Patricia St. Peter – President:
Pat is completing her second term as Midwestern Vice President and First Vice President of U.S. Figure Skating. She previously served on the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors as the Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator (05-06). She has also served as the chair of the Compensation Committee (07-09), chair of the Ethics Committee (00-04), and has been a member of the following committees: Competitions, International; International Judges and Officials; Membership; Memorial Fund Operating; Selections; Strategic Planning; and Referee and Accountants Training and Education Subcommittee. Pat served on the ISU Disciplinary Commission (04-06) and as a team leader for ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series events. She is also a national singles/pairs judge and national referee. Locally, Pat served as the president of the Twin City Figure Skating Association (98-00) and was a member of the Executive Committees for the 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the 2000 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championship, and the 1998 ISU World Figure Skating Championships. Pat is an attorney with a national litigation and appellate practice specializing in complex business disputes and, for five years, was the managing partner of her law firm’s headquarters office. She resides in Minneapolis, Minn., with her husband Tom and her daughter Claire.

Statement of Purpose:
It is a great honor and privilege to have been selected by the Nominating Committee to serve as president of U.S. Figure Skating. As president, I will work to ensure that U.S. Figure Skating remains in stable financial condition through this economic downturn to enable our athletes to continue to excel with the goal of medals in all disciplines at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and to maintain the quality of all of our programs and allow them to grow. As difficult as these times may be, I view this as an opportunity for U.S. Figure Skating to re-examine, re-evaluate and build on its existing strengths and to improve any operational weaknesses so that U.S. Figure Skating will emerge as a stronger organization once the economy eventually rebounds. The top priority this year will be to increase U.S. Figure Skating’s revenue and expand its revenue sources. With the exercise of creativity, discipline and rigor, I am confident that substantial revenue can be generated for U.S. Figure Skating’s events and programs, even during this difficult economic period. Another priority this year will be to work with our international officials toward building stronger international relationships and prepare actively for the 2010 ISU Congress. I will also commit to work to improve communication networks throughout U.S. Figure Skating. Obviously, communication in an organization is always important, but it becomes critical during uncertain times. Major decisions cannot be made in isolation and timely input must be sought from those who will be impacted so that they are given the opportunity to provide information and recommendations before major decisions are made. I will work to ensure that the lines of authority and responsibility are clear between and among volunteers in leadership positions and Headquarters staff. To gain the support needed to work through this period and accomplish our objectives, every effort must be made to ensure that all feel their time and contributions are valued and their views are respected. As we go forward, there must be a team effort by all!
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Jessica Gaynor – Pacific Coast and First Vice President:
I have been involved in skating since the age of six, when my first pair of skates was laced at a tank rink in San Francisco, Calif. My daughters followed in my footsteps and skated competitively. I have been an official for more than 30 years, chairing, judging and refereeing nonqualifying, regional, sectional, and national competitions. I have served my club, the same one I represented as a skater, in various capacities, including club president. I have been a member of several U.S. Figure Skating committees; I have chaired the Sanctions and Eligibility, Strategic Planning and Nominating Committees, and this year I worked as a member of the Board of Directors as the Technical Group Coordinator. I have learned an immeasurable amount during this year, and I am very honored to be nominated to serve as your first vice president for the Pacific Coast.

Statement of Purpose:
There are many challenges facing U.S. Figure Skating, and I want to be part of the team that helps work with clubs and membership to sustain viable growth for our organization, our sport and the Pacific Coast section. A major goal of my first year will be to put in place a communication system that allows me to understand the ongoing issues facing the clubs in the Pacific Coast.

In addition, I pledge to work on the greater issues facing our sport. My vision for U.S. Figure Skating includes three essential ideas – visibility, access and benefits. Visibility refers to an improved national and international recognition of and respect for figure skating and the athletes who represent our sport. All who want to should have access to our sport – from the family who spends their winter holiday on an outdoor rink to the dedicated athletes who rise early to train for competition – and its benefits. U.S. Figure Skating must embrace all aspects of its membership, from the young four year old to the adult master, and provide excellent services to nurture their love of skating.

Kathy Slack – Midwestern and Second Vice President
Kathy has been involved in skating since the age of nine and competed nationally in pairs as a teenager. She has been an active member of the Troy Skating Club for more than 45 years, serving on its board and as an officer. Involvement with U.S. Figures Skating has included serving on Judges, Competitions, Singles and Pairs Committees as well as serving as chair of the Judges Education and Training Subcommittee and Judges Committee, Membership Development Coordinator and Board of Directors member at large. She has had the pleasure of serving the association as a team leader for the past 15 years. Kathy retired last year after 30 years in the wallpapering business. She is married, with two children and four grandsons.

