Sk8scotland Elections 2010
Candidate CV's

Nominations received by the Association's Auditors by the closing date of 16th August 2010 are listed below.

In total 9 nominations were received. For 5 of the 7 available Director Portfolios only a single nomination was received; these candidates are therefore elected unopposed and as specified on the Nomination Form, no ballot is required.

In two of the Director Portfolios, two (2) nominations were received and therefore a ballot will be held to elect a candidate to each Portfolio. The ballot results will be announced at an EGM to be held on **Sunday 19th September 2010**.

The Sk8scotland Board has agreed that all candidate CV's will be published on the Sk8scotland website for the information of members.

CONTESTED PORTFOLIOS (Ballot Required)

Club Development Director

Candidates: Lorraine Walker; Erica Woollcombe

Special Projects & Events Director

Candidates: Lorele Mackie; Kate Matthews

UNCONTESTED PORTFOLIOS (Elected unopposed to the Sk8scotland Board)

Figure Development Director: Simon Briggs (Elected)

Dance Development Director: Noel Grimshaw (Elected)

Synchro Development Director: Judy Clinton (Elected)

Speed Development Director: Archie Marshall (Elected)

Finance & Corporate Director: Bryan Morrice (Elected)

CONTESTED PORTFOLIOS

Club Development Director – Candidate: Lorraine Walker (Figure/Singles)

Proposed by: Kate Matthews **Seconded by**: Rhiannon Morris

Relevant Qualifications/Skating History:

Inter-Silver Figures & Free.

Skated since I was a child. I started coaching in 1986 in Swindon and continued to coach when I moved back to Scotland. I coached in Magnum and Paisley. I decided to move back into my chosen career which was working with learning disabilities. I was a Level 2 coach but decided when I gave up coaching to move into judging.

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

I have a rounded perspective so I have been a skater, coach and now judge. I have knowledge of development of clubs through my own participation as a skater and my experience of being a NISA judge.

I have SVQ4 in social care and my registered managers award. I run a club for adults with Aspergers. In my work as Depute Manager of a Day Centre, I am an organised person. I present training/make training up to suit the service. I have a wealth of knowledge and experience with learning disabilities. I have some knowledge of child protection.

Club Development Director – Candidate: Erica Woollcombe (Ice Dance)

Proposed by: Noel Grimshaw **Seconded by**: Gillian Smith

Relevant Qualifications/Skating History:

I have a working knowledge of figure skating, ice dance and synchro as my daughter participates in all three. Although I very much enjoy skating and being a spectator, my main qualification comes through being a long term user of our local rink that has led me to get involved with club committee work and the creation of the new Synchro club in Aberdeen. The clubs kept skating going during the 20 months the Aberdeen rink was closed by hard work and organisation, even achieving entry by one of our Synchro teams to an international competition in Netherlands.
In addition to experience on club committees, I have recently organised the first ever Dance Open to be held in Aberdeen. We will make this a regular event and hope host other national competitions in future.

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

In 2009, I made representation to the Scottish government's "Pathways into Sport" enquiry seeking greater recognition for sports clubs and their role in promoting health and wellbeing in young people. This has given me contacts in the ice skating clubs of Scotland that which I will use to promote inter-rink competitions to create a competitive skating "circuit" in Scotland and run shared workshops to promote improved skills.

Our club is already involved in the "Club Cap" initiative in Grampian that is seeking to increase access to sport by involving children and adults with disabilities and the Club Development role could help to extend this nationally.

Special Projects Director – Candidate: Lorele Mackie (Ice Dance/Free)

Proposed by: Noel Grimshaw **Seconded by**: Irene Stoddart

Relevant Qualifications / Skating History

I am a General Teaching Council of Scotland qualified nursery and primary education teacher with experience of working with pre-school and primary children in both mainstream and additional support needs sectors. In my current post as a Lecturer in Education (ITE Primary) I work with primary, secondary and P.E student teachers in a variety of contexts.

As a child and an adult I was a gymnast and am a qualified British Gymnastics Association coach. This entailed working with children of different ages and at a variety of levels. I participated at various gymnastics festivals as a coach and member of the Scottish Gymnastics Display Team.

I started skating recreationally as an adult in 1994 taking part in both free skating and ice dance. I have now been successfully competing in adult national and international ice dance competitions for the past seven years. I am a member of the NISA consultation group for adult skating.

I have gained experience in judging at NISA Skate UK competition level and am being encouraged to pursue qualifications for both ice dance and free skating.

