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**Midwestern Vice President – Kristin Arneson Cutler**

As we departed Governing Council last May, we were looking forward to a return to a more normal skating year — but COVID-19 was not quite done throwing new challenges our way. However, our community continues to show its resilience and “Get Up” mentality, with skaters returning to training and practice while navigating continuing safety protocols and unexpected interruptions. Many clubs throughout the Midwest hosted local and virtual testing sessions as well as club and nonqualifying competitions to get our entire community ready for a new competitive season. Special recognition to those Midwestern clubs who worked so diligently to safely host national and qualifying events:

U.S. Adult Skating Figure Skating Championships	Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy
National Theatre on Ice	Birmingham Figure Skating Club
National Showcase	Fort Collins Figure Skating Club
Excel National Festival	Greater Cleveland Skating Council
National Solo Dance Final	Greater Kalamazoo Skating Assoc.
Championships Series	Northern Blades Sports Center FSC
Championship Series	Dallas Figure Skating Club
Championship Series	Fort Wayne Figure Skating Club
2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships	Scott Hamilton Academy
Midwestern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships	Greater Kalamazoo Skating Assoc.
U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships	Colorado Springs, Colorado
Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships	Eastern Iowa Figure Skating Club

Thanks also to the LOCs and clubs hosting State Games and intercollegiate competitions throughout the year. As we return to a “more normal” skating year in the coming season, we see many opportunities for growth in membership and program participation, thanks to the steady work of our club leaders, our volunteers, and U.S. Figure Skating staff.

I know you will all join me in congratulating all members of Team USA who competed in the figure skating events of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China. Our athletes demonstrated their passion, persistence, talent, grace, and resilience in preparing for and competing in the events of the Games. We deeply appreciate the many enchanting performances and proud moments they provided to all of us cheering them on from home. As they begin the post-competition tour, let’s show our appreciation in person!

We continue to work on the effective governance structure for U.S. Figure Skating, building on the significant bylaw changes passed at the 2021 Governing Council. These changes, together with the work of the Strategic Planning Committee in drafting a new strategic plan for the quadrennial, create a solid foundation for growth and opportunity. We began the year with monthly Midwestern vice president calls, which allowed us to see and talk with one another and to share important information regarding the season, and also to learn best practices from our club leaders. As a part of the upcoming transition to the new board structure, we modified the sectional calls to become all-section calls at the beginning of 2022. This allowed for club leaders across the organization to learn important and developing information in a timely manner.

As an important part of its foundational work for the future, U.S. Figure Skating continues to update and enhance its SkateSafe education, training and compliance programs to ensure the health and safety of all athletes and members. We have begun, in earnest, to build new education opportunities for club leaders, skaters, officials and coaches to demystify the concepts of diversity, equity and inclusion in order to ensure a bright and inclusive future for our sport and all who participate. We are also focused on providing support and guidance to our clubs and leaders interested in outreach opportunities to bring new members into our community.

As my time as Midwestern vice president draws to a close, I offer my sincere thanks to the members, volunteers, and clubs in the Midwestern Section for all that they do to support and provide opportunities for our athletes, our members and each club. I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve the section in this role and to get to know so many of you on a personal level. I also thank the hard working and talented staff at U.S. Figure Skating. You have supported me in so many ways, and I thank you all for your time, patience, and your friendship.

It is a privilege to serve the members and clubs of the Midwestern Section and U.S. Figure Skating. Thank you.

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**Pacific Coast Vice President – Janis Engel**

Last year, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect our ability to host in-person events. The reports that were planned to be written, changed. Our clubs, our competitions, our members, the Board of Directors, and staff, continued in our resilient and focused resolve to bring opportunities in figure skating and volunteerism to our membership. The leadership of our entire Board of Directors continued to address the ever-changing dynamics, and health and safety protocols. They supported reimagined approaches to membership and competition structures, while ensuring the health and safety of everyone. As we reflect on how we have used virtual platforms for education, competitions, governance, and communications, we are a changed organization better equipped for the future.

The vice president calls have been a resource for our club officers, interested board members, and participants, to access U.S. Figure Skating's updates from the Board of Directors' meetings. Our topics included: SkateSafe, competition restructure proposal, compliance (club boards and members), collegiate skating, Aspire, and other programming updates. I appreciate the opportunity to virtually engage with you. It has allowed us to see each other, discuss topics of interest, and move forward.

