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PRESIDENT REPORT

The first twelve months of being president of the APSA association, has been a very busy one, with a steep learning curve. My thanks goes to our outgoing president Judy Bosler for her continued support and encouragement, as our new team seek to learn all that is needed to run such a large association with 250 affiliated coaches from 4 State PSA's around Australia.



Our first task last year was to announce our strategic plan and the direction ahead for the association. This involved assessing where our association was at in regards to our mission, and key areas of service provision. We decided on 5 projects that have been undertaken and in the 12 months have completed the following three of them with the Conference 2014 and the Database projects still in progress:

- The accreditation review & implementation of new courses,
- The new website and focus on communication,
- The implementation of trainer and mentor coaches,

This year has involved visiting our State PSA committee's and their members, to share our vision for the future as well as to encourage them in their coaching and professional development. One of the aims of our visits was to unite all coaches in Australia, in their understanding of APSA's role as their National body.



VPSA was first in June, with Kylie and I preparing a presentation for them on APSA's strategic plan, followed by workshops both off and on the ice.

We visited QPSA coaches during the Winter Sun competition in July, giving our presentation, and encouraging some of their newer coaches to become involved with the QPSA committee.



Adelaide was next to receive our presentation, and I was very encouraged to see so many coaches come to hear about APSA's work.



Kylie and I travelled to Perth, at the end of August with Charmain, as WAPSA have many new members on their committee. As well as giving our presentation to Perth coaches, we were able to meet with the committee and give them information and assistance on the procedures for running an association.



It is wonderful to acknowledge the success of the following Australian coaches who along with ISA judges and officials accompanied their skaters to International Events during the 2012 / 13 season.

Margaret Nicholls, Irina Stavroskaia, George Galanis, Monica MacDonald, Liz Cain, Valentin Kadzevitch, Michael Pasfield, Andrei Pachin, Katya Borodotava, Emilia Ashan Lochran Doherty, Tina Wang, Larissa Matskel, Madonna Randall, Natalie Bartlet, Sean Abram. Our best wishes for success go to those coaches who have and will receive international assignments for the coming season.

We are thrilled to see 4 skaters qualifying Australia for places in the upcoming Winter Olympic Games, and congratulate Australian coaches who have played a part in their success along the way.

We will say farewell to one of our committee members this year, with Mary-Ellen Mather not continuing as the WAPSA representative. We thank her for her many years of service and for the contribution she has made to APSA

It has been a pleasure for me to serve alongside the APSA committee, this year and I especially thank Kylie Fennell (Vice President) for her support to the president role. All of our office bearers have worked tirelessly to update the policies and procedures, belonging to their portfolios, and I thank them for their dedication and commitment to APSA. I look forward to leading our team in the coming year, as we seek to build a stronger association for Australian coaches.

Adele Leghorn

SECRETARY REPORT



It's been an amazing year, APSA has progressed leaps and bounds formulating into a modern communicative branch of coaches within Australia. With the implementation of a new website, email, social media portal and PO Box it's been an easy transition into 2013. Coaches now have a clear path for communication with the APSA board and representatives, with information being passed along to the appropriate parties. Correspondence with coaches and replies to inquiries have been aided with the introduction of a new email address with many thanks to Tricia Burns and Peter Brady who have worked so hard to modernise and adapt this association to current technological trends. Feedback from members in regard to the upgrade has been nothing but positive and encouraging. Looking forward to 2014.

Vashti Lonsdale

REGISTRAR REPORT

APSA currently has 244 Affiliated Coaches nationally. This is 27 less than for 2012/13. This is mainly due to a number of Level 0 coaches not renewing their membership for 2013/14.

I have listed below the number of Affiliated coaches broken down by State.

- ACT = 6
- NSW = 106
- QLD = 40
- SA = 16
- TA = 6
- VIC = 44
- WA = 26





This year saw APSA purchase a new card printer for the purpose of supplying the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) cards to all accredited coaches along with having the new look Photo ID Membership Cards for 2013/14 being a credit card type card on a new APSA lanyard. The last of these cards are being printed and distributed.

There are a number of coaches who need to forward a current portrait photo for their ID Cards. Instead of holding up printing these cards their picture is a black silhouette.

All accreditation information and expiry dates are listed on the back of the card.

