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## **Eric Honetschlager elected new Sask Sport Inc. President**

Eric Honetschlager was elected President of Sask Sport Inc. at the sport federation's annual general meeting today in Regina. He was originally elected to the board of directors in 2009 by the Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association, and has served on the Sport Committee, Awards and Recognition Committee, Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council, and Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan Management Committee. Last year, Honetschlager served as Vice President of Sport. Previous to joining the Sask Sport Inc., Honetschlager served on the executive of the Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association and was a board member of the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan.

Honetschlager replaces outgoing president Audra Young, who will continue on Sask Sport Inc. board as Past President. Since her election to the board in 2008, Young has been Chairperson of the Sport Funding Committee, Vice President of the Trust, a member of the Community Funding Committee and a member of the Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council. Prior to joining board, she was on the board of directors of the Community Initiatives Fund, the Rainbow Youth Centre and Family Service Regina. Young was nominated to the Sask Sport Inc. board by the Saskatchewan Rowing Association in 2008.

The other members elected to Sask Sport Inc.'s Executive were:

### **Nada Gorman, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation**

Nominated to the board by Softball Saskatchewan in 2010, Gorman has served on the Trust and chaired the Sport Funding Committee. Before her election to Sask Sport Inc., Gorman has been active in the Regina Touch Football League and the Regina Ladies Basketball League. She has served as a clinician and private instructor for minor girls softball in southern Saskatchewan and is a community coach for the Sheldon Williams High School softball team. Gorman was a member of the national softball team and was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. Gorman was nominated for the board by Softball Saskatchewan in 2010.

### **John Lee, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries**

Lee was nominated for the board by Basketball Saskatchewan in 2010 and served on the Lottery, Fund Development and Dispute Resolution Committees. He served as the general manager and chief operating officer of the Regina 2005 Canada Summer Games and is a former Executive Director of Sport for Sask Sport Inc. He recently served as the Senior Vice President and Chair of the Regina Host Organizing Committee for the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships. Lee was also the president of the Regina Community Basketball Association and director of Basketball Saskatchewan.

### **Dave Pettigrew, Vice President, Sport**

Pettigrew was nominated for the board by the Saskatchewan Hockey Association in 2010. As a member of the Sask Sport Inc. Board, Pettigrew served on the Fund Development, Sport, and KidSport, and Canada Sport Centre Saskatchewan Committees. Before joining the board, he served as the Senior Vice President and Vice Chair of the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships and is an assistant coach with the atom T3 Capitals. He has also been a coach and assistant coach with Hockey Regina, and a soccer coach.

**Sean Thompson, Secretary Treasurer**

Nominated to the Board in 2009 by Judo Saskatchewan, Thompson has served on the Sport Committee, Sport Funding Committee, Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council, and Administration Center Advisory Committee. Sean is a former wrestler with the University of Regina Cougars.

New members elected to the board include:

**Shane Reoch, Saskatchewan Handball Association, Regina**

Reoch has coached dozens of basketball, soccer and baseball teams in the last 15 years. He remains active as a basketball player in the Regina A League. Reoch recently completed a six-year tenure on the board of directors of the University of Regina Alumni Association. As the alumni president, his duties included oversight of the board's ongoing support for student, college and faculty initiatives including athletic programs.

**Evan Howlett, Saskatchewan Triathlon Association, Saskatoon**

Dr. Howlett practices Family Medicine at the Lenore Centre Medical Clinic in Saskatoon. He has a special interest in sports and cardiovascular medicine, injury rehabilitation and clinical research. From 2003-08, he served on the Saskatoon Goldfins Swim Club board of directors, and was team manager for Triathlon at the Canada Summer Games in 2009, and from 2006 to present, he has served on the Saskatchewan Triathlon Association Corporation board, most recently as treasurer.

**Angella Pinay, Saskatchewan Volleyball Association, Saskatoon**

Pinay is trained in business administration, and has worked with organizations such as the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Aboriginal Management Search Inc. and Snow and Associates Inc. Since 2008, she has been a board member for the Volleyball Saskatoon Association. Pinay has been team manager for the University of Saskatchewan Women's Volleyball team, committee member for Team Saskatchewan Volleyball at the North American Indigenous Games, and has played competitive volleyball. Pinay also holds a variety of coaching certifications.

**Joe Daniels, Judo Saskatchewan, Regina**

Daniels is the past president of the Regina KidSport Committee, and a former Sask Sport Inc. employee. He has a variety of National Coaching Certification Program designations and has coached outdoor hockey and soccer. Daniels was a Regina Olympic Torch Relay Committee member, was part of the Team Saskatchewan Mission Staff for the 2005 North American Indigenous Games, and has acted as a venue coordinator at the Saskatchewan First Nation Winter and Summer Games.

Board members returning to this year include: Ellen Grewcock, nominated to the board in 2009 by the Saskatchewan Games Council and Saskatchewan Athletics; Robert Barrant, nominated by the Saskatchewan Triathlon Association in 2010; and Jason Clermont, nominated in 2009 by Football Saskatchewan.

Sask Sport Inc. thanks the following board members who are retiring this year: Kenda Richards, the Saskatchewan Curling Association; Phyllis Pogany, Saskatchewan Racquetball Association; Lloyd Howey, Saskatchewan Athletics; and Dale Holmes, Basketball Saskatchewan.