My thanks to the committee chairs, their members, and headquarters staff, who participated on calls. Your work and energy are a testament to your dedication. As the Pacific Coast vice president, I want to express my gratitude to the Pacific Coast member clubs for your participation during these calls and your willingness to support U.S. Figure Skating. Your insights and suggestions, which are always welcome, will continue to keep our section strong and help meet the needs of our many clubs.

This year, there is a competition report. Both nonqualifying and qualifying competitions were able to go live again. On the Pacific Coast, we started to see in-person competitions carefully begin in July 2021. The 2022 qualifying competition season was again structured with the reimagined U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series of competitions across the U.S. Two of the competitions were held in the Pacific Coast. The Lilac City Figure Skating Club and the Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence were selected to host last year's series, prior to its change to virtual, and were again the hosts for 2022. Thank you to both clubs for your fortitude and willingness to be excellent hosts.

**Qualifying Competitions**

2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series presented by Toyota:

- Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence, Henderson, NV
- Lilac City FSC, Spokane, WA

2022 Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships: Lilac City FSC, Spokane, WA

2022 Pacific Coast Synchronized Skating Championships in Kalamazoo, MI

I would like to acknowledge and thank all clubs and LOCs for your resilient view of the health and safety of all athletes and volunteers and again bringing in-person events, testing, recitals, shows, and competitions to our membership. There are a multitude of events and tests hosted, and every discipline is the better for it: singles and pairs skating, ice dance, synchronized skating, solo dance, Theatre On Ice, showcase, adult skating, and adaptive skating.

The 2022 Olympic Winter Games! Let's celebrate Team USA skaters! We are proud of all of you! The Pacific Coast athletes had us all proud, and the shout outs from our clubs were joyful.

This year, I served as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, which created the next four-year plan addressing the important initiatives for our association. The board has approved the plan; please take the time to review it. I would like to thank co-chairs Kevin Winston and Larry Mondschein. Kelly Vogtner was integral to the work of the committee with amazing organization! This year I was also asked to serve on the Compensation Committee and a lead on the Governance Working Group, updating certain areas of our rules.

As part of the board, we continue to address diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. The continuing work of our task force is important to making progress in our association.

The 100-year Celebration of U.S. Figure Skating has been a fun experience with a robust collection of past and present contributors, athletes, volunteers and events. At our Governing Council this year, we can meet and celebrate together!

In closing, the board of directors will change at the close of this Governing Council, and the sectional vice president positions will no longer exist. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Pacific Coast vice president. The board enters a new phase with

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its new structure. Kris Cutler, Midwestern vice president, and Heather Nemier, Eastern vice president, have been professional, thoughtful, and knowledgeable colleagues on our journey together.

I am appreciative of the leadership of Anne Cammett as president and Ramsey Baker as executive director. Kelly Vogtner did a great job keeping the vice presidents' work organized, our PowerPoint decks prepared, and invitees ready. Her contributions to the numerous projects were invaluable — thank you!

And... Thanks to Lexi Rohner, as the Pacific Coast vice president's Facebook page administrator. She was always ready and, as she says, "I'm on it" for all those many posts.

A well-deserved thank you to all of our volunteers, athletes, clubs and officials for all you do to make figure skating the best it can be. Through all of this, you have kept giving to the sport. That giving has made your local community and all of U.S. Figure Skating better and stronger.

**Eastern Vice President – Heather Nemier**

The Eastern Section is a busy and vital component of U.S. Figure Skating. As we move out of the pandemic, this year has seen our clubs move from primarily virtual events to holding safe, in-person opportunities for testing and competing. As the year went on, more and more competitions were held. These events are made successful by the local organizing committees (LOCs) along with local and national officials. The Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships, which was held in Norwood, Massachusetts, due to renovation of the Olympic Arena, held international events in conjunction with the event. We look forward to national and international events continuing to return to the East Coast in the coming year.

Thank you to the following organizations for hosting qualifying events this competitive season:

- The Skating Club of Boston, Norwood, Mass.
- ION Skating Club and Skating Club of Northern Virginia, Ashburn, Va.
- Atlanta Skating Club, Alpharetta, Ga.
- Eastern Synchronized Sectional Championships, The Skating Club of Boston, Norwood, Mass.
- Eastern Adult Sectional Championships, Crossroads FSC, Havertown, Pa.