I have acted as an announcer at a variety of competitions, including the Sk8Scotland Championships, for a number of years.

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

I have been a committee member for Murrayfield Ice Skating Club for the past six years where I have undertaken a number of roles such as Depute Chairperson, Secretary and committee member. This has entailed development and organisation of a variety of aspects of club level activities.

As a Primary Education Teacher and now Lecturer in Education (ITE Primary), I have well developed organisation and communication skills as well as an in depth knowledge of issues relevant to this post such as child protection and supporting children and adults with additional support needs.

Special Projects Director – Candidate: Kate Matthews (Singles/Figure/Synchro)

Proposed by: Rhiannon Morris **Seconded by**: Lorraine Walker

Relevant Qualifications/Skating History:

NISA Level 2 Coach
YMCA Level 3 Personal Trainer
Level 1 Coach in Swimming, Rugby
YMCA Level 2 Group Fitness Instruction (ETM)
Bronze/Inter Silver Level Singles skater
BARCH (Hons) Dip Arch in Architecture
ARB Professional Practice in Architecture
Have six years professional coaching experience

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

Organised numerous club level shows
Involved in the organisation of club national open comps
Organised many corporate events
Professional job is Project Manager
My professional job is within sports development at a national level
Been responsible for continued professional development within a professional organisation
Committed to increasing participation + raising the profile of Scottish skating

UNCONTESTED PORTFOLIOS – CANDIDATES' CV's

The following candidates have been elected unopposed to the Sk8scotland Board

Figure Development Director – Elected: Simon Briggs (Singles/Pairs)

Proposed by: Georgina Papavisiliou **Seconded by**: David Mumby

Relevant Qualifications / Skating History

Competed for 15 years. Became British Junior Mens Champion in 1989 & British Senior Silver medallist in 1990. I represented Great Britain on many occasions between 1989 & 1992.

I also competed at National Novice & Senior Championships in Pair skating.

Currently a Level 4 licensed coach in both Singles & Pair skating

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

Currently the NISA Coaching Director. I feel this is a good asset to bring to the Sk8scotland Board. Having introduced the NISA Coaching Licence, and being an ISU Technical Specialist in Singles & Pairs, along with my day to day involvement of the sport, I feel I have a lot of knowledge & experience to offer.

Ice Dance Development Director – Elected: Noel Grimshaw (Ice Dance)

Proposed by: John Kerr **Seconded by**: Sinead Kerr

Relevant Qualifications / Skating History

Skating: – NISA Gold Ice Dance medallist & 15 years Senior Dance Coach at Murrayfield Ice Rink, Edinburgh.

Dance:- Gold Star Panel Judge. Judge at many Championships & competitions throughout Great Britain. Referee at numerous Open events and Senior & Junior Championships. Member of current NISA Ice Dance Technical Committee. Current Sk8scotland Ice Dance Director**.**

Synchro: Former ISU Championship Synchronized Skating Judge (1st British judge to be appointed by ISU and judge at inaugural World Championships).& ISU International Competition Referee. Vice Chairman of NISA Synchro Technical Committee. G.B.Team Leader at World Championships & International competitions. Compiler of Britain's first Synchro Skating Test schedule.

Free Skating – Gold level 8 judge.

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

Former NISA Development and Technical Director

Murrayfield Dance Test Organiser & former Club Chairman.

In 1997 I was one of 10 people in Scotland presented with an Outstanding Contribution to Volunteer Services Award by **sport**scotland /Barclaycard.

For 20yrs Sports Development Officer with Fife Council dealing with Club & Coach education & development, event organisation & management, Club & lottery grant-aid, national governing body liaison & **sport**scotland. I am a part time sports consultant & event organiser with Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council, the second oldest voluntary Sports Council in Scotland, with 96 affiliated clubs representing 31 sports.

Synchro Development Director – Elected: Judy Clinton (Synchro)

Proposed by: Bryan Morrice **Seconded by**: Noel Grimshaw

Relevant Qualifications / Skating History

Skating:
TRAINING took place in figures, free and dance at Queens, Streatham and Richmond ice rinks in London, and Toronto in Canada.
TEST ORGANISER Oxford Test Organiser when the rink first opened and until moving to Scotland.
JUDGING. Ice Dance Judge in the early 80's, and returned to judging with eligibility reinstated across three disciplines when I retired from coaching in 2006. Resigned from Judging in 2009 for personal reasons.
COACHING – NCCP LEVEL 3

- Founder of the Moray School of Skating, which taught all disciplines
- Pioneered Synchronized Skating in Scotland.
- Successfully trained skaters to full NCCP Level 2 coaching.
- Moderated coaching seminars for both NCCP Level 1 and 2 for NISA.
- Produced 6 charity ice galas raising several thousands of pounds for local and national charities.
- Ran numerous training and holiday ice camps for all disciplines.
- Choreographed and produced the Christmas opening ice show for Winter Wonderland in Edinburgh 2005.
- Delivered solo dance (on and off ice) seminars in Copenhagen for the Danish Federation 2009.

