

U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors

Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 3, 2023, 7 p.m. ET

1. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting
 - a. Welcome & Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum (to be taken via Zoom participant list)
 - c. Approval and Adoption of Agenda
 - d. Disclosure of Conflicts Related to the Meeting Agenda
 - e. Acceptance of Minutes and Report of Action from the March 13 Meeting
2. President's Report
 - a. ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2023
 - b. ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships 2023
 - c. General
3. Chief Executive Officer's Report
 - a. General
4. Financial Report
5. Recommendations for Frankfurt 2023
6. 2023 Governing Council Preparation
 - a. Pre-Governing Council Timeline
 - b. Book calls, advance communications
 - c. Sectional meetings
 - d. Other
7. 2024 Governing Council
 - a. Selection of date for video conference format
8. Review of Proposed Bylaw Amendments
 - a. Coaching integration
 - b. Membership / Aspire
 - c. Membership / School affiliated
 - d. Membership rewrite
 - e. Memorial Fund
 - f. Executive Director to CEO
9. Requests for Action – Rule Changes
 - a. Rulebook – Technical Discipline Alignment
 - b. Officials Innovation
 - c. RFAs from the Athlete Services Group
 - d. RFAs from the Membership Development Group
 - e. RFAs from the Technical / Officials Group
 - f. RFAs from the Administrative / Legal Group
10. New Business
11. Next meeting of the Board of Directors in-person on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Tropicana Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada

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via Video Conference
Monday, April 3, 2023, 7 p.m. ET**

Present – Voting Members

Samuel Auxier (President), Jackie Chang, Janis Engel, Rachael Flatt, Victoria Hildebrand (Treasurer), Jenna Longo, Kristina Lundgren, Colin McManus, Kimberley Moore (Secretary), Heather Paige, Kevin Rosenstein, Matthew Slatos, Amanda Will (Vice President), Kym Worthy, Felicia Zhang

Present – Non-Voting Members

Todd Bromley, Anne Cammett (Past President), Troy Goldstein (ISU Representative), Tracy Marek (Chief Executive Officer), Lauren O’Toole, Elise Preston

Absent

Pilar Helm, Simon Shnapir (alternate USOPC AAC representative)

Guests

None

Staff

John Anderson, Juliet Newcomer, Kelly Vogtner

I. Opening of the Board of Directors Meeting

- A. Auxier called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
- B. Moore took attendance using the Zoom participant list, and a quorum was confirmed.
- C. The agenda was adopted.
- D. Auxier asked the members to disclose any conflicts based on tonight’s agenda. No conflicts were disclosed.
- E. The March 13 minutes were approved as presented.
- F. The March 13 report of action was approved as presented.

II. President’s Update

- A. Auxier reviewed the 2023 ISU World Figure Skating Championships and complimented the Japan Skating Federation on a great event. Auxier also recognized the great results for Team USA.
- B. Auxier then reviewed the 2023 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships that were held in Lake Placid last week.

III. CEO Update

- A. Marek notified the board that she’s been traveling a lot with the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, ISU World Figure Skating Championships and ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships.
- B. Marek expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to meet more of our athletes and reviewed some of her initial conversations. Marek also reviewed the ISU Conference meetings that were held directly prior to the ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

<Hildebrand joined the meeting during Marek’s report.>

- C. Marek notified the board that she has now had one-on-one staff meetings with every full-time staff member and reviewed other initiatives being put into place with the staff, along with other projects and meetings that she’s prioritized since the Feb. 18 board meeting.

IV. Financial Report

- A. Hildebrand provided an update on the FY2024 budget and answered questions.
- B. Hildebrand reviewed the financial statement of activities through Feb. 28, 2023.

Auxier moved to go into executive session. Seconded. Approved.

<Worthy joined the meeting.>

V. Recommendations for Frankfurt 2023

Goldstein moved to come out of executive session. Seconded. Approved.

Lundgren made the following motion:

MOTION: to nominate candidates to test for international dance judge at the ISU Global Seminar in Frankfurt in July 2023 as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Slatius then made the following motion:

MOTION: to nominate a candidate to test for international synchronized judge at the ISU Global Seminar in Frankfurt in July 2023 as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

VI. 2023 Governing Council Preparation

- A. Vogtner reviewed the timeline leading up to Governing Council, including book calls on April 19 and 20 to review the bylaw and rule change proposals with delegates, and the sectional meetings that will be held during Governing Council.
- B. Newcomer reminded the board of the deadline for isolations.

VII. 2024 Governing Council

The board discussed the proposed date for the 2024 Governing Council meeting that will be held via video conference. Auxier then made the following motion:

MOTION: To hold the 2024 Governing Council meeting, which will be held via video conference, on Saturday, April 27, 2024. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Cammett asked that consideration be given to how this is communicated.

