

SOUTHERN EASTERN GREAT LAKES COUNCIL OF FIGURE SKATING CLUBS

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To: US Figure Skating Clubs in the Southern Eastern Great Lakes region

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your club to either become a member, or renew your membership with the Southern Eastern Great Lakes Council of Figure Skating Clubs (SEGL).

In May of 1993, Jerry Shipley, Kathy Slack and Betty Todd recognized that unlike the Detroit and Cleveland area where there is a concentration of skating clubs, the southern most clubs of the EGL region were geographically spread out thus lacking communication and mutual support. Through their vision SEGL came into being and held its inaugural meeting on September 11, 1993. The vision of these founders was recorded in the SEGL Newsletter Vol. 1 issue 1. *"By working together, we hope to achieve as a unit what we cannot tackle on a club by club basis, pooling talent and ideas to make us all better consumers and contributors of figure skating in the United States, and providing education, testing, and competition opportunities for the SEGLC community."* Newsletter Vol. 1 issue 1

Issues addressed at that 1st meeting were:

- *annual dues were set at \$25.00*
- *sponsoring a competition, rotate the location and show support for the club awarded the competition*
- *USFSA Committees; getting SEGL club members on standing committees of USFSA*
- *Governing Council proxies; be sure your vote is counted*
- *Judges schools and seminars within the council*
- *New Free Skating tests; concept of the proposed free skating tests was discussed*
- *USFSA and PSGA merger; a lengthy discussion with negative overtones*

It is amazing how far US Figure Skating, PSA, and SEGL have come over the years. And SEGL Council has assisted its members in transitioning through many Regional, National, and International issues. Currently, we are faced with the new judging system.

Holding true to its mission, SEGL continues to seek ways to improve communication, pool resources and support members efforts as consumers and contributors to US Figure Skating. As such, a website is being set up for members. The address is www.seglskate.org Member clubs are encouraged to list club information on test sessions, ice shows, judges/coaches schools,

seminars/clinics, and competitions hosted by your clubs. Also, a link to your member club's website can be established. Please inform you club members of this valuable site available to them.

Additional benefits to SEGL membership are:

- opportunity to bid to host the Annual SEGL Invitational
- SEGL Awards issued to member skaters who advance to Sectionals, Jr.Nationals or US National Championships
- strengthened voting power "voice", at Governing Council
- work together to attract EGL, Mids and National competitions, (In 1996 all 3 were hosted by SEGL clubs.)
- a platform to suggest nominations to US Figure Skating Standing Committees
- support and camaraderie among members

*At this year's annual meeting we will be voting on the establishment of SEGL scholarships.

Member clubs' active participation is encouraged by selecting a SEGL delegate to serve as the contact person and voting representative for your club. Also please submit complete and current information to SEGL secretary, Gayle Lemoine (see enclosure) to be entered on the SEGL website and database. Additionally, when possible, your club members support of the Annual SEGL Invitational and other activities hosted by SEGL clubs is greatly appreciated as are your ideas and recommendations.

Deadlines:

- Jan. 1, Registration for SEGL Awards
- Jan. 15, Nominations to SEGL Board of Directors
- Jan. 31, Membership dues for 2004 expire
- Jan. 31, SEGL Competition bids are due; sent to Melonie Russell
- Feb. 1, Membership fees for 2005 are due (still just \$25.00)

Important Dates:

- Feb. 25-27, 10th Annual SEGL Invitational hosted by ISC of Indianapolis
Host of 2006 EGL
- Feb. 25 or 26,(TBA) Annual SEGL Meeting in Carmel, IN at the 2005 SEGL Invitational. (Each member club sends a delegate)

I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to pull together to strengthen and grow our sport in the Southern Eastern Great Lakes area.

Sincerely,

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