You will also notice there is also a Discipline section listed. For Level 0 coaches 'No' is listed in all disciplines. For new Level 2 and 3 coaches, this section will show your accreditation based on the successful completion of the Level 2 or 3, which is now discipline specific. For all Level 1 and older Level 2 and 3 coaches I have asked coaches to advise which discipline they are actively teaching.

A central database is being designed to hold coaches accreditation and membership information instead of spread sheets being shared by APSA and the state PSA's. As this is an enormous task, it will be a number of months before it is ready to undertake user testing and then rollout to state PSA's and individual coaches.



Charmain Barnsley

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT



At the end of 2012, the APSA committee agreed that Charmain Barnsley, who has been performing the role of Treasurer for both APSA and NSWPSA, was in need of assistance with her Treasurer duties as the work load was more than one person can manage. I was asked to take on the role of Treasurer for APSA and agreed. During the hand-over process, which has taken place over the last 6 months, Charmaine has trained me in MYOB software, the specifics of APSA's financial records and account statements, and any other relevant tasks that would allow me to perform the Treasurer's role independently. The

final stages of the hand-over process included adding me as a signatory on the account (and removing Gloria Pracey and Judy Bosler) as well as providing me with access to online banking. APSA has purchased the latest version of MYOB software and this has been installed on my computer. At this point, Tala is set-up to fully take on the responsibilities of Treasurer for APSA so any financial matters should be addressed to her.

As of Saturday, 19th October 2013, the National Australia Bank account balance is \$20,489.59.

The ING Direct account balance for APSA currently has a balance of \$ 2,981.23 earning 2.75% interest / annum.

The 2012/13 income and expenses for our association is included with this report.

Tala Kaplinovsky

Charmain Barnsley

ACCREDITATION REPORT



Accreditation has again had a busy year with a new Level 3 course being run, along with Level 0 and Level 1 courses.

Level 0 courses have now been run in 6 states (NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, WA and Tasmania) and are continuing to be popular with NSW planning one in the upcoming months.

Level 1 courses often follow on directly from the Level 0 (making it a 3 day on-ice course). Due to the change in assessment criteria, as established by the ASC, a 45 min practical on-ice lesson is now part of the assessment, instead of the DVD's – this has proved to be popular and has meant that more Level 1 coaches are finishing their course, and in a shorter time frame.

The first Level 3 in many years was run in Sydney earlier this year – with 18 coaches attending – the course was a great success and hopefully all candidates will complete the coursework and be accredited Level 3 by March 2014.



Level 2 has also been busy with quite a few coaches finishing their Level 2 this year (some after many years ☺), keeping Cathy Evans extremely busy with marking assignments.

The next Level 2 Sports Specific course is being held this November and looks to be a full and busy course with 25 coaches enrolled to attend.

Due to the change in Assessment criteria for all our courses, Adele Leghorn, after a lot of work, has resubmitted all our course frameworks (4) for new ASC approval – we are still waiting on the result, however I am confident that we will be fine.

Adele and myself attended a Coaching and Officiating workshop run by the Australian Sports Commission in September – it was an informative day and very interesting to see where some of the larger sports have headed in regards to Accreditation and education of their coaches – watch this space!

In the meantime, Adele Leghorn has had a team busily working on updating the Level 2 manual – I am looking forward to seeing it.

The last 12- 18 months have seen huge changes in our Accreditation Courses, from how they are run and administered to the course content and assessments. I wish to thank all involved for how well the changes have been accepted and taken on board.

2014 is looking to be a very exciting year with the 2nd Coaches Conference being planned, along with more accreditation courses.

My thanks go to each of the State Accreditation officers (Russell, Mary-Ellen, Robi, Loryn and Sally) for their help with Accreditation renewals, new accreditations and the administration of the new courses, to Adele Leghorn for driving all the changes to the programs and for her tireless contribution to Accreditation and Coach development in General; to Judy Bosler, Gloria Pracey, Kylie Fennell, Cathy Evans, Charmain Barnsley, Jean McGregor, Paul Huehnergard, Monica MacDonald, Kristian Ryan, Christine Wallace, Madonna Randall, Stephen Carr, Robi Chalmers, Dorothy Bissett, Mark Hochman, Cameron Medhurst and Rodney Hocking for their contribution with presenting and/or assessing our courses.



