating as an adult and has progressed through the Adult Test Structure culminating in the completion of the adult gold free skate test. In addition, Antonio is a gold test judge and novice competition judge for singles & pairs. Professionally, Dr. Conte is currently the president & CEO of Florida Atlantic Anesthesia, Inc. and also serves as Medical Director at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Statement of Purpose: My mission is to promote and further develop adult skating within the existing framework of U.S Figure Skating and the International Skating Union.

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Brittney McConn Bottoms

Position: Athlete Development Committee, Chair

It is an honor to be chosen to serve the athletes and members of U.S. Figure Skating as the chair of the Athlete Development Committee. U.S. Figure Skating has been an extremely important part of my life, and I relish the opportunity to give back in this capacity.

My experience with U.S. Figure Skating has spanned more than 20 years and has given me the opportunity to see U.S. Figure Skating from the perspective of an athlete, coach, and volunteer.

Under my direction, the Athlete Development Committee will work in cooperation with the senior director of athlete high performance as well as various other committees to develop and implement an effective array of programming related the promotion of athlete development within U.S. Figure Skating.

Statement of Purpose: I will use my experience as an athlete, coach, and volunteer to develop and implement an effective array of programming related the promotion of athlete development within U.S. Figure Skating. I will manage this process by initiating a thorough review of current programs, expressed athlete needs, and the stated goals of U.S. Figure Skating.

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Jackie Yarema-Brenner

Position: Coaches Committee, Chair

*U.S. Figure Skating Chair, Coaches Committee

*Coach of regional champions, sectional, junior and Mexican national medalists.

*Developmental Coach of the Year 2000 (PSA)

*Professional Skaters Association Master rated in Freestyle, MIF, Dance and Free Dance.

*Past PSA Vice-President, PSA Professional Standards Committee Chair,
Seminar/Conference Presenter.

*Currently serving on U.S. Figure Skating Ethics and Membership committees.

Statement of Purpose: Thank you for your appointment as chair of Coaches Committee. Figure Skating is a very large part of my life. Continuing education and development of the athlete/coach inspire me; hence my years of involvement with the Professional Skaters Association, U.S. Figure Skating committees, training camps and seminars.

I am committed to the development of our sport; specifically how all variables affect our U.S. coaching programs and athletes. I am devoted to coaching education and programming, in our rapidly changing sport, which insures the safety of our athletes. I am honored to continue to serve U.S. Figure Skating.

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Jennifer Marker Johnson
Position: Collegiate Program Committee, Chair

I began skating at age 5 with the St. Paul FSC, and have been an active member since that time. I passed my gold figure and freestyle tests, and received my first judging appointment as a full time freshman at the University of Minnesota. Needless to say, I learned all about time management. I participated in the College Skating Institute (CSI) program and was able to judge and coach while in college. I graduated with a BS in Biology and continued on to graduate school, to become a gold test judge, referee and senior competition judge.

Over time, I have been an assistant to the club test chair and have helped out endlessly with our club competition. I am a club and regional sanction officer, and have served on the Rules committee, Sanctions committee, and Competition Committee. I have also been involved with the Collegiate Program committee due to my role as national vice chair of the U.S. Collegiate Championships. I am a gold test judge, sectional referee, and a national singles and pairs judge.

Currently, I practice dentistry full time, and am one of 12 partners in a 20-clinic group practice. My husband and I have two sons (the ninth month of each pregnancy was spent trialing for my national appointment). Our boys are in basic skills now, but the ice dancers and pair skaters in our family hope they enjoy skating enough to stay in the sport.

Statement of Purpose: I would like to more clearly define the route from child athlete to lifelong U.S. Figure Skating member, by using collegiate programming as a transition. Collegiate programs keep our college educated kids involved with figure skating into their early adult years, when they are passionate about the benefits they have derived from a life-long sport. U.S. Figure Skating will benefit by guiding these future officials, coaches and parents of the next generation, through college and into adulthood.

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Larry Kriwanek
Position: Competitions Committee, Chair

During my 25 plus years of involvement in figure skating, I have served as RVC and SVC of Competitions for the Pacific Coast, member-at-large of U.S. Figure Skating's Board of Directors, chair and technical representative for international events, member of nominating, referees, and competitions committees, and SVC for JETS.

