

# **U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors**

## **Conference Call Agenda – FINAL**

**Monday, June 1, 2020 8:00PM ET**  
**VIA ZOOM Teleconference**

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of May 18, 2020 Board of Directors Minutes and ROA
5. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning
6. Board Education/Training
7. Reports
  - a. Admin/Legal (including RFA)
  - b. Athlete Services (including RFA)
  - c. Technical and Officials (including RFA)
  - d. International (including athlete releases)
  - e. Membership Development
8. Executive Director's Report
9. New Business
10. Executive Session
11. Next Meeting – ZOOM Video Conference – Monday, June 15, 2020; 8pm ET

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**Present**

Kristin Arneson Cutler, Samuel Auxier (Past President), Gretchen Bonnie, Todd Bromley, Anne Cammett (President), Janis Engel, Rachael Flatt, Lynn Goldman, Troy Goldstein, Bob Horen (ISU Representative), Jenna Longo, Bobby Martin, Colin McManus, Heather Nemier, Heather Paige, Elise Preston, David Raith (Executive Director), Karen Terry Perreault, Felicia Zhang (non-voting athlete)

**Guests**

Ramsey Baker, Juliet Newcomer, Kelly Vogtner

**I. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting**

- A. Cammett called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and explained the purpose and format of this meeting.
- B. Bonnie took roll call, and a quorum was confirmed.
- C. The agenda was adopted.
- D. The May 18 minutes were approved as presented.
- E. The May 18 report of action was approved as presented.

<8:05 p.m. EDT – Goldstein joined the meeting>

**II. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning**

Raith reviewed the budget available for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and introduced Baker. Baker then reviewed a PowerPoint with recommendations for the celebration, including pillars of the plan, areas of engagement and next steps. Baker then answered questions, and Raith asked board members who are interested in serving on an updated working group to email Cammett.

<8:33 p.m. EDT – Baker left the meeting>

**III. Board Education/Training**

- A. Raith provided background information on tonight's board training and what's expected to be required by the USOPC in the future, and introduced Vogtner.
- B. Vogtner facilitated a training session for the board members that covered leadership, responsibilities and duties, conflict of interest, confidentiality, roles and the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.
- C. Cammett reported that she has put together a working group to consider the effect of USOPC compliance and bylaw changes on our governance, including the board. Nemier, Perreault and Flatt will serve on that working group with staff. ISU policies and procedures will be taken into consideration, too.

<9:21 p.m. EDT – Vogtner left the meeting>

**IV. Group Coordinator Reports**

- A. Administrative/Legal  
Perreault notified the board that Steve Wolkin recently resigned his appointment as Ethics Committee chair, and Cammett appointment Matthew O'Toole as Wolkin's replacement.

<Executive Session>

<The board concurred regarding the resolution of the Stipulation of a Grievance Matter from the chair of the Grievance Committee.>

<End Executive Session>

B. Athlete Services

Goldman reviewed a request for action from the Dance Development and Technical Committee, and made the following motion:

**<Request for Action>** to approve the amendments to rule 1071 (C)(2) – ice dance deductions for novice, intermediate, juvenile and adult. (Please see the report of action for the full details.) (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent)

C. Technical and Officials

1. Bromley reviewed a request for action from the Competitions Committee and answered questions. Goldman requested an amendment, and Bromley then made the following motion:

**<Request for Action>** to approve waiving the test qualifications as of the closing date for entries for the 2021 qualifying competitions as defined in rule 1022 (A) for standard-track qualifying competitions, and (C) for synchronized skating qualifying competitions, as well as the 2020 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships. For this season only, skaters will be allowed to register at their current test level or up to two levels higher. Rule 2424 will still apply.

As an exception to rule 4201, skaters who compete one level higher than their current test level may elect to submit their protocol from a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned qualifying competition conducted under the IJS during the 2020-21 season, where they have met the minimum passing scores as defined in rule 4202. Skaters must have met the prerequisites for the test by the date of the competition and must have competed in the applicable event at the level they are wishing to pass. (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent)

2. Bromley notified the board that the Competitions Committee has been communicating with the Events Department weekly and continues to work on multiple options for the qualifying season. Bromley expects to have more information on the June 15 board meeting.

D. International

1. Horen notified the board that the the ISU working group has postponed the final decision on the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series until July 1.
2. Horen reported that the International Selections Subcommittee is still planning to send out an international availability form within the next week or two, and a draft is being reviewed.
3. Raith reviewed a new request to release a specific athlete and revisited a release that was originally discussed on May 11. The current athlete release policy will be followed in both cases.

E. Membership Development

1. Preston notified the board that membership renewal started today, and there has been a positive response so far to renewals. Preston also recognized that today is the fourth anniversary of Learn to Skate USA.
2. Preston reported that 21 proposals were received for the six Community Development Grants.

V. **Executive Director's Report**

- A. Raith informed the board that staff has been working diligently on the membership renewal process. In addition, a Governing Council survey went out last week, and a final report will be provided to the board at its next meeting.
- B. Raith provided an update on the work done so far with the ISU working group to assess the viability of the Junior Grand Prix, as well as meetings with the Grand Prix organizers.

VI. **New Business** – None

<9:50 p.m. EDT – Newcomer left the meeting>

VII. **Executive Session** – Financial and Legal Matters

VIII. **Closing Announcements and Adjournment**

The next business meeting of the board will be via video conference on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 8 p.m. EDT.

Meeting concluded at 9:58 p.m. EDT

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Bonnie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark above the 'e' in Bonnie.

Gretchen Bonnie, Secretary