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Good Morning and welcome to our member State delegates, committee Chairs, committee members, and guests.

Your board extends it's ongoing thanks to Ice Skating Qld for their continued support, and especially their assistance with the provision of administrative services of the office, and the amazing Jenny Houlahan.

The greatest feature of the years ISU international calendar was, by far, the Olympic Games.

For the first time in 20 years we had a pairs couple, Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya & Harley Windsor, who qualified through the short program to the Free program. Kalani Craine qualified for the Free program finishing a very respectable 17th in her first Olympic Winter Games. In the men's division, now dual Olympian Brendan Kerry qualified for the Free program and finishing 20th overall, with the successful execution of 2 quad jumps and achieved the highest score ever of an Australian athlete in the Olympic games of 233.81 points.

Congratulations to our athletes on 1st class performances and making your country proud.

In 2017 Ice Skating Queensland were the host for both the ISU Junior Grand Prix and the Australian Championships. Both events were executed with exacting precision and without a hitch. Thank you ISQ for continuing to set a stellar standard in competition delivery.

Later this year, NSW will host the Australian Championships at Macquarie Ice Rink – it has been 20 years since Macquarie hosted the Australian Championships – the newly refurbished ice rink will no doubt put on a great show.

I'm pleased to also announce that the 2019 Australian Championships will be hosted by Ice Skating Victoria at the O'Brien Group Arena.

At the beginning of each quadrennial ISA sits down with the Olympic Winter Institute to review the past four years and to negotiate the coming four years leading to the next OWG.

Over the past four years ISA has provided \$68,000 of funding to the OWIA for them to use to support and develop our athletes in readiness for the OWG. The OWIA has absolute discretion as to which athletes are selected and what happens to those athletes. The NSWISA has also directly contributed to the OWIA in recent years. We will be asking for some transparency and acquittal of the funds received to date.

At the OWG our athletes are handled exclusively by the Australian Olympic Committee. We lobbied for a Team Leader however this was unsuccessful, but would have been a great benefit to our athletes. This will continue to be a priority to ensure our skaters needs don't fall between the cracks.

ISA in tandem with our New Zealand counterpart were successful in applying for ISU Development funding to host the Oceania Novice International and Coaches Conference featuring Brian Orser. We plan to make this a permanent feature of the ISU calendar.

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The Coaches conference will help start to deliver our commitment to coach's development and thus is open to all coaches who are members of a State body. During 2018 the Board will look to introduce a Coaches Commission with appointed coaches to help foster this essential component in our athlete's development.

Every athlete competing puts in 110% and they are all to be congratulated.

During the later part of 2017, our Junior World Pair Champions Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya/Harley Windsor backed up their performance by setting another Australian first by being crowned Champions at the Junior Grand Prix Final in December. In September Ekaterina & Harley competed at the Olympic Qualifying Competition in Nebelhorn and secured their Olympic selection and placed 3rd. They were joined in Nebelhorn by Kailani Craine who not only earned a quota spot for Australia, and beat 32 competitors and became the Champion – a first for Australia.

At the recent world championships in Milan, we had a full Australian team with all disciplines represented. We look forward to the development of our newest ice dance couple Chantelle Kerry and Andrew Dodds who earned their World Qualifying score in record time and put on a magnificent performance at the Championships. Together with our whole Australian team did an amazing job.

Our synchronised team, Team Unity have just competed at the World Championships and put on a tremendous performance placing 21st.

Earlier this month ISA lodged with the ISU an application to host Four Continents in Melbourne in 2021, and we keep our fingers crossed.

To dress our athletes Kate Rotondo and Clarence Ong have developed an amazing range of apparel which has been well received and hotly sought after. This is a tough job that is very detailed and takes a lot of patience. Thank you Kate and Clarence.

In closing, and on behalf of the whole Board, I wish to extend special thanks to Judith Sivasubramaniam for her service on the ISA Board and her tireless and professional attention to detail with her role of the complete rebuild of the ISA website and its continuous updating. You will be missed. Fortunately Judith has agreed to keep administering the website for the near future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Lynch

President

For and on behalf of the ISA Board.