



2026 Board of Directors Election Candidate Bio

Name	Running for the position of	Residence
Brenda Hart	Regional Director West (2-year term) Director-at-Large (2-year term)	Beaumont, Alberta

Relevant Education, Career and Volunteer Experience:

Graduating from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Human Ecology degree led to a career with Manitoba and Alberta Agriculture. As part of an inter-disciplinary team, with attention to strategic directives and identified district needs, I collaborated and delivered programming in an ever-evolving industry impacted by global economies, markets, and climate-based challenges. Amid a career shift that coincided with starting a family, I remained involved in the industry organizing agri-business conferences and coordinating marketing campaigns for an Alberta dairy company.

I completed the COC- NSO Governance Education Series and DEI Education Series offered by the Smith School of Business at Queen's University. As a lifelong learner, I utilized this opportunity to deepen my skills to further support the work of Skate Canada's engaged policy board.

Volunteerism is a tightly woven thread in my life that has brought me closer to my community and over the course of time has established and built networks and friendships. Supporting organizations has enabled me to share my expertise to build strong foundations and create opportunities.

My most extensive volunteer experience centres around figure skating. At the age of five, I joined the Dauphin FSC, and it sparked a lifelong passion. I trained to reach goals, competed up to the Pre-Novice level and was a volunteer coach in the former National Skating Test program. From that experience, I obtained coach certification and coached at three Parkland Region clubs prior to pursuing post secondary education.

I returned to skating when my children joined the Grande Prairie SC in northwestern Alberta. Once my skating background became known, I was recruited to volunteer at events and subsequently was elected to the board as Secretary and Test Chair and served on the Peace Region Committee. Skating brought a lot to my life as an athlete and coach and being part of the skating community again led to a new adventure when I trained to be an official.

I have been a Skate Canada official for 25 years and it has been a rewarding experience to be part of such a dynamic organization. I have travelled near and far to officiate across Alberta, NT and other Sections as a Senior Judge and Section Referee in Singles, Pairs and Dance, Evaluator and Singles Technical Controller.

In 2022 I was privileged to be elected as Director West on the Skate Canada Board and enjoy contributing at this level of sport. Over the past four years I have been a member of and chaired the Recruitment and Development Committee and Governance Committee and served on the Membership and Section Coordinating Committees.



Experience Relevant to the Skate Canada Board of Directors

As an active official I have extensive knowledge of ISU and Skate Canada structures and rules. With continuous service across many roles, my skating knowledge has grown, and from that I sought opportunities to serve Skate Canada beyond an officiating role.

I was elected to the AB-NT-NU board as Officials Coordinating Committee Chair where I helped set policy, strategic direction, and deliver workplan activities for Judge, Evaluator and Technical Officials.

I served extensively in a variety of committee and leadership roles in the AB-NT-NU section including Judge/Evaluator, and Technical Officials Representative. These roles have common themes centering around recruitment, training, and retention. Officials' development remains an enthusiastic pursuit and given the extensive geography of the section, I employed innovative and inclusive approaches in the delivery of training to support the advancement of officials. As a Learning Facilitator, I have organized and led a variety of seminars. Recent involvement includes a Senior Ice Dance Judge clinic and Technical Representative seminars in AB-NT-NU and Saskatchewan sections.

I have had the privilege of serving on the Skate Canada Officials Development Committee. Further to this I have participated on numerous Skate Canada working groups tasked with the development of training resources.

I have served as a Technical Representative from grassroots to national events and was recently a part of 2026 Skate Canada Trophy. Event organization has many moving parts and is only possible with leadership, teamwork, and the support of a vast network of committed volunteers.

As Chair of the former Skate Canada Nominating Sub-Committee and subsequent service as a member and Chair of the Recruitment and Development Committee, I collaborated on recruitment strategies to determine skill set and competency needs to ensure appropriate board succession planning,

I presently Chair the Skate Canada Governance Committee where workplan tasks centre around ensuring strong governance practices are in place and that the organization complies legally and ethically while remaining relevant for the membership.

My skating background and volunteer activity have strong grassroots connections while also being a part of a Section with World medallists and Olympians. Collective experience gained on operational and standing committees have provided me with a broad-based perspective regarding the need to build policy, programs, and opportunities at all levels and abilities across the sport.

Areas of Interest Within Skate Canada:

My background and experience coupled with teamwork and leadership skills could be an asset in the next quadrennial cycle. More specifically as it pertains to policy development and continued implementation of structures, processes, transparency, integrity, and accountability to strengthen fiduciary and governance practices.



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I am fully available to focus on the work of the board and Skate Canada's strategic plan. I will listen to understand and seek opportunities for advancement of the sport where my skills can add value. If elected, I will bring a thoughtful and measured approach to discussions as the organization strives to meet member needs while remaining mindful of regional differences and challenges that clubs, and sections face. I will always follow an ethical path and place the organization first. Thank you for your consideration of my application.