



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting of Skate Canada Manitoba at the Victoria Inn, Winnipeg MB, April 28, 2018.

There is

- One (1) Chairman position available for a two (2) year term
- One (1) Vice-Chair position available for a two (2) year term
- Two (2) Elected Directors positions available for two (2) year terms.
- One (1) Elected Director position available for a one (1) year term

The nominees are as follows:

Chairman (2-year term) (1 Position)

DONNA YEE (Acclaimed)

Vice-Chair (2-Year Term) (1 Position)

DIANE BRINE (Acclaimed)

Directors (2 Year Term) (2 Positions) and (1 Year Term) (1 Position)

SARAH ISLIEFSON

SHELLEY MEAKIN

BRENDA SOKOLOSKI

ALLISON WARD

Skate Canada Manitoba is fortunate to have these capable individuals willing to stand for office and wanting to make a commitment to serve our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Edwards
Nominating Committee Chair
March 13th, 2018



DONNA YEE

Nominated for: Chairman
Present Office: Chair of Skate Canada MB
Residence: St Andrews, MB
Occupation: Retired Account Manager for RBC Royal Bank

Club Affiliation: St Andrews Skating Club **Years Involved in Skating:** 24 Years

Club Involvement: Thru my years of involvement with the St Andrews Skating Club, I volunteered in the roles of treasurer, test chair, and president. When I was president of St Andrews Skating Club, I sat on the board for the St Andrews Community Club. During each of my roles in the club, I gained a strong knowledge of club background.

Region Involvement:

- Regional Supervisor for the Interlake from 2008--2012.

Skate Canada - Manitoba Board Involvement:

- Chairman of Regional Supervisors from 2009-2012.
- Vice Chair Skate Canada MB. 2012-2014
- Chair Skate Canada MB. 2014-present
- Member of Skate Canada Section Chair's Co-ordinating Committee – 2014-present

Other Volunteer Involvement:

- Parent Council committee for the St Andrews School (when my children were attending)
- co-chair for Prairie Synchro held in Morris, Manitoba.
- Currently a Data Specialist Level III.

Goals and Objectives if elected are:

- My goal in Skate Canada Manitoba is to be a positive role model in our sport by consciously living the values of Collaboration, Respect and Excellence in every action.
- I take pleasure in watching children develop the skill to skate and to see them grow in a sport where they can see their hard work gain them the confidence and strength.
- My goal is to ensure the sport of skating is fair for all who want to be involved in whichever level they choose to participate.



DIANE BRINE

Nominated for: Vice Chairman

Present Office: Vice Chair

Occupation: Manager, Health Promotion

Club Affiliation: Skate Winnipeg

Involved in Skating: 43 years

Club Involvement: Official, skater, Carnival Organizer, CanSkate Chair

Section Involvement: Vice Chairperson for the last 2 years, JET committee Chairperson and member. CanSkate Chairperson for the NS Section

Other Volunteer Involvement:

- Member of the Child Selection committee for Dreams Take Flight - Winnipeg Chapter
- President of the St Marguerite Bourgeoys CWL
- Volunteer for the Wpg Military Family Resource Centre
- FIFA Women's World Cup, PanAm Games, and other sporting events

Goals and Objectives or Intent:

To continue to work within the section to grow the sport of Figure Skating. To champion Skating as a sport for life - for every ability and means.



SARAH ISLIEFSON

Nominated for: Director

Present Office: None

Occupation: Educator

Club Affiliation: Skate Winnipeg

Objective

My goal is to become a Director on the Board of Skate Canada Manitoba. I am not presently on the Board and have not held any positions on the Board in the past. My primary interest is in the area of Officials.

Skating Background

I have been a member of Skate Canada for over 19 years. My involvement in Skate Canada Manitoba started in the CanSkate program, then the STARSkate program and finally as an Official. As a STAR Skater, I achieved Senior Silver Skating Skills, Senior Bronze Free Skate, Silver Interpretive and two Gold Dances. I am currently a member of Skate Winnipeg.

