



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE TO:	Member Clubs, Delegates, Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen
LOCATION:	Virtual Online
DATE & TIME:	Saturday, May 4, 2024

- Saturday 10:00am – 12:00 pm Annual General Meeting of the BC/YT Section – Skate Canada (Tentative Agenda attached)

REGISTERING THE CLUB DELEGATE

In preparation for the meeting, attached are the following:

1. A Proxy and Delegate Form – this form is to be completed for both in person and online attendance for Delegates and Proxies. The form can be completed by [clicking here](#).
Deadline to complete this form is Friday May 3, 2024 at 16:30

All Delegates must be registered members of Skate Canada.

2. The AGM Report Book will be available online at skatinginbc.com no later than May 2, 2024.

THE DELEGATES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Club Delegates must ensure that they have obtained from their Club all materials that relate to the meeting.

TENTATIVE AGENDA
BC/YT Section AGM
May 4, 2024

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks
2. Acknowledgement of the Board of Directors and Committees
3. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
4. Report of the Credentials Committee
5. Review of voting procedures
6. Declaration of meeting duly called
7. Motion to amend the agenda as necessary
8. Adoption of the Agenda
9. Minutes of previous AGM
10. Report of the Nominating Committee
11. Skate Canada Report
12. Executive Director Report
13. Chairman's Report
14. Director of Finance Report
15. Board & Committee Reports
16. Election of Directors
17. Appointment of Auditor
18. Appointment of Legal Counsel
19. New Business
20. Closing Remarks
21. Adjournment

TO: ALL CLUBS IN THE BC/YT SECTION

FROM: Lorraine Mapoles, Nomination Committee Chair

Date: April 19, 2024

SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR BC/YT SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank the following individuals for agreeing to put their name forward for election to the Skate Canada BC/YT Section Board of Directors.

Confirmation of the following Board positions will take place at the 2024 Skate Canada BC/YT Section Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Chairman (two-year term) Braden Davie (Acclaimed)

Vice Chairman (two-year term) Shelley Verhelst (Acclaimed)

Director (two-year term) Brett Barden (Acclaimed)

Director (one-year term) Kevin Reynolds (Acclaimed)

Thank you to all the nominees for putting their names forward.

BIOGRAPHY

Name of Candidate: Braden Davie

Nominated for: Chair (2 Year Term)

Occupation: Registered Nurse, Executive Director

SKATING BACKGROUND:

- **Club:** Connaught Skating Club

- **Skater Experience:**
 - Team Saskatchewan Member 2002-2008
 - Junior Mens Competitor 2007-2008
 - Saskatchewan Pre-Novice Mens Champion, 2005
 - Western Challenge Competitor 2002-2008
 - Gold Freeskate and Skills

- **Official Experience:**
 - Section Level Technical Specialist and Controller
 - Senior Section Level Single Judge
 - Novice Section Level Pairs Judge
 - Actively pursuing Senior Pairs Judge promotion

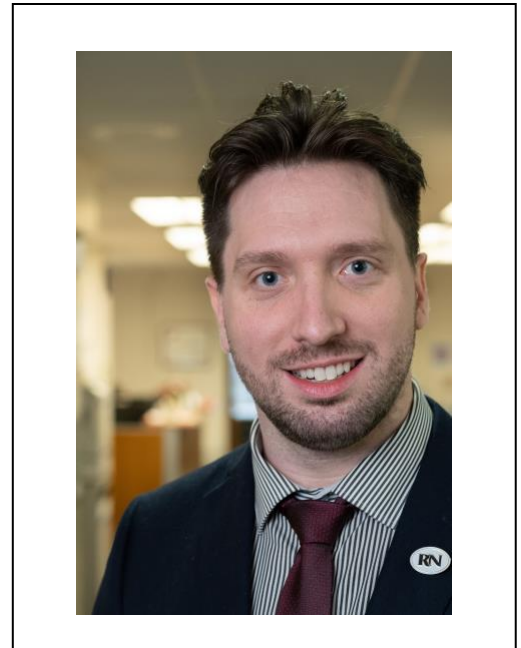
***Club Experience:** Member of the Connaught Skating Club since 2018 and Club CanSkate Coach, Vanguard Skating Club, 2005-2007.

***Region Experience:** Member of the Coast Region since 2017 and active official in the Coast Region since 2017, including judging at region events and monitoring athletes.