Statement of Purpose:
I am extremely honored to be asked to serve as Midwestern vice president. Keeping the lines of communication open with clubs in the Midwest and their members will be a priority. In these difficult financial times the board will have to be looking at membership retention and sponsorship opportunities. I look forward to working with the board to make a positive contribution to the betterment of the association and do the very best for all our athletes.

Eastern and Third Vice President:
The Nominating Committee’s candidate, Mr. Shawn Rettstatt, has withdrawn as a candidate for this office. See Other Candidates Known at Press Time later in this report.
Samuel Auxier – Secretary:
Sam has been involved in figure skating since he was seven years old, which was a long time ago. He has competed in singles and passed the gold figure and free skate tests. Sam has been a judge for more than 25 years and is an ISU singles and pairs judge, a national judge and referee and a sectional technical controller. He has also served as a team leader. For the past three years, Sam has served as the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, leading the update of the strategic plan and the action plan and the development of job descriptions for all board members and permanent committee chair positions. He has also served as a regional vice chair for both the Judges and Competitions Committees and has been an active member of several other committees. Sam lives in Glen Ellyn, Ill., with his wife Lynn and has four adult children. He is a director with Deloitte & Touche LLP and manages the financial services operations and technology practice of the capital markets group there.

Statement of Purpose:
I will leverage my skating and business experience to serve as an active board member and effective secretary as defined by the job description. I will also use my experience as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee to help operationalize the action plans that the board adopts and wishes to implement.

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Susan Keogh – Treasurer:
Sue has been involved with figure skating since the age of 12. She has served U.S. Figure Skating in a variety of capacities. For the past two years, Sue has been the treasurer of U.S. Figure Skating and continues to serve the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation as ex-officio. Until her election to the position of treasurer at the 2007 Governing Council, she served as secretary of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation, having served as Treasurer of the Foundation from 2003-04. Additionally, Sue chaired the Governing Council task force(2006-07) and over the years, she has served as a member at large of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors, chair of the Memorial Fund Committee and as a member of various other committees, including Dance, Nominating, Finance, Judges, Program Development and Competitions. Sue was team leader for the 2005 ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Moscow, Russia, and previous to that assignment was team leader for the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships and ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships. Sue is a national dance judge and referee, regional singles and pairs judge and was the U.S. Figure Skating technical representative at five Skate Americas. She was the ISU technical delegate to the Four Continents Championship in 2007. Sue’s education includes a BA in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA in finance/accounting from New York University. Outside of skating, Sue and her husband of 34 years, Kevin, have four children, ages 21-25, and three Portuguese water dogs.

Statement of Purpose:
Through sound fiscal controls and management, the treasurer will assist with the fulfillment of the mission of U.S. Figure Skating to provide programs to encourage participation and achievement in the sport of figure skating on ice. It is incumbent upon the treasurer to carefully manage and assess the budget to allow for continued support of the programs integral to the development of and participation in skating in the United States and to support and investigate new and alternative sources of revenues while at the same time controlling expenses to insure the financial viability of the association.

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Brittney Bottoms – Group Coordinator – Athlete Services:
Brittney’s experience with figure skating has spanned more than 20 years. She has and continues to be involved in the sport from the grassroots to the elite level. She is the current Athlete Services Group Coordinator, past chair of the Athlete Development Committee, former athlete member of the Board of Directors, and a member of numerous other U.S. Figure Skating committees. Brittney has also served as a team leader to elite international events; she is also a certified rated free skating and moves in the field instructor through the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) and has coached on the grassroots and developmental levels for nine years. Brittney is also a certified technical specialist.

Brittney has numerous community involvements including membership in the Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association, member-at-large of the Blair Valley Community Association Board of Directors, and a former athlete member of the Atlanta Figure Skating Club Board of Directors.

During her 14-year competitive career, Brittney represented the Atlanta Figure Skating Club at nine U.S. Figure Skating Championships, was a four-time sectional champion, and a six-time regional medalist. Brittney was also a member of Team USA; she represented the United States in 12 international competitions, including the 1998 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships where she placed fourth.

Brittney also earned her Bachelor of Science in exercise and health science from Kennesaw State University and is a trained strength and conditioning coach. She resides in Marietta, Ga., with her husband David and her cavalier King Charles spaniel Annabelle.