Volunteer Experience

I have been volunteering as an Official for over 12 years. My qualifications are Novice level singles judge and Gold evaluator for Ice Dance, Skating Skills, Free Skate and Interpretive. I am currently pursuing my Senior level singles promotion. I have judged competitions and evaluated at test days across Manitoba and I have also been invited to Ontario to judge and evaluate there as well. A few out-of-province highlights include; judging at Summer Sizzle in Waterloo and Sunset County Interclub in Dryden.

Other experience that I have within Skate Canada Manitoba includes:

- ◆ Program assistant for the CanSkate program for many years.
- ◆ Represented the Officials on the Coaches' Committee and acted as a liaison between the two committees.
- ◆ Participated in Strategic Planning sessions for the Section.
- ◆ Volunteered at various competitions that I was not skating or judging at, including a Synchro competition and Western Challenge when it was held in Winnipeg.

Other Relevant Experience

Early/Middle Years Teacher

- ◆ I am in my eighth year as an Early/Middle Years teacher. I have held a variety of positions as a teacher. I am currently a French teacher for English students in fourth to sixth grade.

Overall Coordinator, Snorri West

- ◆ Coordinated an exchange program for Icelandic youth ages 18 to 25 to visit various communities across North America which have ties to Icelandic roots in the summers from 2012 to 2015. Participated on the organizing committee in the summer of 2016. Tasks included creating budgets, coordinating volunteers for activities and housing, planning excursions, creating informational documents using Microsoft Office (including Word, PowerPoint and Excel) and acting as a tour guide while the participants were staying in my community.

Skills and Assets

Professionalism

- ◆ I am a professional who takes my career and volunteer experiences very seriously. I encounter private information on a daily basis and follow procedures to keep that information secure. I do not discuss information with people who are not privy to this information or share it on social media. I follow professional codes of conduct and demonstrate positive deportment as a teacher and Skate Canada official.

Communication

- ◆ As a teacher, I successfully communicate with students, staff and parents every day. It is important for me to be able to explain myself verbally and in written form. I not only teach concepts in English but also in French.

Time Management and Organization

- ◆ I am highly organized and an effective time-manager. I have been involved in a variety of professional, personal and volunteer activities throughout my life. It has become very important for me to be able to balance all of these activities. A few of the strategies that I use to help me keep track of my tasks are; using checklists, calendars, agendas, timelines, and digital reminders.

Leadership

- ◆ My professional and volunteer experience has helped shape me as a leader in a variety of ways. I define a leader as a person who motivates their team, is creative, trustworthy, responsible and shows respect. Every day that I teach in the classroom I am striving to be the best leader for my students as I can be and work hard to motivate my students to not only see themselves as life-long learners, but also as leaders of today and tomorrow.

A Quote From A Reference

“Sarah has a wonderful rapport with people of all ages, especially children. Her ability to connect with her students and her talent at teaching simple concepts, as well as more advanced topics, are both excellent. She has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is extremely organized, reliable and computer literate. She can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. She accomplishes these tasks with great initiative and with a very positive attitude.”

– Jim Gibbs, Principal, Dr. George Johnson School



SHELLEY MEAKIN

Nominated for: Director

Present Office: None

Occupation: Retired

Club Affiliation: Skate Brandon

Club Affiliation:

- Former: Rapid City Figure Skating Club

Involved in Skating (yrs):

- 50 years ago enrolled in NST
- 46 Years involved
- Lessons: 1968-1978
- Coach: 1974-1984
- Parent/Skater/Club Secretary 1990-2002
- Recreational Synchro 1998-2003
- Judge/Evaluator 1998-Present

Club Involvement:

- Parent/Secretary 12 Years
- Coach – NST - Pro 1974-1984

Section Involvement:

- JET and EMC Committee members 4 years + 2 years respectively

Other Volunteer Involvement:

- Rapid City Legion Ladies Auxiliary – 20 years – Fundraising, promoting veterans, catering functions
- AG Society – 25 years - Fair Day Volunteer
- Rapid City Chamber – volunteer at events

Goals and Objectives or Intent:

I like change. Especially change that is progressive and moves in positive direction. I see this with out Section as we move towards many changes within the STAR Program and CPC. I feel with my experience, I can assist SCMB with adapting to the changes and offer insight from a judge and evaluator view point. There is an urgent need for recruitment to the team. All aspects of technical panels and data I can assist in recruitment and mentorship

I also have strong skills in organization, team work and the ability to work with team members. In my working career at MPI, I trained and mentored junior staff and sat on focus groups.

In my community I belong to a strong dedicated ladies group. We work hard at fundraising and cater events to raise money for the hall and community.

I feel I would be a valued addition to Skate Canada Manitoba Board of Directors.



BRENDA SOKOLOSKI

Nominated for: Director

Present Office: None

Occupation: Retired Teacher

Club Affiliation: Skate Brandon

Involved in Skating (yrs):

- Skater from 1969-1976
- Coach from 1976-1992 in Oak River, Churchill, Rivers and Rapid City

Club Involvement:

- Club president for rapid City Skating Club 1992-1998

Region Involvement:

- Assistant regional Supervisor North Westman region 1991-1994
- Regional Supervisor for North Westman region 1994-1998

Other Volunteer Involvement:

- 2000 - Present: Judge and Technical representative for competitions
- 2016 – Present: finding technical representatives, provincial judges and tech panels for Skate Canada Manitoba competitions

Goals and Objectives or Intent:

I would like to work on fulfilling some of the goals that were discussed at a strategic planning meeting for Officials that was held June 13, 2015. Discussion took place that by 2019, we would have targeted skaters 15+ (as of 2015) to be fully trained as judges at the Novice level and integrated into our system. I also would like to look at getting further training for our present judges, data specialists, as well as recruitments for all officials so that our province maybe able to fulfill most of our positions in our competitions.



ALISON WARD

Nominated for: Director

Present Office: None

Occupation: Teacher

Club Affiliation: Century SC

Skating Experience

Region Board Member	September 2014 – present
Winnipeg Region JBR	2017-present
Region Director's Co-Chairperson, Zone 2 Representative	2016-2017
Winnipeg Region Director	2014-2017

Club Volunteer	September 2008 – present
Century Skating Club: board member: test chairperson, fundraising event organizer, volunteer coordinator, Can-Skate program assistant	

Parent of Skaters	2007-present
Robyn Ward: Competitive Skating program from pre-juvenile to Pre-Novice at present	
Rebecca Ward: Star Skate program; Senior Bronze level skater (2007-2013)	

Areas of Sport Experience

Special Olympics in the School Program coach

Field hockey: Level 3 NCCP certified Field hockey coach with experience as an assistant coach and manager at the provincial level, at national championship tournaments as well as in Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Summer Games

Manitoba Field Hockey association board member and volunteer

Ringette: referee, coach and volunteer

Related Skills and Abilities

With my personal sport background education and professional experiences, I look forward to bringing a big picture perspective to the Skate Canada Manitoba Board. With a degree in Physical Education, and a long-time experience in many different sporting communities, I have a deep understanding of sport structure and sport organization. As a learner, I have come to both understand and love the sport of figure skating through my daughters' experiences and passion. I am a highly organized individual who is detail oriented and able to work collaboratively with many different people. My experiences in my work as an educator include leadership, program planning, case management and collaborating with colleagues, support staff, clinical staff and outside agencies.

Work Experience and Education

Pembina Trails School Division

1997-Present

Educator, Resource Teacher and Kindergarten Teacher

University of Manitoba

Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Inclusive Education 2010-2013

Bachelor of Education, After Degree, Early Years Stream 1993-1995

Bachelor of Physical Education 1990-1993