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We are family and I take great pleasure in being part of this family. Formally you represent our member States as delegates, are Operational Directors, represent the talented Professionals who lead our skaters to greatness, are my fellow Board Members, or you are here as an observer welcome one and all and thank you for your thoughts, consideration, tireless effort and integrity that you bring to this great sport.

2016 saw your athletes representing Australia internationally in all levels of singles, pairs, ice dance and adult from Basic Novice A through to Senior and our synchronized teams from adult to senior. In all, over 180 positions together with over 45 posts for our officials as judges, technical specialists and team leaders. This is an amazing effort, and importantly demonstrates one of our benchmarks and helps to gain Australia great respect as an international centre of excellence.

For many athletes 2016 was their year for delivering personal bests in competition. However I have never met an athlete that doesn't give 110% in competition, and I can say that a competition performance that delivers a personal best, never comes by accident. It comes from consistent dedication and hard work. We are all here because of these athletes and they are deserving of our efforts to support them. This is why your Board and Operational Directors do what they do. Our athletes inspire us.

Our Australian athletes have shone with some standout performances, which in no way overshadow every single athlete's performance, however they certainly rate as outstanding and deserving mention. At the 2017 Four Continents Championships with no less than 3 Australian ice dance couples, thanks to the great work by Monica Macdonald and John Dunn who are building an ice dance war chest that will pay dividends in the years ahead. The wonderful performance of our Junior Ladies Champion Holly Harris on making the final of 2017 Junior Worlds Championship, Brendan Kerry's qualification of the only Olympic quota place for Australia by placing 15th at the ISU 2017 World Championships in Helsinki, Finland and the magnificent efforts of Kailani Craine and Ekaterina Alexandrovskaya/Harley Windsor in making the finals at the ISU World Championships and coming within a hairs breath of qualifying Olympic Quota places for Australia. However it is the incredible consistent performance of Harley and Ekaterina that has broken new ground for Australia. In 2016 they won the ISU Junior Grand Prix in Tallinn, a first for Australia, then were chosen to compete at the ISU Junior Grand Prix Final, another first for Australia, and as if that wasn't enough, yet another first for Australia in becoming the ISU 2017 Junior World Champions in Pairs and in doing so, broke the Australian record in pairs at junior worlds, held for 41 years by Elizabeth & Peter Cain who placed 3rd in pairs at Junior Worlds at Megeve, France in 1976. What a year we have had !

In August this year, Ice Skating Australia will host in Brisbane with our Ice Skating Queensland family, the first of the 2017/2018 season ISU Junior Grand Prix's. Make sure you spread the word and be sure to be here with us as we host the world.

On our Board, roles and responsibilities are allocated to Board members. All members of the Board contribute both strategically and operationally, which is the only way the work gets done. I wish to give

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special mention Judith Sivasubramaniam who has taken on the ISA website which has been completely redesigned and is constantly updated and refreshed. Judith thank you for your continuous contribution.

In closing I wish to extend thanks on behalf of every member of the sport to Ice Skating Queensland and our stellar administration officer Jenny Houhnanan for the continued support and dedication. Jenny, together with the many volunteers at State and Club level are what makes our sport run, and your Board and athletes are forever grateful, thank you

Sincerely,

Peter Lynch
President