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To: Member Clubs of the Southern Eastern Great Lakes Figure Skating Council

Greetings to all 21 member clubs. I hope your clubs are thriving and your skaters and coaches are fulfilled as they strive to achieve their individual skating goals.

The purpose of this letter is to:

- review a few SEGL policies and procedures;
- update everyone on the SEGL special meeting held September 17, at Carmel, IN;
- remind members clubs of the new SEGL Scholarships available;
- update on the 2006 SEGL Invitational, and
- provide Deadlines and Important Dates;

#### Reviewing a few SEGL policies and procedures

As a council our first line of action is communication. The SEGL web site( [www.seglskate.org](http://www.seglskate.org)) updates, Newsletters, E mails, and postal communications are sent to the person listed on your home club's Membership Registration Form as "**Contact/Delegate**". The role of your club's contact/delegate is extremely important and vital to the success of the Council. Please appoint a diligent and dependable person who is a USFS member in good standing 18 years or older. Their duties include:

- Serve for one year February 1, through January 31, regardless of individual club elections;
- Receive and distribute SEGL information to your club board and membership;
- Issue current home club information to SEGL Council for the web site, newsletter, and database;
- Vote on issues at Council Meetings or appoint a proxy according to the established procedure (SEE PROXY ON ATTACHMENT);
- Submit skater information to the SEGL treasurer on any of your club members qualifying for the SEGL Qualifying Awards and distribute the awards to your club recipients (SEE SEGL QUALIFYING AWARDS ON ATTACHMENT);

I want to thank many of you who have been keeping our SEGL Secretary, Jenni Cashen, posted on your club news. It is exciting to read the Newsletters that Jenni creates and learn of all the activities and achievements of our clubs and their members. These newsletters help shrink the distance between clubs, and enhance comradery and pride in one another while strengthening the council as a whole. So keep that information flowing and please make sure your club members have access to the SEGL Newsletter either by forwarding the electronic version or circulating a hard copy version.

The issues and actions taken at the special meeting held September 17, 2005 in Carmel, IN were:

1. **SEGL Qualifying Awards:** Due to the fact that the 2005 USFS Governing Council approved to amend rule 3141 Registration for U.S. Junior Championships to "*permit the number of skaters in juvenile and intermediate free skate, pairs, and dance events at each regional championship to enter the comparable event at the U.S. Junior Championship based on a percentage of the total number of entries retaining a minimum of four (4) from each region*" we realized that EGL could be sending more than 4 skaters in one or more of the stated categories. The question was, "Should the SEGL Awards criteria be changed to

accommodate these additional skaters?" After discussion the vote was unanimous not to change the SEGL Qualifying Awards criteria..(SEE QUALIFYING AWARDS CRITERIA ON ATTACHMENT)

2. **SEGL's monetary share of the Annual SEGL Invitational.** It was proposed at the 2005 SEGL Annual Meeting that SEGL Council receive 15% of the total registration fees. After running the numbers for the last 7 years it revealed that 15% would bring in an average of \$2,500.00 per year which is an average increase of \$500.00. This proposal brings stability to the SEGL budget. A vote to accept the proposal was passed unanimously.
3. **Radio equipment for IJS competitions.** There was discussion on the pros and cons of SEGL purchasing radio equipment to lease to member clubs hosting IJS competitions. At this time it was felt that more information was needed on both the radio equipment and IJS competition needs.

### New SEGL Scholarships available

Two new SEGL Scholarships are available to members in good standing of SEGL Council members clubs. A **\$500.00 Financial Aid Scholarship** and a **\$200.00 Sportsmanship Award** are being offered this year. Please distribute this information to your board of directors and your membership. A hard copy of the General Grant Information, and each scholarship's criteria and application form were mailed to each member's club contact. These forms are also available on the SEGL website, [www.seglskate.org](http://www.seglskate.org) . Application deadline is Dec.1, so please hurry.

### Update on the 2006 SEGL Invitational

The 2006 Eleventh Annual SEGL Invitational has been appointed to the 2006 Future Champion Series. The organizers are also planning on using the International Judging System (IJS) for novice events and above. This event will be hosted by the Louisville Skating Academy in Louisville, KY. Hopefully the announcements will be available shortly after EGL's. Mark your calendars for February 24-26, 2006 and encourage your coaches and their students to be a part of the fun and support SEGL. For more information go to [www.skatelouisville.org](http://www.skatelouisville.org)

### *SEGL Deadlines and Important Dates*

#### **Deadlines:**

- Dec. 1, Postmark deadline for SEGL Scholarship Applications
- Jan. 1, Registration for SEGL Qualifying Awards
- Jan. 15, Nominations to SEGL Board of Directors
- Jan. 31, SEGL Competition bids are due; send to SEGL V.P. Trish Williams
- Jan. 31, Membership dues for 2005 expire
- Feb. 1, Membership fees for 2006 are due (still just \$25.00)
- Feb. 17, Proxies should be registered with the SEGL Secretary by this date

#### **Important SEGL Dates:**

- Feb. 24-26, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SEGL Invitational Hosted by Louisville Skating Academy
- Feb. 24-26, ( Day TBA) Annual SEGL Meeting in Louisville, KY at the 2006 SEGL Invitational. (Each member club sends a delegate or proxy)
- Feb. 25, Official announcement and presentation of the awards to the SEGL Scholarship winners

In closing I wish all the SEGL competitors the best of luck in their qualifying events this season. The EGL host club, ISC of Indianapolis (ISCI), is a SEGL member club and I wish them a most successful competition. Please show them your support by helping out when possible.

Sincerely,

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attachment: SEGL Policies and Procedures