In addition to the qualifying series competitions, the Eastern Section was host to the following national competitions:

- U.S. Collegiate Skating Championships, Aston, Pa.
- U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, Newark, Del.

None of our competitions would be possible without the countless hours dedicated to each event by the local organizing committees, officials and volunteers who all give of their time to make these events happen. U.S. Figure Skating is very fortunate to have so many dedicated members who promote our sport.

The monthly vice president calls for the Eastern club presidents, club secretaries and other interested members were held throughout the year. Topics included membership renewal and SafeSport compliance; recap of the Excel series; introduction of the new Alumni Connect program; recap of the Solo Dance Final; SkateSafe rebrand; Centennial Celebration; review of high school and collegiate skating opportunities; synchronized skating season update; National Skating Month preview; focus on athletes at various levels; Q&A with Olympian board members; and National Qualifying Series information session. In advance of the new governance structure, combined calls were held several months. There will likely be some combined and some sectional calls in the coming year. The coordination of the calls through headquarters has streamlined the process and been quite successful.

During this season, I again participated as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee where we updated the association's strategic plan for 2022-2026; I chaired the Governance Implementation Working Group that established policies and procedures for our new governance structure; I was appointed as the Board of Directors' representative on the Nominating Committee; and served on several other working groups throughout the year. I was also happy to be able to travel and see many of our clubs and athletes in person throughout the East Coast. Our athletes and clubs continue to be in the forefront of all that we do, and the board continues to work towards better education and awareness for all members.

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The board of U.S. Figure Skating has been exceptionally busy this year. A lot of time has been spent implementing the changes made in governance at last year's Governing Council. Many of the reports that were previously given at board meetings are now submitted in advance, which has freed up much of the meeting time to work on strategic issues. Among the strategic issues discussed were ongoing diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives and education; an updated qualifying competition series that combines the old system with some of the positive changes from last year; IT projects and goals; the strategic plan and process along with updates for the coming quad; and many more subjects that will be challenges in the coming year.

A great deal of my time was spent overseeing four subgroups of the Governance Implementation Working Group. The athletes group developed election procedures for the athlete board members and for the Athletes Advisory Committee that align with the USOPC requirements, and then implemented that process. The nominating group worked with the board to name the board appointees to the committee this year and developed a process to identify and nominate independent director candidates for the board. The group on Governing Council procedures worked hard to identify conflicts within the bylaws and rules and to update some of the procedures. Look for their recommendations in the requests for action. The last group focused on leadership development and strategic planning and made recommendations for updated procedures regarding leadership. The succession planning group has started their work, but that will continue into next year. We are looking forward to implementing even more of the changes voted on last year over the coming months.

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your vice president over the past four years. As I transition off the board, I look forward to seeing many of you at events around the East Coast. And as always, THANK YOU for all you do for your clubs, the members and U.S. Figure Skating.

**Professional Skaters Association (PSA) – Alex Chang, PSA President**

**PSA MEMBERSHIP**

As of March 31, 2022: 4,843 total members.

It is truly an honor to provide the following report to U.S. Figure Skating. As I close out my third and final year as PSA president, I am filled with pride as I reflect on the many changes, challenges and triumphs since I began this role in May 2019. The PSA stands stronger, more streamlined, and more resolute today than ever in partnership with our friends at U.S. Figure Skating. I certainly would not have believed it if someone told me in my first year that COVID-19 would still be haunting us as at the close of my three-year tenure as president — but here we are and here we stand as an organization transformed and ready for the future.

As mentioned in my previous reports, PSA leadership and staff has had to embrace the fact that times change, member needs change, and industry organizations therefore must also change. To that end, the PSA has made extensive changes to our infrastructure, to our business model, to our program offerings, and most recently to our membership offerings. The PSA leadership has been very intentional in bringing our strategic plan to life in order to better meet the evolving needs of our coaches. Our primary goal is to provide the very best in coaches education, accreditation and professional development to all our member coaches.

**MEMBERSHIP RESTRUCTURE:**

This March, the PSA introduced new membership categories and 'bundles' to further educate and service all the great coaches of our community from grass roots to elite and beyond. Moving forward, there are four PSA membership categories: Basic, Community, Professional, and Premiere.

