

Dear All

I'd like to apologise for my absence as I'm in New Zealand attending the ISU coaching seminar which is attached to the Oceania competition.

Please accept my nomination for board member or Athlete Development for your consideration, I feel I would be a valuable member of ISA Board as I have a long history working on boards and committees.

A bit about myself; I have been the owner operator of a number of businesses from restaurants, hotels, motels and an entertainment & event agency. I've been the treasurer of the South Australian Ice Sports Federation since 2012 and still current hold the position which for many years saw me involved with the day to day operation of the Ice Arena. I was also the project manager which involved tendering for and overseeing the installation of a 1.5M refrigeration system for the Ice Arena.

I'm also the treasurer of the Australian Professional Skaters Association providing our coaches of Australia with support, coach education and the latest information the sport has to offer. I'm more than familiar with project management, budgeting, chairing workgroups and working as part of a team.

As I'm passionate about the sport I've decided to throw my hat in the ring and accept the nominations.

Athlete Development - As a coach I have had students at all levels taking a number of them from beginner to International competition and world championships, giving me a clear understanding how to develop an athlete. I have attended seminars with some of the worlds leading coaches and feel I have a great deal of experience, international contacts I can call upon to benefit Australia's athletes.

Board - 30 plus years experience in ice skating and a great understanding of the sport, athlete development and management are all skills I can bring to the board not to mention many years experience on Boards and a good understanding of governance a crucial component for success.

I look forward to potentially being a part of a team who will continue to administer the sport in Australia, provide development and competition opportunities to Australian skaters into the future.

Regards

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