I consider it a privilege to be a national singles and pairs judge and referee. A business owner by profession, I have held virtually every position with the All Year Figure Skating Club since joining in 1978 and presently serve on its Board of Directors. My experience with competitions includes being Chief Referee for the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Portland, chair of the 2002 U.S. Figure Skating

Championships in Los Angeles, chair of U.S. Figure Skating's Events Advisory Board, and official delegation member at seven national championships.

Statement of Purpose: As chair of the Competitions Committee, with our strategic goals as a guide, I will interface with other committees to implement rules and procedures appropriate to whatever scoring system U.S. Figure Skating will be using in the future. I will work to provide structure and sustainable financial viability to our national events in line with future budget considerations. I look forward to the challenge.

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Janis Engel

Position: Dance Committee, Chair

Janis has been involved in figure skating for many years. She spent most of her skating early years in the New York/New Jersey area. In her college years, she skated in Colorado and then moved to Los Angeles, Calif., after graduation.

Janis is a gold medalist in dance. She is now a national dance judge, an international ice dancing judge, national event dance referee, gold dance & gold S&P judge, senior competition judge, sectional S&P referee, sectional dance technical controller and regional S&P technical controller. Janis has also served past and present on the following committees: Judges Committee (RVC & SVC), Test Committee (NVC), Memorial Fund, International Committee, Competitions Committee, Marketing Committee, Sanctions & Eligibility (Chair) and Dance Committee (member, NVC for Dance Tests & SVC). Janis also served on the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors from 1999-2002 and again for one year from 2004-2005 until the change to the current board composition. She was the 2003 Triglav Trophy team leader.

Additionally, Janis has served on the Eligible Skaters Compensation Agreement Task Force, has worked with U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters on the content and current layout of the Judging Systems pages of the web site, and was the officials' liaison for the 2002 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Los Angeles, Calif. She worked closely on revisions of the Joint Statement of Cooperation with the ISI as well as co-authored the U.S. Figure Skating Policy on IJS Revisions. Janis researched and worked with Headquarters on the creation of the Basic Skills Performance Approvals which was approved by the 2006 Governing Council. She is a member of the All Year Figure Skating Club and has been its secretary for three years and a member of its Board of Directors for six years.

Statement of Purpose: As the chair of the Dance Committee, I look to continue the success, development and advancement of ice dancing in the United States and internationally.

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Bill Cloran

Position: Ethics Committee, Chair

I am familiar with the problems of ethics both in government and in nonprofit entities. During my 23 years of service in the U.S. AF and reserve I was subject to and assisted in administering a very detailed set of ethical and conflict of interest rules. The same was true during my 18 years of service to the State of Oregon as a senior assistant attorney general. From 2002 through 2005 I was the CEO of Portland 2005, Inc., the nonprofit corporation set up to run the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships. At that time I severed my state employment to avoid the apparent conflict between my non-salaried role in Portland 2005 and employment by the state agency responsible for overseeing nonprofits. I have also acted as counsel to a number of local sports organizations and local nonprofit groups including churches. Guidance, vigilance and proper reporting are the keys to success in this area.

Statement of Purpose: To assure that high ethical standards are maintained through the promulgation and enforcement of practical and understandable rules.

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Susan Keogh

Position: Finance Committee

Sue has been involved with figure skating since the age of 12. She has served U.S. Figure Skating in a variety of capacities. Most recently, Sue has been the secretary of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation and was treasurer of the foundation from 2003 – 2004. This past year, Sue chaired the Governing Council Task Force. Over the years, she has served as a member at large of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors, chair of the Memorial Fund and as a member of various committees, including Dance, Nominating, Finance, Judges, Program Development and Competitions. Sue was team leader for the 2005 World Championships in Moscow and previous to that assignment was team leader for World Juniors and Four Continents. Sue is a national dance judge and referee, junior singles and pairs judge and was the U.S. Figure Skating technical representative at the past five Skate Americas. In February, she served as the ISU technical delegate to the Four Continents Championship. Sue's education includes a BA in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA in finance/accounting from New York University. Outside of skating, Sue and her husband of 32 years, Kevin, have four children, ages 23–19.