Statement of Purpose:
• To serve as a Board of Director and Liaison
  o To serve and represent designated Committees as a Board of Directors liaison
    ▪ Carry out the government, management, and affairs of U.S. Figure Skating in cooperation with all board officers and other directors
  o To serve and represent all association members as a Board of Directors liaison
  o To act as a liaison to the other group coordinators
    ▪ Coordinate cross-committee initiatives
    ▪ Consolidate joint committee requests for action
  o To maintain regular communication with board members, committee chairs, and Headquarters staff liaisons
    ▪ Encourage communication between committee chairs and Headquarters staff liaisons
    ▪ Communicate with committee chairs on a regular basis via email in order to stay updated on their business
    ▪ Update the Board of Directors on a regular basis via email and/or telephone of committee business
    ▪ Attend all Board of Directors meetings and other events required
• To assist and support committee chairs with structure, ideas, and goals
  o To assist and support committee chairs in selection of effective and capable committee members
  o To coordinate and consolidate ideas and proposals from committee chairs
  o To provide support for establishing committee goals and timeframes for achieving said goals
• To provide assistance in budgetary issues, rule changes, and/or bylaw changes
  o To provide assistance to committee chairs in preparing their budget
    ▪ Provide feedback to the treasurer and Finance Committee oversight officer with any issues pertaining to said budget
  o To guide committee chairs in preparing rule and/or bylaw changes
    ▪ Provide rule and/or bylaw changes to the Board of Directors and the Governing Council with assistance of committee chairs
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Michael “Mike” Meyer – Group Coordinator – Membership Development:
Mike has been a member of U.S. Figure Skating for more than 25 years and has held various positions at the local club and at the organizational levels including vice president and president of Springfield FSC and at-large member of the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors. He has served as chair of Tests Committee, at which time online test reporting was implemented. He is currently chair of Special Projects and has served on the ad-hoc committee for implementation of the International Judging System (IJS). Currently, Mike is a member of the Special Olympics and Member Recognition Committees. He is also a national accountant and systems specialist, having officiated at all levels of U.S. Figure Skating Competitions in these capacities.

Statement of Purpose:
As the Group Coordinator for Membership Development; I hope to provide an open communication link between the Board of Directors, Headquarters personnel, and various committees under my responsibility. I strive to be an active member of the board while respecting others ideas, listening with an open mind, making informed decisions, and providing feedback when appropriate. I also hope to improve club cohesiveness by establishing contacts/mediators for clubs to utilize in solving intra-club issues and providing alternatives to club fragmentation. I plan to visit/meet with local club officers when officiating at their local club competitions/functions; this will apply to all committee personnel having an opportunity to participate in functions sponsored by member clubs.

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Hal Marron – Group Coordinator – Technical:
Hal has been involved with U.S. Figure Skating for more than 40 years and is currently serving as the chair of the Singles Committee. He has completed his gold medal tests in figures, free skating, pairs, and ice dancing. He competed at the national level in men’s singles and ice dancing, and at the international level in pairs skating. Hal served as a board member of the Coyotes Skating Club of Arizona for 20 years, including two terms as president.

His past service to U.S. Figure Skating has included; first chairman of the Athletes Advisory Committee; vice-chairman of the International Committee; athlete member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors, at-large member of the Board of Directors, and member of numerous committees. Hal has also served as the chairman or a director on many local organizing committees including U.S. Championships, U.S. Junior Championships, sectional, regional, North American Challenge Skate, ISU Junior Grand Prix, Future Champions Series, and local nonqualifying events. He currently holds national appointments as a judge, referee, technical controller, and technical specialist in singles, pairs, and ice dancing. Hal also holds appointments with the ISU as a judge in singles and pairs (international) and ice dancing (ISU), as a referee in ice dancing (international) and as a technical controller (ISU) in ice dancing. Hal and his wife Molly (a national dance judge) have three children, two of whom are active competitors in the sport. When not involved in skating, Hal serves as a partner in a civil engineering firm with a specialty in water resources.

Statement of Purpose:
It is an honor to be nominated as the Technical Group Coordinator. The work of the committees within the technical group affects the majority of our members on a day to day basis. It is these committees that direct the rules and guidelines that must be met and adhered to within each test or competition. The decisions of these committees affect our youngest skater taking their first U.S. Figure Skating test, to the oldest adult athlete enjoying their lifelong passion. It will be my purpose as the Technical Group Coordinator to ensure that the actions of these committees reflect the needs of our skaters and that any resulting adjustments to rules or guidelines are easily interpreted by the individuals they affect.