*** Section Experience:** Skate Canada British Columbia/Yukon, Vice Chair, 2022-2024, Skate Canada British Columbia/Yukon, Director, 2021-2022, Skate Canada British Columbia/Yukon, Finance Committee Member, 2022-2024, active official at region and section events, 2017-2024, Skate Canada Nova Scotia, Board Member, 2015-2017, Skate Canada Saskatchewan Athlete Representative, 2007-2011.

*** National Experience:** Volunteer, Skate Canada International 2023.

*** Other Volunteer Involvement:** Recipient of the Canadian College of Health Leaders, BC Lower Mainland Chapter, Award for Distinguished Service, 2024, Past Chair, BC Lower Mainland Chapter, Canadian College of Health Leaders, 2022-2024, Chair, BC Lower Mainland Chapter, Canadian College of Health Leaders, 2020-2022, Councilor at Large, College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia, 2014-2015 and Mission of Hope Haiti, Medical Mission Volunteer, 2014.



*** Goals & Objectives:** - I am a firm believer in giving back to sport. Skating has provided me with many opportunities, and I want to continue serving the skating committee in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. I feel that the Section is in a unique position to build on previous and current successes, while continuing to grow our skating community and volunteer base. I believe that this can be achieved through:

- Developing a robust strategic plan that will carry the Section through to the end of the current quadrennial.

- Continuing to invest in the development of all skating disciplines.

- Exploring new revenue sources to enable further investments in our athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

- Continuing our commitment to Long Term Athlete Development as well as furthering our commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility.

It has been an honour to serve as a member of the Section Board of Directors since 2021, and I welcome the opportunity to continue contributing to our vibrant skating community.

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Name of Candidate: Shelley Verhelst

Nominated for: Vice Chair (2 Year Term)

Occupation: Housewife

SKATING BACKGROUND:

- **Club:** Rossland FSC
- **Skater Experience:** I skated in an Adult Learn to Skate Program for two years. I have four children who have skated in all the disciplines and through the complete STARSkate Program
- **Official Experience:** I have been a data specialist for the past 12 years. The last four years I have been the Kootenay Region Data Specialist Representative. I passed my Level II DS exam in the summer last year. I have worked at numerous competitions throughout the BC/YT Section, both in person and virtually. I was a DS for our Sectional competition and the 2024 BC Winter games.



* **Club Experience:** I have 24 years of experience working with clubs in positions of board member, fundraising, test/assessments, registration, secretary, and chair.

* **Region Experience:** I have 18 years experience at the Region Level with six years as the Kootenay Region Chair, six years as the Region Assessment Chair, 4 years as the DS Region Chair.

* **Section Experience:** I have been on the Section Board for the past 9 years as a director, Region Liaison, Membership Chair and Vice-Chair. I have been a BC/YT Section Team Leader since 2017 attending all Challenge and Canadian National Competitions with our skaters. I have attended a number of Super Series Competitions and Section Events (eg Adult Skating Seminar) in the role of Head Caterer for our officials and volunteers. I have been an active member of the Athlete Support Fund Committee for the past two years.

* **National Experience:** Catering supervisor for the 2018 Canadian Tire National Skating Competition, 2018 ISU Junior Grand Prix, 2018 ISU Grand Prix Final and the 2018 ISU International Adult Competition. I was a catering volunteer for the 2019 Skate Canada International and the 2024 ISU World's Figure Skating Competition in Montreal.

* **Other Volunteer Involvement:** Board member for the Beaver Valley Lions Club for the past 7 years and as secretary for the past two years. Board member for the Beaver Valley May Days Society for 8 years responsible for food services for the 3 day event. A director for the Community Directed Funds Committee. A three-year program set up by the Columbia Basin Trust to distribute funds to local projects.

* **Goals & Objectives:** My goals and objectives will be to work with the BC/YT Section Board to promote all levels of skating to all members in the Section. I will work hard to bring forward the best this sport has to offer by embracing inclusion, diversity, and fairness to all.

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Name of Candidate: Brett Barden

Nominated for: Director (2 Year Term)

Occupation: Union staff representative – communications and political action.