Statement of Purpose: The association is entering an era requiring new and innovative areas for funding and revenue streams. It will be incumbent upon the treasurer to carefully manage the budget to allow for the continued success and further development of figure skating in the U.S. It will be a challenging time. Through sound fiscal controls and management, the treasurer can assist with the fulfillment of the mission of U.S. Figure Skating ” to provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice.”

Dee J. Pascoe

Position: Grievance Committee, Chair

I've been involved in skating most of my life, and played many different roles – competitor, coach, parent, and judge. As a competitor, I competed in singles and dance. After my competing days were over, I went to college and then to law school, teaching skating along the way. I met my wife Lisa when I was taking her through her dance tests, and now, we both enjoy watching our daughters skate.

At work, I'm an assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan, and my practice is now focused on antitrust litigation. I'm also an adjunct professor at our local law school, where I try to teach soon-to-be lawyers to write in a way that people can understand. My experience, from years of skating and years of other work-related activities, has helped in the past year, as I've worked with this committee and the unique challenges that it presents. While work and skating-related activities continue keep me busy, I'm honored to be able to continue to serve U.S. Figure Skating and all the volunteers and participants who make skating the great community that it is.

Statement of Purpose: My goal as U.S. Figure Skating Grievance chair is to administer this process in a professional, prompt, and equitable manner. As with any conflict-resolution process, all involved must

understand its scope and limitations, the role it plays in the larger context, and the need for consistency in process and application. I hope to foster that understanding.

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Lorrie Parker

Position: International Committee, Chair

Lorrie Parker is a double gold medalist and a former competitor in both singles and pairs. She has been a U.S. Figure Skating judge for over 20 years, is currently an international judge for singles and pairs and a non-qualifying controller for singles. She has served as an international team leader since 1995 including two World and two World Junior Championships. She was also the technical representative for the 2005 North American Challenge Skate in Overland Park, Kan.

For the past two years, Lorrie has served as the Midwest vice chair for the International Committee. She currently serves on the Athlete Development, Judges and Pairs Committees. She has also served as Judges Education and Training Subcommittee (JETS) vice chair for singles and Midwest vice chair for Sanctions and Eligibility. She has been a JET at national, junior national, sectional and regional competitions and has participated with the Team 2006 and Team 2010 novice training programs at the U.S. Championships.

Lorrie resides in Overland Park, Kan., with her husband and teenage son. Her daughter is a sophomore at the University of Kansas. Lorrie is the vice president of the Kansas City Figure Skating Club. She has a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and substitute teaches for the Blue Valley school district. Lorrie thoroughly enjoys working with the athletes, coaches and parents. She is quite honored to have been nominated as the international chair and looks forward to the challenges of this position.

Statement of Purpose: My goal is to empower the committee to select the most qualified athletes to represent U.S. Figure Skating in international competitions. I will provide guidance to the athletes and their coaches and help facilitate the resources necessary for them to be successful.

Anne Cammett

Position: International Judges and Officials Committee, Chair

Since the age of three, Anne has been actively involved in figure skating, first as a test and competitive skater (primarily in singles but also in dance), then as a competitor and judge, and now as a judge and referee. She is a gold medalist in figures & freestyle. She has been a U.S. Figure Skating judge for 25 years and is also an ISU Singles & Pairs championship judge and international referee. Anne has served on numerous committees and was most recently the chair of the Judges Committee. She is looking forward to leveraging her experience in this new position.

Anne's career outside of skating includes dual roles as an information technology manager for a corporation and as a mother of two children. She holds a bachelor's degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia. She resides outside of Rochester, N.Y., with her husband and children, skating recreationally as time permits.

Statement of Purpose: The International Judges and Officials Committee shall ensure that U.S. Figure Skating nominates the highest caliber international judges, referees, technical specialists and technical controllers to officiate in ISU events.

Kristina Lundgren

Position: Judges Review Committee, Chair

I began skating when I was six years old, begging my parents to take me to the local ice rink after watching Peggy Fleming perform on television. I completed my gold figure and free skating tests by the age of twelve and competed at the senior level for 2 years. I then taught skating for seven years—during the end of high school and through my first year of graduate school.

I started judging in 1992, receiving my national appointment in 1998 and my international appointment in 2002. Over the years, I have been involved with U.S. Figure Skating in many ways. I have served as the regional vice chair for singles and pairs, sectional vice chair for singles and pairs, and as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, Judges Committee, JETs committee, Sanctions and Eligibility, and Marketing Committee. I also served as a U.S. Figure Skating board member at large (Midwest) and have judged several U.S. Championships and many international competitions.