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**Winston Burbank – Group Coordinator – Administrative/Legal:**
Winston resides in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has been a member of the Fairbanks Figure Skating Club for approximately ten years. He has two children who are actively involved in figure skating. His son, Baxter, is a junior ice dancer who is training in Philadelphia, Pa., and going to college. His daughter, Bianca, is graduating from high school this year and will be attending Miami University, Ohio; she hopes to continue competing while at college. Winston is an attorney and was a named partner and managing partner for his firm for a period of 23 years. He is currently a district court judge for the State of Alaska. He is retiring from the judicial system on August 17, 2009. He has also been a state commissioner for the Alaska Public Office Commission, which is responsible for political election ethics.

**Statement of Purpose:**
I am honored to have been nominated for the position of Group Coordinator Administrative/Legal. The coordinator provides oversight and guidance to the various committees assigned to this group. The coordinator, to be effective, must facilitate open communication among the various committees. Furthermore, the coordinator has a fiduciary responsibility to render accurate reports to the Board of Directors and to accurately communicate the board’s directives to the various committees. It is my goal to be a team player and to promote that among the committees. Generally speaking, it is very important for all the committees to be working in harmony with each other in order to have a consistent and effective organization. If elected, one of my specific goals is to work with the Grievance Committee to resolve grievances in a timely and fair manner. I believe that my past experiences as the managing partner of my law firm as well as my judicial responsibilities, (which also include being a settlement judge for civil cases), have been good training for me so that I might accomplish these goals. I am looking forward to working with all of the committee chairs and committee members so that we will have a successful term.

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**Tammy Gambill – Coaching Member:**
It is a pleasure to serve as a coaching member of the Board of Directors. I have been a coach in the California area for the past 25 years. Over the past several years, I have been proud to have developed national, international, and now World Junior competitors. I will do my best to serve U.S. Figure Skating in developing our programs for the future.

**Statement of Purpose:**
I believe we can make coaching a stronger voice in U.S. Figure Skating. We need to stay on top of all the changes occurring in our sport and work closely with the other committees as well as with the PSA.

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**Mark Mitchell – Coaching Member:**
Mark Mitchell is happy to be returning to the Board of Directors as a coaching member. He spent many years on the board and Executive Committee as an athlete member and also was chairman of the Athletes Advisory Committee. He has served on numerous U.S. Figure Skating committees including International, Competitions, Singles and Pairs, and Coaches. As a skater, Mark was a U.S. junior champion and twice a member of the U.S. World team. He skated professionally from 1994-97 before beginning his coaching career. He is a PSA master rated free skating coach and feels fortunate to have coached skaters at the national, international, World Junior and World levels.

**Statement of Purpose:**
My goal for the Board of Directors is to continue to make skating better for each generation of skaters. I have served on many committees and feel I have a good understanding of the broad spectrum of athletes and coaches who are involved with U.S. Figure Skating. I look forward to representing our coaches in a fair and impartial manner.
Troy Y. Goldstein – Eastern and Third Vice President:
Skating has been part of Troy’s life from a very early age. He was three years old when he set foot on the ice and went on to receive his U.S. Figure Skating gold medals in all disciplines: figures, free skating, dance and pairs. He was a national competitor in senior men’s figures and free skating and, with his sister as his partner, in senior pairs and senior dance. He won medals at Skate Canada and at two separate World University Games.

Troy’s love for skating did not stay solely on the ice. His dedication to the betterment of the sport began with his early years as an athlete when he served as a junior board member of his local club, then as a member of the Athletes Advisory Committee and finally as an athlete board member of both the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors and the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation. With his strong financial business background, Troy also spent almost six years as a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Finance Committee and served as the athlete liaison to the athlete services group. Once his tenure as an athlete expired, Troy did not step away; he was elected by the Governing Council to the position of U.S. Figure Skating board member at-large and served the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation as vice president and interim president.

On a local level, Troy continues to be involved with his home club. He has been a board member of The Skating Club of New York since 2002 and continued to be active in club affairs even when he was working abroad. He served as club vice president from 2004 to 2007.

With the adoption of the International Judging System (IJS), Troy was approved as a technical specialist at every level of competition in singles and pairs. He has served on technical panels at many events ranging from nonqualifying competitions to championship levels and most recently, the 2009 ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Los Angeles, Calif. In addition, he has volunteered his time to serve at the past three annual International Adult Competitions.

