

**U.S. FIGURE SKATING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
READING, PENNSYLVANIA  
October 28-29, 2007**

**PRESENT**

Tamie Campbell, Charles Cyr, Jeffrey DiGregorio, Justin Dillon, Brandon Forsyth, Tammy Gambill, Steve Hartsell, Ron Hershberger (President), Robert Horen, Susan Keogh, Lawrence Mondschein, Ann O'Keefe, David Raith (Executive Director), Shawn Rettstatt, Kathy Slack, Patricia St. Peter

Also in attendance were nonvoting members Patrick Kelleher, David Santee, Jimmie Santee and guest Sara Jack Grzymkowski

**REPORT OF ACTION**

Actions of the Board of Directors which affect the rules of U.S. Figure Skating must be ratified by the Governing Council which meets annually each May. Actions ratified by the Governing Council go into effect on September 1 of a year unless otherwise stated in the approved action.

The Board of Directors took the following actions:

**1. ADOPTED** the proposed agenda

**2. ACCEPTED** the Minutes of the September 17, 2007 conference call meeting of the Board of Directors.

**3. APPROVED - Judges Committee**

*Rule JR 8.02 Synchronized Skating Judges* - amend to require an appointment as a singles/pairs or dance test judge prior to obtaining a synchronized judging appointment.

JR 8.02 **Persons seeking appointment as a** synchronized skating judges must obtain at least a bronze singles/pairs test or bronze dance test appointment ~~within two (2) years of~~ **before** being appointed **as** a synchronized skating judge.

NOTE: All current junior sectional judges would be grandfathered to the existing rule and giving them the full two years from their appointment date to get their bronze singles/pairs or dance test appointment

**4. APPROVED - Judges Committee**

*Rule JR 9.01 – Appointment of Judges* – amend as shown:

**JR 9.01** Appointments or promotions to any judge's classification shall be for an initial term expiring on the date of the publication of this rulebook following the date of the appointment. All subsequent reappointments to the same classification shall be for a period of one year coinciding with the publication of this rulebook unless the classification of the judge is changed by action of the Judges Committee. **If the decision of the Judges Committee is not to reappoint the judge must be notified and will have 30 days to respond.**

**5. APPROVED - Judges Committee**

*Rule JR 12.04 Requirements for Officials Judges* – amend as shown:

**JR 12.04** Renewal of appointments is not automatic. Judges whose appointments are not renewed by decision of the Judges Committee ~~must~~ **shall** be notified **of the decision of the Judges Committee** ~~not later than May 15 of the year of expiration of their current term and~~ **will** ~~shall~~ have the right **30 days** to respond.

**6. ACCEPTED Resignations of Officials and Judges  
From the Competitions Committee**

**A. Resignations:**

John Goggin, National Music Coordinator, Eden Prairie, Minn.  
Robert Houk, National Dance Referee, Spokane, Wash.

**From the Judges Committee**

**B. Resignations:**

Janet Bates, National Synchronized Skating Judge, Port St. Joe, Florida  
Jane Lavintman-Rosenzweig, National Synchronized Skating Judge, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Joan McDonnell, National Synchronized Skating Judge, Palo Alto, Calif.  
J. Barlow Nelson, National Judge, Tulsa, Okla.  
Robert Houk, National Dance Judge, Spokane, Wash.

**7. APPROVED** the appointment of **J. Barlow Nelson** as an honorary national judge

**8. APPROVED - Synchronized Skating Committee, the Synchronized Development, Competitions, and Management Subcommittees and the Collegiate Program Committee**

*Rule 4720-Collegiate Program Duration of Skating and rule 4720-Collegiate Well-Balanced Program WBP) requirements* – amend to reduce the program duration to **4:00 minutes +/- 10 seconds** and **adopt the junior team WBP** requirements. To become effective for the 2008-09 season.

**9. ELECTED** John Misha Petkevich to be a Trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation, fulfilling the remaining Trustee term of Sue Keogh through 2009.

**New Business**

**10. APPROVED** to rename the annual U.S. Figure Skating/PSA Sport Science Coaching Award to the Pieter Kollen Sport Science Coaching Award.