I live in New York City with my husband Terry and am a member of the Skating Club of New York.

Statement of Purpose: As chair of the Judges Committee, I will work hard to address the most critical issues facing our judging community, including the continued education of all judges in the international judging system, effective retention and recruitment of judges, and continued dissemination of rule changes in judging. This is a crucial time to focus on the judging component of our test and competition structure, and I look forward to working with a great group of people to make great progress in these areas.

Maureen Dalton

Position: Membership Committee, Chair

Maureen has been a proud member of the Lansing Skating Club for more than 30 years. She and her husband Bob, reside in Laingsburg, Mich. Maureen's daughter Dawn is a coach at the Wall Ice Arena in New Jersey. Maureen is a national accountant, currently sectional vice chair for membership for the Midwest, and vice chair for Basic Skills. She also serves as secretary for the Tri States Figure Skating Council and as a director on the Detroit Metro Council.

Statement: I am honored to have been selected by the Nominating Committee to serve as chair of the Membership Committee. I will endeavor to keep the lines of communication open between all clubs, all club members and our entire membership committee. I look forward to all the challenges and being in a position to help.

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Leslie Gianelli

Position: Memorial Fund Committee, Chair

Leslie Gianelli has held several roles within U.S. Figure Skating, including committees, judging and competitions. Most recently she served as chairman of the marketing committee and has been a member of the nominating, strategic planning and membership committees. She is a national judge, gold test judge for singles and pairs and a sectional referee. She co-chaired Skate America 2007 and the 2003 World Figure Skating Championships and is a member of the board of the Capitol Skating Fund, a group dedicated to supporting figure skating in the Washington, D.C. region. Professionally, Leslie is a lawyer and director of government relations and communications for a global health affiliate of Johns Hopkins University.

Statement of Purpose: The Memorial Fund has a proud legacy within our sport. My goal for the upcoming year is to build upon that legacy by significantly enhancing the Fund's capacity for revenue generation. In an era of potentially diminished resources, the Memorial Fund becomes all the more important as a source of financial support for our skaters and programs.

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Will Smith

Position: Pairs

Completed two years as chair of Pairs Committee. Served one three-year term as Midwestern vice president; served two terms as at-large member on the Board of Directors; served in various capacities on all major committees, including sectional vice chair of Judges, Competitions and Singles & Pairs Committees; served as national chair of the Selections Committee.

Currently an ISU world judge & world referee; U. S. Figure Skating national judge and national referee in singles and pairs and synchronized skating; served as chief referee of the 1997 and 2006 U.S. Figure Skating Championships; judged numerous national, international and world events, including the pair skating event at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

Statement of Purpose: To perform the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the rulebook, to continue to upgrade and modify the rules to conform to modern standards, and to provide a testing and competitive structure that promotes reasonable progression from level to level.

Pam Dawson

Position: Parents Committee, Chair

My name is Pam Dawson and I am a member of the Tri-Cities Figure Skating Club in Kennewick, Wash. I have twenty-five years of extensive and progressive administrative experience with a broad network of contacts to draw information and advice from. My skating experience comes from my daughter's desire to skate and compete, currently at novice level. I have been involved at the local level for eight years,

servicing as club secretary, club president, co-chair for 2003 NWP Regional Championships, and currently president of the Pacific Northwest Interclub (PNIC) and NWP Representative to the Parents Committee. I am a good listener and a team player with the ability to work with a variety of people toward a desired outcome and purpose. I'm goal oriented and outcome driven. I look forward to serving U.S. Figure Skating in the capacity of Parents Committee Chair and continue to reach out to the parents in this sport in addressing their concerns.

Statement of Purpose: My goal is to provide guidance to parents in their supportive role in the lives of competitive athletes at all levels; to help address parents questions or issues by directing them to the appropriate committee, providing a contact within the U.S. Figure Skating organization, or directing them to people with the expertise. I strive to live by Maya Angelou's statement "People will forget what you do and say, but they will remember how you make them feel." I desire to make our parents and athletes feel they are an active part of U.S. Figure Skating and have a voice to speak for them.

