

Governance Report
Skate Canada Nova Scotia Section
2014 – 2015

Governance tasks this past year were similar to those in previous years. We worked together with Skate Canada to prepare a new Strategic Plan for Skate Canada Nova Scotia in line with the new Skate Canada Strategic Plan as presented at last year's AGM, and we made some additional revisions to the Skate Canada Nova Scotia Constitution and By-Laws.

Members of the Board and other members of the Nova Scotia skating community, including coaches, club executive members and region representatives, met with individuals from Skate Canada on the weekend of February 21, 2015 to prepare the new Skate Canada Nova Scotia Strategic Plan. Based on the sessions held that weekend, the Strategic Plan is being compiled and organized with the assistance of Skate Canada. Once completed, the Strategic Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Board and shared with all members.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Skate Canada Nova Scotia have been reviewed and updated, to incorporate a number of changes considered necessary to improve the efficacy of the Board after a review of the past Board re-structure. The Judges/Evaluators Chair and Data Specialists Chair have been combined into one position, the Officials Chair, and a new position on the Board was added – the Region Representative. The amended Constitution and By-Laws will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and then will be submitted to Skate Canada for approval.

There were no complaints seeking the intervention of the Board, or the application of the Board's complaints resolution policy during the past program year.

While we were fortunate to have new members join the Board this past year, as has been the case consistently over the past number of years, there continued to be some vacancies on the Board, specifically the Athletes' Representative and the Member at Large, Skater Development, following the resignation of the individual in that role part way through the year.

Hopefully in the coming year we will be able to implement the most recent changes to the Board structure and the new Skate Canada Nova Scotia Strategic Plan, resulting in a more efficient and effective organization. We plan to work towards accomplishing the goals set out in the new Strategic Plan, providing members with ongoing progress reports on the status of the Strategic Plan, and to update and organize Skate Canada Nova Scotia's policies and procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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