- Our 'Basic Membership' has been reimagined to best support the learn to skate coach as well as U.S. Figure Skating judges in an affordable and impactful way. We REDUCED the price from \$40 previously down to \$25 annually and re-vamped content and benefits to better meet coaching needs of this level. Basic Benefits have been expanded to include:
  - Four virtual courses (designed for coaches of this level)
  - PSA Today monthly e-newsletter
  - Digital PS Magazine
  - Member rate on events
  - Member rate on merchandise
  - Eligible for Basic Accreditation and Hockey Courses
  - Note: As 'Non-Voting Member,' this category does NOT meet U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance requirements for qualifying events/levels.

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- ‘Community Membership,’ formerly known as Associate Membership, is designed for coaches who teach part-time as well as rink managers. The price of \$80 has not changed, but new benefits have been added to enhance the member experience. Community Benefits include:
  - Four virtual courses
  - One month of PSA TV
  - One webinar
  - PSA Today monthly e-newsletter
  - Digital PS Magazine
  - Member rate on events
  - Member rate on merchandise
  - Eligible for Basic Accreditation, Hockey Courses, and Accelerated Coaching Partnerships (Mentoring)
  - Note: As ‘Non-Voting Member,’ this category does NOT meet U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance requirements for qualifying events/levels.
- ‘Professional Membership’ is designed for the competitive coach. This category is what has been traditionally known as our ‘Full Membership.’ The price has stayed the same at \$130 but benefits have been expanded significantly to improve the member experience. Professional Benefits include:
  - Four virtual courses
  - One month of PSA TV
  - Three webinars
  - PSA Today monthly e-newsletter
  - Digital PS Magazine
  - Printed PS Magazine
  - Member rate on events
  - Member rate on merchandise
  - Eligible for Basic Accreditation, Hockey Courses, Accelerated Coaching Partnerships (Mentoring), Sport Science Exams, Ratings, and Rankings
  - Note: This is the first tier as ‘Voting Member’ and DOES satisfy U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance requirements for qualifying events/levels.
- ‘Premier Membership’ is designed for the fully-committed coach who’s ‘all in’ and looking to save money through bundling. You will notice that CERs are included with this membership at \$295, but there are many additional Premiere Benefits as listed below:
  - Extended Payment Plan Option
  - CERs
  - Four virtual courses
  - 12 months of PSA TV
  - ALL PSA webinars
  - PSA Today monthly e-newsletter
  - Digital PS Magazine
  - Printed PS Magazine
  - Member rate on events
  - Member rate on merchandise
  - Extra 20 percent off PSA merchandise
  - Extra 10 percent off Summit early bird
  - Extra 10 percent off Ratings Prep
  - Extra 10 percent off Seminars/Clinics/SuperSites
  - Extra 10 percent off Foundations of Coaching Course
  - Extra 10 percent off Rating exams
  - Eligible for Basic Accreditation, Hockey Courses, Accelerated Coaching Partnerships (Mentoring), Sport Science Exams, Ratings, and Rankings
  - Note: As a ‘Voting Member’ this category FULLY satisfies U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance requirements for qualifying events/levels.

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### **PROGRAMMING:**

During my tenure, the PSA took great lengths to ensure ALL programming is now accessible in virtual and hybrid formats to fit current needs. One of our key strategic goals has been to meet the coaches where they are with affordable education. COVID-19 prompted this transition, but we have adopted this format beyond the pandemic phase.

