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Name:

Gregor MacLean

Running for the position of:

Director Atlantic (2-year term)

Residence

New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Relevant Education, Career and Volunteer Experience:

A lifelong resident of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, I attended Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a Major in Mathematics and concentration in Information Systems. As a student at Saint Francis Xavier University, I was manager of the university football team. Budgetary planning, fundraising, and outreach programs were part of the activities I addressed as manager. Additionally, I was involved with mentoring and working as a lab instructor.

Following graduation from Saint Francis Xavier University, I entered medical school at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I have been a family physician in New Glasgow since 1987. As a family physician, I strive to address strategies to optimize positive client outcomes as it relates to our local health care. Commitment to equality, inclusion, and diversity are strong priorities for me. I provide direction and planning for the implementation or modifications to existing programs or assist in the introduction of new services. I am so proud to be a current board member of Skate Canada with the same established principles.

I have always maintained a commitment to give back to our community and support our children in their interests. My wife, Debbie, and I are proud of our 4 children – Jonathan, Joel, Matthew, and Marnie. All 4 are former members of Skate Canada, having learned to skate through Can Skate Programs. As a volunteer, I was a member of the We Care Society. This was a non-profit organization, aiding families dealing with unexpected medical or personal tragedies. The activities of the We Care Society included fund raising and allocation of funds to support these families.

I have had the opportunity to manage many minor hockey teams in support of our children. For 5 years I was manager of our local high school hockey team, the North Nova Gryphons. Fund raising, tournament chair for our annual tournament, and endorsing the policies of the Nova Scotia School Athletic Association were key areas in my role as manager.

As Risk Manager Chair for the Pictou County Minor Hockey Association, I ensured all bench staff (coaches, assistant coaches, trainers) as well as team managers met the necessary requirements as outlined by the Nova Scotia Hockey Association. Having personally completed the necessary requirements (Respect in Sport, Child Abuse Registry Screen, and Hockey Safety), I ensured these requirements were up to date for relevant team officials. Concussion sessions to educate players, team officials and parents were part of my role as Risk Manager Chair.

The use of teamwork and optimizing the strengths of our diverse medical staff have been successful in maintaining a unified strong department. Honesty, Equality, Respect and Consistency are essential to





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maintaining integrity. Conflicts do exist. The ability to use my communication skills to openly explain the rationale for decisions has been a major key to remaining in a leadership role on the administrative side of medicine and achieving success and positive outcomes in my volunteer activities.

Experience Relevant to the Skate Canada Board of Directors

As a skater, judge, evaluator, technical controller, technical specialist, referee, and data specialist, I have tremendous positive memories from figure skating. In more than 50 years of involvement at various roles, figure skating has been rewarding and remains a strong passion.

I have offered my involvement at the club, section, and national level to support figure skating. I genuinely appreciate the grass roots within Skate Canada. The long-term success of the organization ultimately depends on strong support offered to the grass roots level.

Scheduling test days and competition schedules at the local club level have been important in allowing me to support and give back to the club where my skating and judging careers began (Heather Figure Skating Club – now Mariposa East Skating Centre).

As a former Section Judges Chair, I was given the opportunity to contribute to the development of figure skating at the provincial level. This also gave me the opportunity to sit on the National Judges Committee. Skater development was an early focus of my involvement at the Section level. This has given me the opportunity to participate in monitoring sessions, providing constructive feedback to assist in the development of our skaters.

As a clinic leader, I have helped communicate and train officials in the changes that have taken place over the years. This includes the introduction of evaluators and restructuring of the entire test stream within our sport. On the competitive side, the creation of new roles (Technical Specialist and Technical Controller) to re-address how competitions will be assessed. The use of technology in our sport has evolved tremendously, further enhanced by COVID19, with innovative and progressive development from Skate Canada.

My judging role has been varied from Star Skate to Skate Canada Nationals. I continue to support all levels of competition. I have been privileged to referee at the Senior level at our National Competitions. Internationally, I have judged and refereed at North American Challenge events as well as judged at the Iceland National Competition.

More recently, I was successful in participating and completing Phase 1, as a Section Technical Specialist and Section Technical Controller, for the first virtual training program for Pairs. As Skate Canada broke new ground, I was one of the judging members for singles and dance at the Skate Canada Challenge event, completed using virtual technology.

My involvement in multiple roles has given me the opportunity to better appreciate the varied positions within the sport. I offer the same commitment at all levels and all roles. My support for change and evolution of the sport has been evident over the years as I have remained engaged in supporting the initiatives from Skate Canada.





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Areas of Interest Within Skate Canada:

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Atlantic Director on the 2021-2023 Skate Canada Board of Directors. Providing input into our 2022-2026 Strategic Plan was a rewarding exercise. It would be a privilege to remain on the Skate Canada Board to support the achievement of the goals within the Strategic Plan. I remain very interested in my involvement with the Finance Enterprise Risk Management Committee. The dedicated members truly understand the role this committee has to the overall success and stability of Skate Canada. The time to date on the board has been time well served. Membership on the Membership Policy Committee and Section Coordinating Committee further support the sport of figure skating at the grass roots level. Such support and recognition of the grass roots as a priority are fundamental to my continued desire to remain active at the Board of Directors level of Skate Canada.

