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**INVITATION TO JOIN THE FIGURE SKATING COUNCIL OF WISCONSIN**

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Figure Skating Council of Wisconsin

% Carolyn Clausius, President

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Sun Prairie, WI, 53590

May 5, 2008

Dear Wisconsin Club President,

Your club is cordially invited to join The Figure Skating Council of Wisconsin (FSCW). The FSCW is established as a fledgling non-profit organization to serve as an inter club council for Wisconsin based United States Figure Skating Association affiliated clubs. We are very excited about this new organization and feel that there is a huge opportunity for greater communication, education and cooperation among clubs in Wisconsin.

Many other states have very successful inter club councils. These interclub associations provide many benefits for the clubs and skaters. Our established purpose for the Wisconsin based clubs, as outlined in our bylaws, is as follows:

- (1) To improve, encourage, and advance figure skating in all its branches.
- (2) To provide a forum for the exchange of information among its member clubs for their mutual benefit and to further the objectives of the Council as set forth herein.
- (3) To provide a means for cooperative activities which will further the objectives of the Council. Such cooperative activities may include, but are not limited to: the holding of competitions, tests, exhibitions, carnivals, judges' schools, and other figure skating activities and the publishing and disseminating of information concerning figure skating by all appropriate means.
- (4) The Council shall assist its Member Clubs and their members and has no authority or power to interfere with the rights of its Member Clubs as member clubs of the United States Figure Skating Association.

The Council's initial goals are to eliminate out of club test fees within the council and to set up a web site that will act as a clearinghouse of information for member clubs. All member clubs contact information, rink locations, test session information, learn to skate information can be listed on this site. This will be a great resource for clubs, skaters, coaches, and judges, as well as the public who might be looking for information about getting involved in skating in their community. In the near future, we hope to coordinate competition schedules and testing schedules between council member clubs to best serve all of our members. The council website may also act as an information resource for clubs, coaches and skaters. The direction and goals of the council will be determined by the member clubs, however some other ideas that the interclub council might take on could include

scholarship endowments, bidding for regional USFSA events, sponsoring seminars for skaters and coaches, lobbying USFSA committees, etc.

Becoming a member club is simple and inexpensive. Our membership fee for the 2008-2009 membership year is \$50 per club. These funds will be used to cover initial costs of the web site, non profit status filing and other start up necessities. Your club will also name a representative to the council and commit to participating in council planning and decision making. Our by laws are set up to allow much of this communication to be done electronically, so that clubs that are geographically distant from the majority will have equal opportunity to participate in council direction.

Please make your club check out to the Figure Skating Council of Wisconsin and mail it to:

FSCW  
c/o Carolyn Clausius  
1831 Harwood Court  
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Please include the name of and contact information (including email address and telephone number) for your designated club representative.

If you have further questions about Council membership, please feel free to contact Carolyn Clausius ([csclausius@hotmail.com](mailto:csclausius@hotmail.com) – 608.825.1465).

We hope you will join us in forming an interclub council for Wisconsin, to further the goals of all Wisconsin USFS clubs and to better the opportunities for all figure skaters in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

FSCW Officers  
Carolyn Clausius, President  
Doren Sterne, Vice President  
Jamie Heidenreich, Secretary  
Julie Breitzman, Treasurer