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Terri Levine

Position: Program Development Committee, Chair

Terri Levine is the current Program Development chair and president of the Skating Club of New York since 2002. She has served on the program development committee since July of 2003. She has co-chaired SCNY's Middle Atlantic Championships, The Wollman Open – A Basic Skills Competition, The Winter Classic – An Adult Open and the Summer Invitational. She has also helped organize several different clinics for club members. Terri Levine has designed the SCNY web site (www.thescny.org) and the club newsletter. She has served on the program development committee for two years. Professionally, she is the president of Terri Levine Advertising, specializing in marketing, advertising and graphic design. She is an adult skater and mother of Janna, a former figure skater and hockey player.

Statement of Purpose: My mission is to support the development of programs that help keep members in this sport and in our association.

Alexander Enzmann

Position: Rules Committee, Chair

I was a former skater, competing in singles and pairs at a national level. I was active in ice dance to the pre-gold level. I am currently involved in U.S. Figure Skating activities as a national singles & pairs judge and a regional referee. Also I am a member of the Judges, Competitions, and Pairs Committees. I have authored two books on computer graphics and animation, and I was a technical editor for several books.

Statement of Purpose: I am a former skater, current judge, and have been a member of several committees in U.S. Figure Skating over the last few years. I intend to ensure that the main purpose of the committee is fulfilled - assisting other committees and member clubs in their development of proposed changes to rules. In addition to this, I believe that a concerted effort should be made to structure, streamline, and ensure consistency in the rulebook.

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Karen Dillon

Position: Sanctions & Eligibility Committee, Chair

My involvement in our sport began – long ago – when I was a singles and dance competitor. After leaving the ice for academic pursuits and establishing my professional career as an attorney, I returned more actively to the sport as a skater, judge, volunteer and official. I judge singles, pairs and dance tests. As a volunteer, I have served as co-chair for a sectional championship and a Future Champion Series competition, vice chair of Southern California Interclub, vice president and board member of the Los Angeles Skating Club, and volunteer for many other activities and events. U.S. Figure Skating committee positions I have held over the past several years at various times include member of the Ethics Committee, member of the Grievance Committee, sanction officer and sectional vice chair – Pacific Coast for the Sanctions and Eligibility Committee. I first realized the significance of sanctions and eligibility as a young skater, when a few fellow skaters in my area participated in a performance that, unknown to them, was not sanctioned. The resulting mess was eventually straightened out, but only after many tears and much anxiety for the athletes involved. Working to avoid those types of problems has motivated me to serve as chair of the Sanctions and Eligibility Committee.

Statement of Purpose: Over the years, sanctions and eligibility rules have become more streamlined and friendlier to athletes and clubs, but there is always room for improvement. Key watchwords of the Sanctions and Eligibility Committee are: Communication, Clarity and Consistency.

Communication of the sanctions and eligibility rules and procedures has vastly improved with the implementation of user-friendly electronic access. The U.S. Figure Skating web site continues to grow more functional and easier to use. Picking up on the positive trends, it will be helpful to continue encouraging access and use of web-based materials by including in our club mailers clear maps and directions to online materials. Enhancing communications with the PSA will increase awareness and enlist increased support from professionals who are integrally involved in club events and their students' skating careers.

Clarity is important to allow clubs and athletes to understand and comply with sanctions and eligibility rules. There seems to be lingering confusion about obtaining sanctions, especially for Theatre on Ice managers whose teams perform in club events. Team managers can be encouraged to contact their sanction officer or sectional vice chair for help clarifying the process when needed. And we should consider listing applicable rule sets clearly on all sanctions and eligibility application forms.

Consistency – tempered by reasonable flexibility – in implementing the rules ensures integrity and respect for the process and fairness to athletes and member clubs. One area where consistency can be improved is in the length of time it occasionally takes to process performance sanction applications. Consistent and timely processing of applications, without needless delay, should be encouraged so our clubs can have a more enjoyable experience planning their performances and events.

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Todd Bromley

Position: Selections Committee, Chair

I consider it a privilege and honor to be nominated for a third term as chair of the Selections Committee. I have been involved in the sport of figure skating for approximately 25 years. My activities have ranged from being a competitive skater to being a national referee and an international judge. During my tenure as an official for U.S. Figure Skating, I have had the pleasure of serving on the following committees: Judges, Competitions, Singles/Pairs, Nominating, Judges Development and Referees/Accountants Education and Training. Currently, I am serving as chair of the Selections Committee and a member of the International Committee.

