

Marie-Claire Rouleau Replaces Brian Bunney as Speed Skating Canada President

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Speed Skating Canada (SSC) elected Marie-Claire Rouleau as new President at its Annual General Meeting this weekend. Brian Bunney, the outgoing President, retired after six years at the head of the organization.

Marie-Claire Rouleau has been a member of the Board of Directors of Speed Skating Canada since 2002. Before that, she served as the president of the Fédération de patinage de vitesse du Québec for 4 years. Outside of her volunteer activities, she works in education and is currently the Vice-Director General of the Commission scolaire des Affluents.

Brian Bunney leaves the Board of Directors after six years as President of the organization. Over those years and under his leadership, Speed Skating Canada has never stopped evolving and is now recognized as one of the best National Sport Organization in Canada.

Two director positions became available on the Board of Directors, the one of Marie-Claire Rouleau, now President, and the one of Jim Connolly who was up for reelection. Following a tight vote by the members, Susan Auch, former Olympian speed skater, and Glenn Holmes, former President of Speed Skate Prince Edward Island, were elected for the two positions.

“Both Brian and Jim have brought a great amount of dedication, rigor and experience to SSC’s Board of Directors,” said SSC’s Director General, Jean R. Dupré. “Under Brian’s leadership, the Board of Directors undertook major review processes of our Bylaw and further development and implementation of a wide range of organizational policies. New initiatives and new challenges are sure to be well handled and managed by our new President , Marie-Claire Rouleau as we lead to host the 2010 Games in less than 18 months.”

The countless hours that they have dedicated to the sport of speed skating throughout the years are to be commended. Mr. Bunney is looking forward to devoting more time to his other two most important passions, flying and golfing.

The Board of Directors of Speed Skating Canada will definitely miss Brian and Jim’s dedication and wish them luck in their future endeavors.