Sue Cobden

UPDATE POINTS REPORT



On closing last years update point database, I am pleased to say that over 97% of coaches have achieved their required number of update points.

In June, the Updating Policy was rewritten. A lot of time and effort was dedicated in its revision and it can be found under 'Coach Information'/'Update Points Program' on the APSA website. Along with section for Level 0's, the new APSA Update Points Log Sheet is also included in the document for coaches to print off and utilise.

The main changes made were:

1. All points for all levels will be required 'per calendar year' (removal of 2 year "carry over")
2. Points must be gained by more than one "activity type"(activities have been sorted into 3 categories – Accreditation/Skating Related/Non-Skating Related)
3. Level 3 coaches to go from 15 to 20 points per calendar year (Level 0: 5 points, Level 1: 10 points, Level 2: 15 points, Level 3: 20 points)

This year, there have been some state changes in regards to whom and when points need to be submitted. If any coach is unsure who log books need to be submitted to (copies only, no originals), please contact your state delegate.

As per the Updating Policy, please find below the dates for when points need to be submitted:

- Jan 31st – for previous Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec
- May 31st – for previous Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr
- Sept 30th – for previous May, Jun, July, Aug

Nicole Porter-Barber

INSURANCE REPORT



The APSA Directors and Officer's Policy (D&O) was renewed in September 2013.

All insurances are current as at the date of this report.

There was one circumstance under the APSA D&O policy, which may give rise to a claim under the policy, which has been notified to the broker/insurer. The matter is in the process of being fully reported to the broker; however the insurer has not indicated it requires further information at this stage.

A comprehensive review of the totality of APSA's insurance arrangements will occur in November/December, with a view to be well-informed for the renewal of other insurances in January 2014 and moving forward.

Further, a review will be undertaken as to the ongoing suitability of the current arrangements in respect the 'sharing' of certain insurances with Ice Skating Australia.

Brad Santer

MEMBER PROTECTION REPORT



I attended and completed the Member Protection Information Officer course provided by NSW Sport and Recreation. This year has seen a significant reduction in the number of complaints being received. With the experience that has been gained over the last couple of years, complaints are now being handled promptly, with many enquiries being satisfied with solutions of an informal nature rather than heading to a formal complaint. There are no current complaints pending.

Christine Wallace

WEBSITE OFFICER REPORT



As you are all aware the National website has been live now for a little while. The state sites are under development and should be linked in the near future as they are completed. The NSW site is just waiting on their new logo before going live with only coach profiles to be uploaded. The WA site appears close also.

I hope everyone is finding that they are able to navigate quite easily to find the relevant documents they are searching for.

Thank you to Adele and her team of assistants that have gone through all the documentation to ensure the most up to date forms and information are uploaded.

We will continue to improve and update the site to endeavor to make all information available to our coaches in a timely manner.

Tricia Burns



NSWPSA REPORT



This past year has been rather busy, a few Level 0 & 1 Courses conducted plus the APSCA Level 3 course hosted in Sydney. NSWPSA have also hosted a First Aid Course as well as Aussie Skate judge/coach conversations – seminars.

NSWPSA are quite upping the ante as to coach's accreditation details being complete & penalizing coaches who pay their fees late. Also we have been active along with APSCA in requiring all coaches to carry their accreditation tags to events in order to stand at the barrier. In all NSWPSA are trying to bring coaching in NSW into the 21st century & therefore beyond it.

The new APSA website, we hope that you have all seen this, is a forerunner of what each state can have. NSW are fortunate in that we have Tricia who administrates both the NSW PSA & APSA sites – she's good. Thanks heaps Tricia for all the info that you get up on our site.

Jean McGreggor

QPSA REPORT



Following another successful Australian Championships 1-8 December, 2012 many of our skaters made the National Squad, and along with their coaches were heading to ISU Championships including Junior Worlds, Four Continents & the World Synchronised Skating Championships. Others having obtained the ISA TER scores were selected for various internationals at novice, junior & senior levels around the globe. Many of these skaters have had great results and we hope this will continue for the rest of the season. On a sad note we had the passing of two of our former dedicated members Nancy (Hallam)Burley and

Richard Swenning. Both contributed an enormous amount of time & effort in improving our sport and encouraging skaters. They are sadly missed.