- **PSA Annual Summit:** Once COVID-19 hit in March 2020, PSA successfully transformed our annual Summit conferences in 2020 and 2021 into *Virtual Formats* for all our members to enjoy from the safety of their own homes. This May, we are THRILLED to announce we are finally returning to a LIVE Summit event in Chicago! We have learned much these past two years, so we will offer both in-person and live-stream formats for coaches to attend live or watch virtually.
- **Webinars & Seminars:** PSA continues to deliver on our promise of coaches education by hosting more than 50 webinars over the course of my presidency and throughout the pandemic. The vast majority of these webinars were free for members, bringing true value to the PSA membership when they needed it most, during the pandemic when most members were in extreme isolation. Most events were postponed during COVID-19, but last September The Skating Club of Boston hosted our first in-person live seminar since the pandemic began. We couldn't be more thrilled with the turnout and success of this Boston event — 74 live and 29 virtual attendees!
- **Ratings Exams:** The Ratings exam process is one of our most beloved programs, providing an opportunity for coaches of all levels to test, reflect, and improve through our rigorous Ratings test protocol. Due to the pandemic, the PSA transitioned to a Virtual Ratings Exam (VRE) format, forever changing the coaching landscape. The VRE continues to be sold out months in advance, every month with a wait list. We currently host monthly Virtual Ratings Exams and to date have had more than 280 Virtual Ratings Exams since our launch (May 2020). We will also begin offering live Ratings Exams with the Chicago Summit event this May.
- **Ratings Prep:** The PSA transformed one of its strongest programs, Ratings Prep, into the Virtual Ratings Prep (VRP), which launched in February 2021. More than just a 'test prep,' the VRP featured both pre-recorded segments and live discussions for attendees across an array of Ratings disciplines, including Free Style, Moves in the Field, and Group Instruction. This year, the PSA held another sold-out VRP in February 2022 (80 Participants!). The future looks bright for coaches education.
- **Foundations of Coaching Course (FCC):** In 2021, PSA reimagined one of our landmark programs, the FCC, from a two-day live event into a four-month, fully immersive virtual course. The 10-week course met twice a week with a 'live instruction segment' every Monday and 'live reflection/discussion segment' every Thursday to ensure attendees received feedback and answers to their specific questions. The focus was to generate 'sticky content' for 'back and forth discussion' and application they will carry into coach practices on and off the ice. We currently plan to hold a live/hybrid version of the Foundations of Coaching Course during Q4 2022.
- **ISU Coach Certification Program:** PSA created and now delivers level 1 of the ISU Coach Certification program to coaches for the ISU program. We are currently working on level 3 of the four-tiered program and look forward to continuing the great work with the ISU. PSA has truly gone from a global brand to a global business by being agile and adaptable, and by leveraging technology to further educate all coaches both domestically and internationally.

### **ASSET MANAGEMENT:**

During the Pandemic, the PSA reduced payroll and operating expenses as well as streamlined investments to ensure PSA's financial sustainability for long-term growth. As mentioned in my fall 2021 board report, the PSA Board of Governors unanimously made the decision to sell the PSA headquarters building, which closed escrow on Aug. 1, 2021.

Since then, the proceeds of the sale have been reinvested into our growth-oriented portfolio. The building sale significantly reduced annual expenses while generating additional capital as part of PSA's long-term financial and strategic plan. This allows us to continue expanding programs and membership services to existing and potentially new members of PSA.

### **PARTNERSHIPS: U.S. Figure Skating**

The PSA continues to provide support to U.S. Figure Skating — and we have truly enjoyed our regular bimonthly discussions with U.S. Figure Skating staff. Whether it's the Athlete High Performance Department, Events Department, DEI Task Force, Competitions Committee, Coaches Committee, or supporting any of your various initiatives, the PSA is proud to support and partner with U.S. Figure Skating.

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Additionally, Heidi Thibert, PSA senior director of coaching development, has worked directly on the following events/initiatives in the following ways:

- Conceptualized and facilitated USOPC Apollo Team Project with elite/high performance coaches
- Designed/ facilitated coaches Track (created coaches handbook) for:
  - 2021 National High Performance Development Camp (August 2021 in Nashville)
  - 2022 National High Performance Development Camp (January 2022 in Nashville)
  - 2022 Jump On It! Camp (May 2022)
- Attended as PSA representative and support staff member:
  - 2022 U.S. Figure Skating National Tech Panel Seminar (April 2022 in Chicago)
  - 2021 Skate America (Oct 2021 in Las Vegas)
  - 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships (Jan 2022 in Nashville)
  - 2022 World Junior Team Selection Camp (February 2022 in Boston)
  - 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Novice and Junior Challenge Skate (September 2021 in Boston)
- Coordinated details for Team USA Elite Coaches' Track Seminars at PSA Summit
  - Secured approval of request for additional USOPC support for faculty
  - Will host IJS updates virtual online seminars
  - Register and secure credit for Summit Elite Track coaches for CERs
- Attended 2022 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
- Worked with U.S. Figure Skating staff on coach compliance complications

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

PSA's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee has met every month since its creation — first as a task force in June 2020 and then as a committee in November 2020. The DEI Committee has held regular engagement events to connect the skating community to the work of celebrating diversity and creating a more-inclusive environment for skaters, coaches, and families of all backgrounds.

