

## **Governance Committee Report Skate Canada Nova Scotia Section 2018-2019**

The Governance Committee met several times throughout the year via conference calls.

During the first meeting, the Governance Committee dealt with a complaint of inappropriate use of social media. With the advice of two lawyers on the committee, it was advised the Governance Committee refer to the Skate Canada Code of Conduct and Policies, to quote rules, and to keep documentation of inappropriate use of social media. Due to some complaints received, the Governance Committee wants to remind Skate Canada Coaches, Skaters, and Parents of their obligations under, and requirements to adhere to the Skate Canada Code of Ethics.

The Committee spent some time reviewing and making amendments to the Skate Canada Nova Scotia Constitution and Bylaws. The changes were made and circulated to the board members in December. These changes will be voted on during the AGM in May. Some major changes include eliminating the SCNS Board Athlete Rep role, as it has been dissolved in other Sections. Changes have also been made to the structure of the SCNS Board and how many years SCNS Board members can hold a specific position. Please see the draft of the updated constitution to review the changes being voted on at the AGM.

The Governance Committee discussed a separate older document the SCNS has with outdated policies. The goal of the committee is to update these policies for the next season to keep up with current times.

In the coming year, we plan to continue working towards accomplishing the goals set out in the SCNS Strategic Plan, providing members with ongoing progress reports on the status of the Strategic Plan. Also, the committee has begun work on updating a contract for Jill with the legal advice of two committee members. A goal is to have a draft of the contract completed by summer 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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