In late March, four of our members travelled to Sydney to attend the first Level 3 Accreditation Course in 15 years. It was a true milestone with all participants gaining knowledge & experience from Course Presenters and material presented. It was a jam packed 4 days ending with some nervous candidates in the practical assessments. Have to give praise to Adele Leghorn, Cathy Evans & the whole APSA team who did an amazing amount of work to make this course possible.

ISA Junior Development again ran the Oceania Camp at Boondall 8-10 July with Course Conductor Kylie Fennell, assisted by QPSA members. I think all attendees found the 3 day camp a better option with less time away for interstate participants. Skaters enjoyed the course & Kylie's quiz on the last day.

Australia held its first ISU international event "SKATE DOWN UNDER" in August at Canterbury Ice Rink for Novice, Junior & Senior competitors. QLD was well represented in all divisions. Coaches, skaters, parents, officials & judges who attended were pleased with the event attracting overseas participants despite a short lead in time and giving our skaters the chance to obtain their TER scores at home. Hopefully this will be an annual event.

Being Olympic selection year we also had David Kranjek, Jordan & Andrew Dodds & their coaches be part of the Olympic Shadow Team who travelled to Sydney for their AOC team assembly day. It was exciting to be part of it all, get the run down on Sochi and AOC info, mix with other winter team members plus meet some of the AOC officials. We also got decked out & fitted with the Australian team gear. Not to mention the flu shot!

Manon Perron and Igor Tchiriaev from Canada once again ventured to our shore in September school holidays for a ISQ Development Camp organised by Athlete Development Officer & all round champion Matt Dodds. This time around proved just as popular and even the coaches expressed their thanks to skaters' on their full participation in the week's programme, saying they always enjoy working with them.

QPSA hope to hold Level 0 & Level 1 Accreditation Courses early in the new year once training of conductors has been completed. Expressions of interest will go out in November.

Margaret Nicholls

SA REPORT



2013 was a busy year for South Australia in terms of coaching accreditation moving forward. In March we held a Level 0 Accreditation Seminar with 4 new Level 0 Coaches accredited for Group Class coaching.

In March 100% of eligible SA Coaches attended the Level 3 Accreditation Course in Sydney. We had new Level 1 accredited coaches in March and September of this year. We also had a Level 1 Coach update their accreditation in May. It is very exciting to see more coaches on the ice and with this includes more skaters on the sessions along with new Aussie Skaters coming out of group classes.

We had coaches meetings in May and July of this year with good discussion amongst various topics and information. We have continued to communicate with the state association (SAISA) with requests that have come from our meetings with good results from SAISA.

Adele Leghorn came to Adelaide the 24th August for an APSA Committee Presentation. This presentation was very informative and well attended by the coaches – Level 0, Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

It has been another privileged year for me to be the SA APSA State Rep for 2013.

Robi Chalmers

WAPSA REPORT

WAPSA now has a new Committee, as of June 2013, and we have met as a committee twice since the AGM.

With the visit of Adele, Kylie & Charmain at the end of August, which has brought everything up to date as where WAPSA has to go in the future. This visit was a great success and all the coaches who attended found most informative and we are all looking forward to bright future in Western Australia.

There are a number of coaches going to Sydney in the first weekend of November, to take part in the Level 2 course, so that will increase the number of Level 2 coaches once they have completed the requirement.

I will not be standing for representation on APSA for 2013-2014 year, feeling that it is time for someone younger to take the position, I will be continuing as WAPSA Secretary. Good Luck for the new - year and the new procedures.

Thank you for the support APSA has given to WAPSA & myself over the years that I have been involved as WA representative.

Mary- Ellen Mather



WAPSA committee has undergone rejuvenation in 2013 with the appointment of an expanded and new committee headed by new President - Genevieve Hohnen with new Vice Presidents Maria and Evgueni Boronov. The committee is currently working towards incorporation and creating more training opportunities for coaches in WA.

It has been a year of change with long time WAPSA - APSA rep Mary-Ellen Mather handing over her role to Maria Borounov. WAPSA would like to acknowledge the long-term service and role of Mary-Ellen in this position on behalf of the WA coaching community.

WAPSA are planning a number of activities for 2013/14 with a sports first aid course and some coach education seminars with technical specialists and judges being first off the agenda. We are also hoping to incorporate some dance training into the seminar.

Genevieve Hohnen