One of PSA's key DEI objectives has been to create a CER (continuing education requirement) course dedicated to providing coaches with a foundation and understanding of diversity, equity and inclusion principles. We are proud to announce our collaboration with U.S. Figure Skating's Kadari Taylor-Watson as author of our first DEI CER, which launched in January 2022! The DEI CER is mandatory as one of four courses to be taken this year (every compliant coach must take the DEI CER this year), establishing a foundation of DEI understanding amongst ALL coaches. A special thank you to Kadari as she has been a wonderful partner and has joined many of our PSA DEI meetings. We also want to thank PSA DEI Committee members Denise Viera, Darlene Lewis, and Chair Nathan Truesdell for their help and assistance with this DEI course as well.

The PSA and U.S. Figure Skating are currently collaborating on a jointly produced DEI video that celebrates diversity, equity, inclusion, and the champion spirit that resides in all of us in the skating community. We look forward to completing this project as well as collaborating with U.S. Figure Skating in building a bridge to greater inclusion in all communities.

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In closing, I would like to acknowledge the people of U.S. Figure Skating and the PSA, as the good work of any organization is only possible through its people.

It has been an honor these last three years to serve as president of the PSA and work side-by-side with U.S. Figure Skating on enriching the quality of the skaters' journey through coaches' education and professional development.

Thank you.

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**Serving the American Rinks (DbA – United States Ice Rink Association) – Jeff Theiler, Chief Operating Officer**  
**Membership**

Membership rebounded significantly in 2021 following a down year due to the pandemic. Member registrations were up 14 percent, and revenue was up 17 percent over 2020 due to a significant number of new Facility member registrations and higher overall retention. 2022 is off to a very strong start as member registrations and revenue at the end of February were both significantly ahead of 2021.

**Education**

We continued to offer our courses in an online instructor-lead format in the winter and spring of 2021 due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in place around most of the country. With vaccinations increasing and restrictions softening throughout the country, we decided to move forward with offering our traditional in-person Regional Training Programs in late summer and fall in 2021.

2021 Overview:

- Online: 11 Courses / 144 Students
- In-Person: 9 Courses / 148 Students
- Total: 20 Courses / 292 Students

In 2022, we will offer a full schedule of in-person Regional Training Programs around the country (June – October).

**Certifications**

The U.S. Ice Rink Association offers our members the opportunity to achieve three industry-specific certifications. These certifications are earned by successfully completing our operations and management courses and maintaining a membership with the organization. These certifications are recognized and highly regarded by the ice rink industry.

- (2011 - Present): 153 Certified Ice Rink Manager (CIRM)
- (2011 - Present): 253 Certified Rink Administrator (CRA)
- (2003 - Present): 773 Certified Ice Technician (CIT)

**North American Rink Conference & Expo (NARCE)**

The 2020 and 2021 NARCE events were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. The 2022 event will be held in person May 17-20 in Buffalo, New York, at the Hyatt Regency and Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Registrations have been strong, with three of the eight educational courses sold out as of the end of February. As in years past, U.S. Figure Skating staff will hold their skating director course during the event. Exhibitor booths for the two-day trade show and event sponsorships were sold out before the end of February.

**RINK Magazine**

Rink Magazine is the official publication of the U.S. Ice Rink Association. Distribution of the bi-monthly publication is more than 3,000 and remains our main tool for marketing membership benefits, education programs and events to the entire United States ice rink industry. Several articles promoting U.S. Figure Skating programs and initiatives were included in RINK in 2021, and more pieces are scheduled to be included in 2022.

**Events**

U.S. Ice Rink Association staff member John Monteleone provided direct support this year as the lead ice technician for the following U.S. Figure Skating events:

- 2022 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships – Nashville, TN
- 2022 Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships – Boston, MA
- 2022 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships – Colorado Springs, CO



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**Governance**

The following five individuals have been appointed by U.S. Figure Skating to serve as representatives on the U.S. Ice Rink Association Board of Directors to provide leadership and guidance for the organization:

- Jon Jepson (Secretary)
- Isabella Cannuscio
- Leticia Moreno Enos
- Rockne Brubaker
- Elise Preston

**U.S. Figure Skating Support**

The U.S. Ice Rink Association continues to support U.S. Figure Skating in the following areas:

- Safe and professionally-operated ice rinks for U.S. Figure Skating members
- Promotion of U.S. Figure Skating programs and Learn to Skate USA to the ice rink industry
- Operational support for U.S. Figure Skating competitions and events

For the rest of 2022 and beyond, our staff and Board of Directors will continue to work diligently toward meeting our mission:

**“To advance the ice rink industry through membership, world class education, training, resources and events”**