Prior committee work also includes serving a four year term as the regional vice chair of judges for the Southwestern region and a three year term as the sectional vice chair of judges for the Midwest. Figure skating has enriched my life beyond my wildest dreams. It is truly an honor to give back to the sport that has given me so much. I look forward in adding another chapter to this remarkable journey by serving as the chair of the Selections committee.

Statement of Purpose: To facilitate in the selection of the best qualified officials for both international and domestic competitions while focusing on the key strategic goals of U.S. Figure Skating (money, medals and membership). It is crucial to the success of our sport that officials' selections are made with the utmost diligence and priority in order to achieve top performing teams and judging panels that contribute to the overall and future success of U.S. Figure Skating.

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Hal Marron
Position: Singles

Hal Marron has been involved with U.S. Figure Skating for more than 40 years and is currently serving as the chair of the Singles Committee. He has completed his gold medal tests in figures, free skating, pairs, and ice dancing. He competed at the national level in men's singles and ice dancing, and at the international level in pairs skating. Hal is currently serving as a board member of the Coyotes Skating Club of Arizona and as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Dance Committee. Included in his past service to U.S. Figure Skating has been as the first chairman of the Athletes Advisory Committee, Vice chair of the International Committee, athlete member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, At-Large member of the Board of Directors, and member of numerous committees. Hal has also served as the chairman or a director on many local organizing committees including national, junior national, sectional, regional, North American Challenge, ISU Junior Grand Prix, Future Champions, and local nonqualifying events. He currently holds national appointments as a judge, referee, technical controller, and technical specialist in singles, pairs, and ice dancing. Hal also holds appointments with the ISU as a judge in singles / pairs (international) and ice dancing (ISU), as a referee in ice dancing (international) and as a technical controller (ISU) in ice dancing. Hal and his wife Molly (a national dance judge) have three children, two of which are active competitors in the sport. When not involved in skating, Hal serves as a partner in a civil engineering firm with a specialty in water resources.

Statement of Purpose: The planned course of action for the singles committee is as follows:

- Continuation of the development of new moves in the field that was started in 2006 -2007 year.
- Sub-committee will recommend which new moves will be added and which existing moves will be altered or removed. Goal of maintaining existing test length times
- Recommendations will be forwarded to entire committee for review and discussion.

RFA's will be proposed at 2008 Governing Council

- Review of test requirements versus well balance program requirements with the goal of making the two compatible - COMPLETE
- Review of well balance program requirements for No Test through Pre-juvenile - COMPLETE.

Working in conjunction with the Adult Committee, committee will review overall Adult well balanced program requirements for conformity with IJS requirements.

The committee will continue to work with members, other committees and U.S. Figure Skating headquarters to answer questions and clarify rules for the betterment of the sport

Linda Crowley

Position: Special Olympics

I began skating at the age of 6. After training through my high school years, I skated professionally with the Ice Capades. In 1977, I began coaching in Great Falls, Montana where I worked with all levels of skaters, from the tiny tot to the recreational adult as well as competitive skaters. Here I became involved with Special Olympics in 1985, training an adult athlete speed skater for the Special Olympics World Winter Games.

In 1987, my family moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where I again coached all levels of skating and was the director for the local Special Olympics' skating programs. In 1989, I coached the Indiana State Special Olympics Team for the Special Olympics World Winter Games. In 1993, I co-chaired the U.S. Figure Skating Special Olympics Championships. That year my family moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado where I again coach all levels of skaters as well as directed the local Special Olympics skating programs. In 1997, I was the U.S. Figure Skating Team Coach for the Special Olympics World Winter Games. I am currently the PSA Special Olympics Committee chair as well as the U.S. Figure Skating Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating chair.

Of all the levels and abilities of the skaters I have worked with, the special athletes have always been a favorite.

Statement of Purpose: The mission and goal of the Special Olympics/therapeutic Skating Committee is to encourage and promote skating programs for those athletes with mental and physical challenges.

