



EASTERN SECTION NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE
on the
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons)

Included in this document is a brief bio of each U.S. Figure Skating member interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. Registered delegates will vote for one person from the Eastern Section at the sectional meeting to be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Candidates

Carly Berrios | Greenville FSC, Inc. | Simpsonville, S.C.

Rachel Collins | Individual Member | Wallingford, Conn.

Catherine Hutsky | Beaver County FSC | Rochester, Pa.

Debra Moffitt | Hayden Recreation Centre FSC, Inc. | Lexington, Mass.

John O'Connor | Washington FSC | Philadelphia, Pa.

Karen Perreault | The SC of New York, Inc. | Wilton, Conn.

Carly Berrios

Greenville FSC, Inc.

Simpsonville, S.C.

Previous committee service: Memorial Fund Committee (member)

Background in figure skating:

I was a competitive figure skater for 10 years, where I trained in Ashburn, VA and at the Olympic training site in Colorado Springs. Throughout my career I made it to many sectionals and nationals, where I placed 4th at the novice level. Additionally, I represented Greenville Figure Skating Club and served as a member of their board for 2 years. Now, I have been teaching learn to skate and aspire classes in North Charleston.

Professional experience outside of skating:

I am currently a medical school student at Medical University of South Carolina. I feel that my professional experience in a graduate program will bring great diversity and a different perspective to the nominating committee. Since beginning school, I have obtained many clinic hours, worked with a diverse population, and kept confidentiality with all my patients. I think these traits will serve me well as a member, along with my prior experience as an elite competitor.

Why Carly would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

As a prior competitive figure skater, skating is still a big part of my life and would love the opportunity to serve in this role to give back to the sport that has provided me with so many great memories. Additionally, I would like to gain valuable relationships with other members and further help grow the sport.

Rachel Collins

Individual Member

Wallingford, Conn.

Previous committee service: none

Background in figure skating:

I skated as a child and have returned to competitive skating as an adult. I am also a Learn to Skate coach.

Professional experience outside of skating:

Why Rachel would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

I would like to serve on the Nominating Committee to serve in a leadership role for the USFSA beyond being a competitive figure skater within the organization.

Catherine Hutsky

Beaver County FSC

Wallingford, Conn.

Previous committee service: none

Background in figure skating:

Professional experience outside of skating:

Why Catherine would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

I'm a figure skater and feel I can offer an insider's viewpoint.

Previous committee service: none

Background in figure skating:

Adult skater (synchronized) and coach

Professional experience outside of skating:

I am a behavior analyst and understand how behavior effects the way people act and do things. I am calm and able to see whole pictures and differing perspectives.

Why Debra would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

It is important to represent all, and as an adult skater who competes, tests, and coaches I am able to hear the needs of all that don't always feel represented.

Previous committee service: Special Olympics/Therapeutic Skating Committee (chair)

Background in figure skating:

Sectional judge and referee

Professional experience outside of skating:

My career is in Financial Analysis and formerly Public Accounting.

Why John would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

I believe my 24 years as an official and my time as Chair of Special Olympics where we reevaluated and created a new testing structure has proven my dedication and willingness to help keep the sport current. I believe, I possess the insight to identify individuals who can help and foster the ideals of USFS.

Previous committee service: Competitions Committee (sectional vice chair, regional vice chair), Ethics Committee (chair, member), Grievance Committee (chair, member), Officials Training Committee (national vice chair), SkateSafe Committee (chair, member), U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors (group coordinator); under previous committee structure JETS (vice chair) and Judges Committee (sectional vice chair, member)

Background in figure skating:

I have had continuous involvement with U.S. Figure Skating since I was four years old, first as a skater and then a coach, judge, controller, team leader, committee member, committee chair, and member of the Board of Directors. I am a triple gold medalist (Moves in the Field, Figures and Free skating, with a Pre-Gold in Dance) and was a three-time National Competitor, winning the Novice Ladies silver medal in 1986.

In 1990, I decided to end my competitive career to concentrate on college, and at that time I also began teaching skating and trial judging. After completing my graduate education, I devoted myself to judging and in 2019 I achieved my International Singles and Pairs appointment. I also received my National Controller's appointment in Singles in 2021. I served as an international Team Leader for 17 years, leading our junior and senior teams to 18 events. I have served on the Board of my home club, SCNY, since 2013 and have attended Governing Council as an SCNY delegate every year since 2011. I have held eight leadership positions and served on the Board of Directors. As the Administrative and Legal Group

Coordinator, I oversaw eight committees that are crucial to running our organization, e.g., Strategic Planning, and this experience provided me with a depth of knowledge about the current state of U.S. Figure Skating and the directions it seeks to go.

Professional experience outside of skating:

I have a PhD in Criminology with a background in Psychology. My area of research expertise is in sexual offending and victimization. I served as the Principal Investigator of a study on child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, and I have traveled around the world presenting on this topic at academic conferences. It is because of my professional experience that I became deeply involved with Ethics and SafeSport (now SafeSkate) in U.S. Figure Skating, serving as the first chair of the SafeSport Committee. I was also asked to serve on the USOPC research advisory committee for SafeSport, providing professional advice on best practices. I would bring to the Nominating Committee my knowledge about the protection of athletes in sport, as well as my leadership experience in the organization that resulted from that knowledge.

Why Karen would like to serve on the Nominating Committee:

I have served our organization in many capacities, though never on Nominating Committee. I believe my vast and varied skating and leadership experience provides me with the knowledge to understand the needs of the organization and the directions it seeks to go.