Past and current Skating Memberships/Directorships
British Ice Teachers Association Advanced Qualified
Member of Sports Coach UK
Director of the Inverness Ice Centre 2002-2004
Director – Volunteers & Officials – Sk8scotland 2004-2007
Director – Synchro – Sk8scotland 2007-2009
Director – NISA (Synchro)
Admin Support to Chair of the ISU Synchro Technical Committee

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

I brought the first Synchro Squad in Scotland to competition in 2002 and continued to coach the Highland Teams from Inverness until 2006.

Following retirement from coaching I was offered the opportunity to spearhead a UK synchro development programme as the NISA board synchro representative.

The Scottish Championship moved from 13 teams in 2007 to 30 teams in 2009. Similar increases were seen at the National Championships and Open competitions where attending teams reached 39 in 2009.

I have been invited to assist Chris Buchanan, Chairman, ISU Synchro Technical Committee, in the delivery of a similar style of programme to other parts of the world.

My past experience together with current involvement with a continued synchro delivery will give me the opportunity to serve Scottish synchro community with new development opportunities and events.

Speed Development Director – Elected: Archie Marshall (Speed)

Proposed by: Bryan Morrice **Seconded by**: Carol Miller

Relevant Qualifications / Skating History

Skating:
Former Scottish, British Champion and record holder I competed and coached for Britain at 6 Olympic games and 20 World Championships. During my time as British coach the team took individual and relay medals at Europeans, Worlds and Olympics. Level 5 Coach

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

I have 47 years in the sport as a competitor, coach, event organiser, official, administrator and the last 6 years as a director of Sk8scotland.

Finance & Corporate Director – Elected: Bryan Morrice (Ice Dance)

Proposed by: Archie Marshall **Seconded by**: Noel Grimshaw

Relevant Qualifications / Skating History

Skating:

- Treasurer/Acting Chair Romford IDFSC (1988-1991); Chair Alexandra Palace IDC (1992-1998)
- Past Club Member: Richmond, Bristol, Swindon, Queens, Slough, Streatham, Aviemore, Aberdeen Linx
- Founded "Rink Link" (1991); adopted as "Ice Link" by NISA; voluntary editor (1994-2007)
- Devised RIDL concept and rules (1993)
- 1994-5 co-opted NISA Recreational Committee
- 1995-9 NISA Ice Dance Committee & Vice Chair NISA Board
- 1995-2007 Founding Trustee NISA Charitable Trust
- 1995-8 Chair IDC tests sub-committee/author "NISA Ice Dance Manual 13th Edition"
- 1996-9 Vice Chair BWSC (British Disabled Winter Sports Commission)
- 1999-2004 NISA IDC & Vice Chair NISA Board
- 2000-3 Convenor NISA Scotland Committee, Chair Organising Committee NISA Scotland Open Championships
- 2002 Chair British Championships Organising Committee (Dumfries)
- 2003-6 NISA Communications Director
- 2004-9 Organiser Sk8scotland Open Championships
- 2004-9 Chair Sk8scotland (resigned 2009 after declared ineligible by NISA Board; unconditionally reinstated by NISA Board May 2010 following High Court Tomlin Order)
- 2010 Member of international working group to bring ice skating within the Paralympic movement

What experience will you bring to the role for which you have been nominated?

30+ years senior management experience in UK FTSE 100 companies; 20 years experience in organisation of skating at club and national level. Over the past 10 years, I have developed the Scottish Championships into the largest/ most successful event in the UK, and which must not be allowed to die.

I believe Sk8scotland must be a strong advocate for Scottish skaters, required by **sportscotland** to demonstrate operational independence from NISA, whilst delivering UK programmes with fairness and efficiency.

My primary ambition is the wider development of all skating disciplines within Scottish rinks, campaign for more/ improved ice facilities in Scotland, and encourage imaginative structures within rinks, to create increased participation, and retention within the sport. This can be achieved through greater forward planning by clubs and rink managements to create opportunity and development pathways, and greater attention to the marketing of our sport.