SKATING BACKGROUND:

- **Club:** Champs ISC of BC
- **Skater Experience:** When I was just three years old, my parents brought me to the Surrey Serpentine Pond when it froze over, strapping on my very first pair of ice skates I instantly was captivated by the sport of figure skating. This began my journey in the skating world. Starting in singles, I joined the North Surrey Skating Club before transitioning to the Sungod Skating Club. I then transitioned into ice dancing. Unfortunately, my skating aspirations were unexpectedly paused to prioritize my studies. However, my passion for the sport never faded. I found alternative ways to stay connected, such as designing websites for fellow British Columbia athletes as well as nationally and internationally renowned skaters. This voluntary work eventually led to the creation of SkateToday.com, an online news and photography portal, providing me with opportunities to obtain photography credentials for various shows, events, and competitions, including multiple World Championships and the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
- **Coaching Experience:** Towards the end of my competitive skating journey, I had the opportunity to share my knowledge with young skaters, including toddlers in the Tiny Tots program and new learners in the CanSkate program from 1996-1999. I also had the opportunity to work with these young skaters to prepare them for their performances at the club's annual carnival.

* **Club Experience:** I served as a volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Sungod Skating Club from 2018-2020, providing support in communications, social media management, website maintenance, digital advertising, and various technological assistance. I contributed to enhancing the club's visibility within the community and boosting enrolment for seasonal registrations.

* **Section Experience:** I currently serve on the Skate Canada BC/YT Athlete Support Fund Committee. Over the years, I've built connections within the section through my photography and volunteerism. I've had the privilege of being the official photographer for numerous Skate Canada BC/YT Section AGMs, award banquets, and boat cruises. Additionally, I've dedicated time to volunteering on local organizing committees and assisting the livestreaming team at a couple of events.

* **National Experience:** I have fulfilled roles either as Media Operations Supervisor or as part of the Media Operations team at numerous national events held in British Columbia. These included the National Championships (1997, 2008, 2011, 2018), Skate Canada International (2019, 2021, 2023), National Synchro Championships (2008), Grand Prix Final (2018), and Four Continents (2009). Additionally, I had the honour of



serving as the official photographer for Skate Canada at two National Championships and a Skate Canada International event.

*** Other Volunteer Involvement:** Previously, I served on the Board of Directors for the Surrey Christmas Bureau (2015-2017). Through my political work over the past two decades, I have served on the BC NDP Provincial Executive and the BC NDP Provincial Council to oversee the administration, organizational structure, and to uphold the constitution of the party. I have also led on the ground efforts as the President in various riding associations in Surrey and worked as a Constituency Assistant for MLA Sue Hammell. Through my union activism, I have participated on various union boards and committees and working groups. In my role as the Executive Assistant to the National President of the Telecommunications Workers Union/USW Local 1944, I worked as an aide providing executive-level support and assisted with strategic initiatives and decision making. In my role as the Executive Assistant to the Financial Secretary and the Coordinator of Finance at the Hospital Employees' Union, I provided confidential support services and administrative work to support the day-to-day management and operation of the union. Currently, I work with the United Steelworkers union as a communications and political action staff representative.

*** Goals & Objectives:** As a member of the Board of Directors for the Skate Canada BC/YT section, my goals and objectives are to enhance the efforts already underway to support athletes in BC and the Yukon. I am committed to advancing the promotion of the sport and live streaming initiatives, as well as identifying and pursuing new sponsorship opportunities to support athlete development. Additionally, I intend to offer perspectives and insights to board decisions. At the end of the day, my goal is to actively contribute to building a positive environment within our skating community while fostering the growth of lifelong skaters and volunteers.

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Name of Candidate: Kevin Reynolds

Nominated for: Director (1 Year Term)

Occupation: Coach

SKATING BACKGROUND:

- **Club:** Arbutus Club
- **Skater Experience:**
 - Olympic Medallist
 - ISU Four Continents Champion
 - 6-time World Team Member
 - 6-time National Medallist
 - 15 years international competitor from Novice to Senior levels
- **Official Experience:**
 - 4+ years officiating experience.
 - Canadian Singles Technical Specialist
 - International Data Replay Operator



* **Goals & Objectives:** To contribute to skater development through creative thinking and collaboration, to identify new opportunities for growth while maintaining and expanding support for existing members, to provide evidence-based policy input on technical, financial, and governance matters, and to offer a unique perspective and voice, drawing from National and International experiences as a skater, coach, and technical panel official.