Christine Lawless, MD

Position: Sports Medicine Committee, Chair

Christine E. Lawless MD is a sports medicine physician and cardiologist at the Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus Ohio. She has served as a team physician for U.S. Figure Skating since 2002. Her interest in skating comes through her participation in both singles and synchronized competitive figure skating. She served as vice chair of U.S. Figure Skating Sports Medicine and Sciences Committee since 2005. Dr. Lawless completed her medical degree at Loyola University, Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago, Ill. She completed her internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at Loyola as well. In 2004, she obtained an executive MBA from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., and completed a primary care sports medicine fellowship in Chicago, Ill. She is currently an associate professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine at Ohio State University, a member of the sports medicine faculty, and cardiology consultant to the Buckeyes. She is a well-known researcher and medical educator, and serves on a number of national committees for the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, and the American College of Sports Medicine. She serves as the representative from American Board of Internal Medicine on the Sports Medicine Board examination writing committee.

Statement of Purpose: The goal of the Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee is to provide the best possible medical care to our skaters, and to provide the latest information on the science of our sport. As chair, I will dedicate myself to advancing the goals of the committee.

Mary Anne McGivern

Position: State Games

Sam Auxier

Position: Strategic Planning Committee, Chair

I have been involved in skating as both a competitor, judge and referee and have served as:

world figure skating judge and international referee

Member of Singles & Pairs, Judges and Competitions committees

Finance Committee Liaison 2005

Member of the 2003 Nominating Committee

Chief Referee, regionals and sectionals, assistant referee at U.S. Championships

Member, Board of Directors, DuPage FSC

Certification Task Force Chair for New Judging System

Compensation Committee chair

I have judged many nonqualifying, qualifying and international competitions and served as a club board member for many years as well. During his career, Sam has been employed in senior technology and operations positions and served on the executive management teams of several organizations. He is employed as a firm director with Deloitte & Touche LLP where his clients include numerous global financial services organizations.

Statement of Purpose: My purpose for service as the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee will be to continue the progress the committee has made with creation of the plan and lead development of the budgeting and implementation phase of this critical initiative.

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Dann Krueger

Position: Synchronized Skating Committee, Chair

Dan is from Minneapolis, Minn. He is an international synchronized skating judge and a national singles/pairs judge. He is also a sectional synchronized skating referee and a regional singles/pairs referee. He has served as sectional vice chair for synchronized skating judges (May 2001 to present), treasurer for the 2000 World Synchronized Skating Championships, administrative chair for the 1998 World Figure Skating Championships, and treasurer for the Twin City Figure Skating Association (July 1997 to June 2001). He recently served as a controller for a pharmaceutical company, and is a CPA.

Statement of Purpose: As the chair of Synchronized Skating, my goal is the advancement of the discipline of synchronized skating, both domestically and internationally. I will accomplish this in an environment of cooperation and open communication.

William Schneider

Position: Technical Panel Committee

My nomination to serve as chair of the Technical Committee is truly an honor and privilege. I have been involved with the International Judging System (IJS) as a technical specialist since April of 2005 following the first technical specialist seminar, and I was honored to be a member of the technical panel at the recent U.S. Championships in Spokane. It is clear that the implementation of the IJS by the many new officials involved has taken skating in a new and vibrant direction.

My skating background includes being a gold medalist in figures and freestyle, and a nine-time national competitor. I have also had the distinction of coaching five U.S. champions at multiple levels. In addition, I have formerly been a member of both the Competitions Committee and Sanctions Committee of U.S. Figure Skating.

Presently, I am a practicing attorney with a specialty in family law, and I continue to coach skating as well.

Colorado has been home for many years for my family, which includes my wife, Amy, and my two children, Phoebe, 11 and Charlie, 9.

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Many obstacles have been overcome in a short period of time, and it is clear that this is not a static field, but one that is continually evolving. Refinements and changes to the system are both anticipated and necessary for the system to meet its objectives.

I would like to salute the prior leadership of this committee. They have gathered together an extraordinary group of talented and accomplished individuals who have brought the implementation and credibility of the system so far in a short period of time. Working with this group in an integral way will certainly be both challenging and rewarding. Their experience and expertise have proven to be a determinative factor in the success of the IJS, thus far, and will no doubt continue to be invaluable in the future.

Rick Kern

Position: Tests Committee, Chair

Rick Kern is an Optometrist in private practice in Peoria, Ill. A national judge and referee in both dance and singles, he volunteers at his local rink and ballroom dances at least twice a week.

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