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## PATRICIA ST. PETER ELECTED 30TH PRESIDENT OF U.S. FIGURE SKATING

**Colorado Springs, Colo. (May 4, 2009)** – U.S. Figure Skating delegates elected Patricia St. Peter as the 30th president of U.S. Figure Skating Saturday at the 2009 Governing Council meeting in Buffalo, N.Y.

"It is truly a great honor to be elected as the next president of U.S. Figure Skating, and I truly understand the extraordinary responsibility that I am undertaking," St. Peter said. "I thank you for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me at this time."

St. Peter just completed her second term as Midwestern vice president and first vice president of U.S. Figure Skating. She previously served on the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors as the administrative/legal group coordinator in 2005-06. She is also a national singles/pairs judge and national referee.

On the local level, St. Peter served as the president of the Twin City Figure Skating Association (1998-2000) and was a member of the Executive Committees for the 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, 2000 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championship and 1998 ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

She resides in Minneapolis, Minn., with her husband, Tom, and daughter, Claire.

Outgoing president Ron Hershberger, who has held that position since 2005, was given four standing ovations by the delegates in attendance as a show of appreciation for his service.

"It has been a great honor to serve as president of U.S. Figure Skating. The passion, time and effort that all of you put into this great sport is inspiring," Hershberger said. "I have truly had a marvelous experience."

Hershberger also announced that he and his wife, Gayle, have established a fund to support figure skaters.

The members of the 2009-10 Board of Directors have been determined:

### Officers

President: Patricia St. Peter  
Pacific Coast and First Vice President: Jessica Gaynor  
Midwestern and Second Vice President: Kathy Slack  
Eastern and Third Vice President: Ann O'Keefe  
Secretary: Samuel Auxier  
Treasurer: Susan Keogh

### Group Coordinators

Athlete Services: Brittney Bottoms  
Membership Development: Michael Meyer  
Technical: Hal Marron  
Administrative/Legal: Winston Burbank

### Coaching Members of the Board

Tammy Gambill  
Mark Mitchell

## **ANNOUNCED**

### **Athlete Members of the Board as elected by the athletes**

Justin Dillon (Singles)

Deborah Koegel-Fediukov (Dance)

Mark Ladwig (Pairs)

Rebecca Search (Synchronized)

Three will be voting members; the fourth will be a non-voting member. The non-voting athlete member will be determined at a later date.

### **Other Announcements**

USOC Representative: Charles Cyr

ISU Representative: Gale Tanger

### **- U.S Figure Skating -**

*U.S. Figure Skating is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States as recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and the International Skating Union. U.S. Figure Skating is comprised of more than 763 member clubs and Basic Skills Programs representing approximately 179,000 members. U.S. Figure Skating is charged with the development of the sport on all levels within the United States including athletes, officials, sanctioning of events and exhibitions, and establishing the rules and guidelines by which the sport is governed.*