



2025 Board of Directors Election Candidate Bio

Name	Running for the position of	Residence
Ravi Walia	Director-at-Large (2-year term)	Edmonton, Alberta

Relevant Education, Career and Volunteer Experience:

Education:

- Bachelor of Administration Degree – Athabasca University
- Business Management Diploma – Grant MacEwan University
- Microcomputer Accounting Certificate – Grant MacEwan University

Professional Experience:

- Figure Skating Coach (1997 - Present)
- NCCP Level 4 Certified / Olympic & World Coach
Works with skaters at all levels from grassroots to Olympic medalists
Recipient of Skate Canada's Coach Award of Excellence (2013, 2018)
- Skating Club Director (2005 - Present)
- Works closely with the club's Board of Directors and leads a team of 12 coaches
Oversees all club programs from CanSkate to private lesson programming
Helped the club grow from 300 to over 1800 skaters
- Seminar / Clinic Conductor (1997 - Present)
- Guest coach for numerous seminars across Canada and around the world
Moderator at ISU seminars for skaters and coaches in Europe and Asia

Volunteer Experience:

- ISU Level Technical Specialist (2005 - Present)
- Skate Canada Board of Directors (2021 - Present)
- Skate Canada High Performance Committee (2018 - Present)
- Skate Canada External Relations Committee (2021 - Present)
- Skate Canada Membership Policy Committee (2021 - 2022)
- Skate Canada Coaching Development Committee (2016 - 2018)
- Skate Canada Long-Term Development Working Group (2020 - 2021)
- Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Return to Play Advisory Group (2020)
- Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Competitions Committee (2017 - 2019)
- Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Athlete Development Committee (2005 - 2015)

Experience Relevant to the Skate Canada Board of Directors

I am extremely passionate about the sport of figure skating and have been involved as a skater, coach, official, volunteer, and club administrator. In each of these roles, I have experience at all levels – Club, Provincial, National, and International – which gives me a clear understanding of the skating community as a whole.



I began figure skating at the age of nine in Vancouver and competed for many years at the National and International level. I then became a coach and work in Edmonton where I have coached skaters from grassroots to Olympic medalists. As a coach, I have expertise in the technical aspects of skating and thoroughly understand our daily training environment.

Soon after I began coaching, I became the club's Skating Director, which has given me extensive knowledge of the inner workings of a club. My post-secondary education in the Business/Accounting field has been instrumental in helping me manage the club effectively.

As an ISU official and Technical Specialist, I have worked with the International Skating Union over the past 20 years, where I have gained a broad perspective of the sport and its emerging international trends. I have a passion to improve skating in Canada and have served on many committees, advisory groups, and think tanks at the national and provincial levels.

From all of these experiences, I have developed a clear understanding of the sport and can offer a broad view from many different perspectives. As a Skate Canada Board Member for the past four years, I strive to contribute to the long-term success of Skate Canada by representing the voice of all stakeholders – clubs, coaches, officials, volunteers, and especially the athletes!

Areas of Interest Within Skate Canada:

Beyond the normal scope of Board meetings, I am interested in the following areas:

- External Relations Committee
- Membership Committee
- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility
- High Performance
- Coach Development
- Athlete experience