On the professional front, Troy has worked for UBS, a global financial services firm, since 2000 in positions of increasing responsibility. He began his career as a financial advisor and then was asked to take on the responsibilities to lead financial advisor development for the United States based in New Jersey. He was then tapped to head business development for Investment Solutions International Locations before becoming Executive Director, Head Marketing and Communications for the Global Products and Services organization based in Zurich, Switzerland. Recently, he has returned home to New Jersey where he has been appointed Executive Director, Head of Investment Solutions Internal Sales for Wealth Management Americas.

Troy holds a bachelor’s degree in business finance, management law and a juris doctorate of law. Additionally, he graduated from the Securities Industry Institute at SIFMA, The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Troy lives in New Jersey with his wife, Lisa and their two daughters.

Statement of Purpose:
Skating faces many challenges on and off the ice. Our association has instituted the International Judging System (IJS); however the U.S. integration of this system to the lower levels and local events has presented certain concerns to our clubs. The economic downturn has impacted all areas of our lives, and skating is not immune. I believe that my unique background as a skater, athlete representative, board member and official, in combination with my financial, marketing and communications experience makes me a strong candidate to serve as Eastern vice president in these challenging times. I am passionate about the sport and I intend to ensure that the association moves forward to serve all of our constituents – from the grassroots to the elite.

As Eastern vice president, I will strive to represent our local clubs and our competitors at all levels. Using my professional skills, specifically those in marketing and communications, I will work to develop a platform of communication and partnership encompassing skaters, clubs and officials. By using the latest in technology and social networking (Facebook, MySpace, e-blasts, blogs, Twitter) I will provide consistent and ongoing communication with members of our section to enable full transparency and regular input opportunities for
everyone. I will use the information to bring your concerns into U.S. Figure Skating board discussions so that we can create policies that are responsive to the needs of our members.

Ann O’Keefe – Eastern and Third Vice President:
Ann resides in Haverford, Pa., and is a member of the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society, serving as the club’s president and chairperson of the PSC&HS Challenge Cup. Ann also serves as an elected member of Haverford Township’s ice rink advisory board.

She is currently completing her third and final year as the U.S. Figure Skating Administrative/Legal Group Coordinator. In addition to fulfilling her board duties and overseeing the committees within her group, Ann serves as the U.S. Figure Skating board representative on the board of Serving the American Rinks (STAR) to which she was elected as a member of the Executive Committee. Ann also serves as the U.S. Figure Skating representative trustee with the World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame. In addition, Ann served as the U.S. Figure Skating Board liaison with the 2007 Skate America local organizing committee in Reading, Pa.

Prior to this board service, Ann was the U.S. Figure Skating Grievance Committee chair for four years. She facilitated numerous settlements and mediations between members and member clubs and administered more than sixteen grievance hearings. Ann also serves as a national music coordinator and national announcer. She has participated as chief and assistant coordinator at numerous national, sectional, regional and nonqualifying events.

Ann’s involvement with figure skating began at a very early age in upstate New York. She took a skating hiatus in order to pursue college (U.S. Air Force Academy and Skidmore College) and law school studies (Villanova University School of Law). She is a former competitor, test skater and college hockey player.

Ann is an attorney and maintains a private practice in the Philadelphia area focusing on business and estate law. She serves as a court appointed arbitrator for the Delaware County (PA) Bar Association and was appointed to serve as one of three Delaware County Voter Registration Commissioners. She has previously served as a child advocate in the Philadelphia court system. She has served as a trustee and board member on various nonprofit organizations in the Philadelphia area: Plan of PA (specializing in the care of mentally handicapped individuals); Mid-County Senior Services (specializing in the care of older adults and providing programs and services to promote positive aging).

Statement of Purpose:
If elected as your Eastern vice president, I will interact with all levels of our membership through both personal contact and a planned monthly Eastern Section conference calls open to all interested U.S. Figure Skating members. It is critical to work directly with East Coast clubs and inter-club associations to ensure that their issues and concerns are heard and that information from the Board of Directors is conveyed back to the members. During these tough economic times, members, clubs and our association are facing unique challenges. We must work together to find innovative solutions that address the varying needs across our organization in order to meet the demands of today and to plan for the future. As a STAR board member, I am also acutely aware of the issues which rink managers and U.S. Figure Skating clubs are facing in order to survive. My goal is to listen, to be approachable and to be responsive to your needs.

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