VIII. Review of Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- A. Newcomer reviewed Exhibit A, which was originally approved for presentation on Feb. 18, 2023. There was no discussion on the exhibit.
- B. Newcomer reviewed Exhibits B-G related to coaching integration, and the board discussed the individual proposals. Goldstein requested that talking points be provided to the board regarding coach representation.
- C. Newcomer reviewed Exhibits H-J related to membership. There was no discussion on these exhibits.
- D. Newcomer reviewed Exhibits K and L related to the Memorial Fund. There was no discussion on these exhibits.

IX. Requests for Action – Rule Changes

- A. Newcomer reviewed Items 1-6 that were presented outside of the meeting book and will be presented to Governing Council as items 12-17 in the Reports of Action Taken by the Board of Directors beginning on page 157 of the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book. Auxier then made the following motions:

<Request for Action> to approve Items 1-6 as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.** *(Please see the Reports of Action Taken by the Board of Directors beginning on page 157 of the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book for full details.)*

- B. O'Toole reviewed the requests for action from the Athlete Services Group (Group 1), Items 101-113, and addressed questions. Goldstein and Will asked O'Toole to bring historical information on Item 102 back to the Pairs Development & Technical Committee for consideration. Rosenstein then made the following motion:

<Request for Action> to approve Items 101-113 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

- C. Preston reviewed the requests for action from the Membership Development Group (Group 2), starting with the proposals from the Adult Skating Committee, Items 201-209. Auxier isolated Item 205 and made the following motion:

<Request for Action> to defeat Items 205 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Worthy then made the following motion: moved to approve Items 201-204 and 206-209.

<**Request for Action**> to approve Items 201-204 and 206-209 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Preston reviewed the requests for action from the Membership Committee, Items 210-214. Engel then made the following motion:

<**Request for Action**> to approve Items 210-214 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Preston concluded her report by providing information on how the dues increases are being communicated to clubs. Auxier provided additional information on questions he's been asked regarding this proposal.

- D. Bromley reviewed the requests for action from the Technical and Officials Group (Group 3), beginning with the items from the Competitions Committee (Items 301-312). Items 305, 306 and 307 were isolated and discussed. Auxier then made the following motion:

<**Request for Action**> to refer Items 305-307 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book back to the Competitions Committee for reconsideration at the May 3 board meeting. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Lundgren then made the following motion:

<**Request for Action**> to approve Items 301-304 and 308-312 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

Bromley reviewed the requests for action from the Tests Committee. Newcomer explained a request to amend the implementation date for Item 316. No other items were discussed. Lundgren then made the following motion:

<**Request for Action**> to approve Items 313-321 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book, including the amendment to Item 316. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

- E. In Helms' absence, Newcomer and Anderson reviewed the requests for action from the Administrative/Legal Group (Group 4), Items 401-407. Hildebrand then made the following motion:

<**Request for Action**> to approve Items 401-407 from the 2023 Governing Council Meeting Book as presented. **SECONDED. APPROVED.**

- F. There were no requests for action from the International Group.

X. New Business – None

XI. Closing Announcements and Adjournment

The board addressed a couple of other items related to Governing Council.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the board will be in person in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PT.

Meeting concluded at 9:57 p.m. ET

Submitted,



Kimberley Moore, Secretary

Athlete Services Group Board Report: Summary and Spotlights

Submitted by: Lauren O'Toole, Athlete Services Group Coordinator
March 25, 2023

Summary

- The excel file stands as written.
- If there are any questions on the RFAs in the Governing Council Book, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Spotlights

Synchronized

- Registration for Synchronized Skating teams in the United States is 616, surpassing pre-pandemic registration.

Singles

- The Singles Development and Technical Committee is piloting protocol feedback for Spins and Step Sequences. This is a practice in place in numerous federations.
- This pilot provides feedback for Spins and Step Sequences directly to the coaches and athletes. Jumps already have feedback provided for rotation and edge.
- It highly benefits competitions that do not offer critiques and/or coaches that do not reach out to the Technical Controller at the conclusion of an event.
- This has received very positive feedback from coaches who attended these competitions.
- There is one additional pilot competition and the committee will then discuss a roll out plan. There are no plans to use this feature at the Sectional Finals or at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.
- The following details were sent via email to coaches and athletes attending the two pilot competitions.

Step Sequence in Intermediate:

The step will be leveled and Y (yes) or N (no) for rotations will appear in the column before the base values.

Step Sequence in Novice:

The step will be leveled the following notations will appear in the column before the base values.

Rotations	Y (yes) or	N (no)
Body	Y (yes) or	N (no)
Clusters	Y (yes) or	N (no)

The order of appearance will be Rotations, Body, Cluster per the order listed in ISU Communication 2474.

Note that for both levels, final level assigned is also based on turns achieved. Number of turns achieved will not be shown.

Combination spins in Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice:

Where a "V" is assigned due to a missing position:

nC	Indicates Missing Camel Position
nS	Indicates Missing Sit Position
nU	Indicates Missing Upright Position

This applies to CCoSp, FCCoSp, FCoSp, CoSp **if** the error relates to a missing position.